



Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V

Section A – Licence Details			
Licence number:	L9012/2016/1	Licence file number:	DER2016/002205
Licence holder:	Linden Gold Pty Ltd		
Trading as:			
ACN:	138 222 705		
Registered address:	C/- Armada Accountants & Advisors, 18 Sangiorgio Court, OSBORNE PARK WA 6017.		
Reporting period:	1 / July / 2020 to 30 / June / 2021		

Section B – Statement of Compliance with Licence Conditions
Did you comply with all of your licence conditions during the reporting period? (please tick the appropriate box)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – please complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• section C;• section D if required; and• sign the declaration in Section F.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – please complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• section C;• section D if required;• section E; and• sign the declaration at Section F.

Section C – Statement of Actual Production	
Provide the actual production quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached.	
Prescribed Premises Category	Actual Production Quantity
Category 5: Processing or beneficiation of metallic or non-metallic ore	0
Category 6: Mine dewatering	357,270 m ³

Section D – Statement of Actual Part 2 Waste Discharge Quantity	
Provide the actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached.	
Prescribed Premises Category	Actual Part 2 Waste Discharge Quantity
NA	NA

Section E – Details of Non-Compliance with Licence Condition			
Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.			
Condition no:	Assessed production / design capacity	Date(s) of non-compliance:	30 June 2021
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>The assessed production / design capacity for Category 6: mine dewatering for L9012/2016/1 is 210,000 tonnes per annual period. During the reporting period a total of 357,270 m3 of dewatering effluent was discharged to Evaporation Pond 1, 147,270 kL above the assessed production / design capacity.</p>			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?			
<p>NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.</p>			
Nil			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
<p>The assessed design capacity of 210,000 tonnes per annum was based on dewatering waste water being discharged at a rate of 6 litres per second into the evaporation ponds (DWER Decision Document, 25 July 2017).</p> <p>It has since been identified that a higher rate of dewatering is required to maintain safe mining/operating conditions. Licence to Take Water (GWL176218) was amended in November 2019 to authorise an increase in abstraction from 250,000 kL to 350,000 kL per annum. It was unbeknownst to the licence holder that the assessed production / design capacity specified in the Licence also needed to be amended.</p>			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
The licence holder will review dewatering requirements and apply for a Licence amendment.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: / /	
Section E – Details of Non-Compliance with Licence Condition			

Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.			
Condition no:	10	Date(s) of non-compliance:	30 June 2021
Details of non-compliance:			
Condition 10 of the Licence (L9012/2016/1) requires ambient environmental quality monitoring from monitoring bores GW1, GW2, GW3 and GW4 to be undertaken quarterly. During the reporting period, monitoring was only undertaken in Quarter 4 (June 2021).			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?			
NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.			
Nil			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
On 2 August 2018, the project was placed on care and maintenance due to continued mining being uneconomic at the time. As a result, the previous licence holder (Anova Metals Limited) ceased all monitoring activities. Linden Gold Pty Ltd acquired the Second Fortune Gold Mine from Anova Metals Limited in September 2020, and the Licence was subsequently transferred to Linden Gold Pty Ltd on 1 April 2021 (i.e. Quarter 4), at which time Linden Gold Pty Ltd commenced monitoring in accordance with Conditions of the Licence.			
It should be noted, that since transfer of the licence, Linden Gold Pty Ltd have complied with all Conditions of the Licence.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Linden Gold Pty Ltd have established a routine groundwater monitoring program to ensure ongoing compliance with Conditions of the Licence.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing	Date: / /		

Section E – Details of Non-Compliance with Licence Condition			
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Condition no:	11	Date(s) of non-compliance:	11/11/2020
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>Condition 11 of the Licence requires surface water quality monitoring from evaporation pond 1, reference location G1, to be undertaken six-monthly and analysed for the following parameters: pH, TDS, As, Cd, Cr, Co, Cu, Hg, Pb, Mn, Ni, Se, Tl, Zn.</p> <p>The sample collected in November 2020 (Quarter 1/2) did not include the following parameters: As, Cd, Cr, Co, Cu, Hg, Pb, Ni, Se, Tl and Zn.</p>			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?			
<p>NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.</p>			
Nil			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
<p>On 2 August 2018, the project was placed on care and maintenance due to continued mining being uneconomic at the time. As a result, the previous licence holder (Anova Metals Limited) ceased all monitoring activities. Linden Gold Pty Ltd acquired the Second Fortune Gold Mine from Anova Metals Limited in September 2020, and the Licence was subsequently transferred to Linden Gold Pty Ltd on 1 April 2021 (i.e. Quarter 4), at which time Linden Gold Pty Ltd commenced monitoring in accordance with Conditions of the Licence.</p> <p>It should be noted, that since transfer of the licence, Linden Gold Pty Ltd have complied with all Conditions of the Licence.</p>			
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Section F – Declaration

I/We declare that the information in this Annual Audit Compliance Report is true and correct and is not false or misleading in a material particular¹. I/We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation’s (DWER) website.

Signature ² :		Signature:	
Name: (printed)		Name: (printed)	
Position:		Position:	
Date:		Date:	
Seal (if signing under seal):			

¹ It is an offence under section 112 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* for a person to give information on this form that to their knowledge is false or misleading in a material particular.

² AACRs can only be signed by the licence holder or an authorised person with the legal authority to sign on behalf of the licence holder.