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Statement No. 1048

**STATEMENT THAT A PROPOSAL MAY BE IMPLEMENTED**  
**(*Environmental Protection Act 1986*)**

GRUYERE GOLD PROJECT

**Proposal:** Proposal to develop an open pit mining operation to extract and process gold from the Gruyere deposit.

**Proponent:** Gold Road Resources Limited  
Australian Company Number 109 289 527

**Proponent Address:** Level 2, 26 Colin Street  
West Perth WA 6005

**Assessment Number:** 2083

**Report of the Environmental Protection Authority: 1587**

Pursuant to section 45 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 it has been agreed that the proposal described and documented in Tables 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 may be implemented and that the implementation of the proposal is subject to the following implementation conditions and procedures:

**1 Proposal Implementation**

1-1 When implementing the Proposal, the proponent shall not exceed the authorised extent of the Proposal as defined in Table 2 in Schedule 1, unless amendments to the Proposal and the authorised extent of the Proposal have been approved under the EP Act.

**2 Contact Details**

2-1 The proponent shall notify the CEO of any change of its name, physical address or postal address for the serving of notices or other correspondence within twenty eight (28) days of such change. Where the proponent is a corporation or an association of persons, whether incorporated or not, the postal address is that of the principal place of business or of the principal office in the State.

### **3 Time Limit for Proposal Implementation**

- 3-1 The proponent shall not commence implementation of the proposal after five (5) years from the date on this Statement, and any commencement, prior to this date, must be substantial.
- 3-2 Any commencement of implementation of the proposal, on or before five (5) years from the date of this Statement, must be demonstrated as substantial by providing the CEO with written evidence, on or before the expiration of five (5) years from the date of this Statement.

### **4 Compliance Reporting**

- 4-1 The proponent shall prepare, submit and maintain a Compliance Assessment Plan to the CEO at least six (6) months prior to the first Compliance Assessment Report required by condition 4-6, or prior to implementation, whichever is sooner.
- 4-2 The Compliance Assessment Plan shall indicate:
  - (1) the frequency of compliance reporting;
  - (2) the approach and timing of compliance assessments;
  - (3) the retention of compliance assessments;
  - (4) the method of reporting of potential non-compliances and corrective actions taken;
  - (5) the table of contents of Compliance Assessment Reports; and
  - (6) public availability of Compliance Assessment Reports.
- 4-3 After receiving notice in writing from the CEO that the Compliance Assessment Plan satisfies the requirements of condition 4-2 the proponent shall assess compliance with conditions in accordance with the Compliance Assessment Plan required by condition 4-1.
- 4-4 The proponent shall retain reports of all compliance assessments described in the Compliance Assessment Plan required by condition 4-1 and shall make those reports available when requested by the CEO.
- 4-5 The proponent shall advise the CEO of any potential non-compliance within seven (7) days of that non-compliance being known.
- 4-6 The proponent shall submit to the CEO a Compliance Assessment Report by 30 April each year addressing compliance in the previous calendar year, or as agreed in writing by the CEO. The first Compliance Assessment Report shall be submitted by 1 October 2017 addressing the compliance for the period from the date of issue of this Statement, notwithstanding that the first reporting period may be less than 12 months.

The Compliance Assessment Report shall:

- (1) be endorsed by the proponent's CEO or a person delegated to sign on the CEO's behalf;
- (2) include a statement as to whether the proponent has complied with the conditions;

- (3) identify all potential non-compliances and describe corrective and preventative actions taken;
- (4) be made publicly available in accordance with the approved Compliance Assessment Plan; and
- (5) indicate any proposed changes to the Compliance Assessment Plan required by condition 4-1.

## **5 Public Availability of Plans and Reports**

5-1 Subject to condition 5-2, within a reasonable time period approved by the CEO of the issue of this Statement and for the remainder of the life of the proposal the proponent shall make publicly available, in a manner approved by the CEO, all environmental plans and reports required under this Statement.

5-2 If any parts of the plans or reports, referred to in condition 5-1 contains particulars of:

- (1) a secret formula or process; or
- (2) confidential commercially sensitive information; or
- (3) the location of threatened species or other important environmental assets that may be potentially harmed if their location was published;

the proponent may submit a request for approval from the CEO to not make these environmental plans and reports publicly available. In making such a request the proponent shall provide the CEO with an explanation and reasons why those parts of the plans or reports should not be made publicly available.

## **6 Subterranean Fauna Management Plan**

6-1 Prior to groundwater abstraction from the Yeo Palaeochannel Borefield the proponent shall prepare and submit a Management-based Condition Environmental Management Plan with the objective of:

- (1) maintaining the biodiversity and ecological integrity of subterranean Fauna in the Yeo Palaeochannel.

6-2 The Condition Environmental Management Plan shall:

- (1) specify risk-based management actions that will be implemented to demonstrate compliance with the environmental objectives specified in conditions 6-1. Failure to implement one or more of the management actions represents non-compliance with these conditions;
- (2) specify measurable management target(s) to determine the effectiveness of the risk-based management actions;
- (3) specify monitoring and analysis to measure the effectiveness of management actions against management targets, including but not limited to, parameters to be measured, baseline data, monitoring locations, and frequency and timing of monitoring;

- (4) specify the process for a revision of management actions and changes to the proposal activities that could be undertaken, in the event that the management targets are not achieved; and
  - (5) provide the format and timing to demonstrate that conditions 6-1 has been met for the reporting period in the Compliance Assessment Report required by condition 4-1 including, but not limited to:
    - (a) verification of the implementation of management actions; and
    - (b) reporting on the effectiveness of management actions against management target(s).
- 6-3 After receiving notice in writing from the CEO that the Condition Environmental Management Plan satisfies the requirements of condition 6-2, the proponent shall:
- (1) implement the provisions of the Condition Environmental Management Plan; and
  - (2) continue to implement the Condition Environmental Management Plan until the CEO has confirmed by notice in writing that the proponent has demonstrated the objective specified in condition 6-1 has been met.
- 6-4 In the event that monitoring, tests, surveys or investigations indicate exceedance of management target(s) specified in the Condition Environmental Management Plan, the proponent shall:
- (1) report the exceedance in writing to the CEO within 21 days of the exceedance being identified;
  - (2) investigate to determine the cause of the management targets being exceeded;
  - (3) provide a report to the CEO within 90 days of the exceedance being reported as required by condition 6-4(1). The report shall include:
    - (a) cause of management targets being exceeded;
    - (b) the findings of the investigation required by condition 6-4(1);
    - (c) details of revised and/or additional management actions to be implemented to prevent exceedance of the management target(s); and
    - (d) relevant changes to proposal activities.
- 6-5 In the event that one or more management actions specified in the Condition Environmental Management Plan have not been implemented, the proponent shall:
- (1) report the failure to implement management action/s in writing to the CEO within 7 days of becoming aware of the failure;
  - (2) investigate to determine the cause of the management action/s not being implemented;
  - (3) investigate to provide information for the CEO to determine potential

environmental harm or alteration of the environment that occurred due to the failure to implement management actions;

- (4) provide a report to the CEO within 21 days of the reporting required by condition 6-5(1). The report shall include:
- (a) cause for failure to implement management actions;
  - (b) the findings of the investigation required by conditions 6-5(2) and 6-5(3);
  - (c) relevant changes to proposal activities; and
  - (d) measures to prevent, control or abate the environmental harm which may have occurred.

6-6 The proponent:

- (1) May review and revise the Condition Environmental Management Plan, or
- (2) Shall review and revise the Condition Environmental Management Plan as and when directed by the CEO.

6-7 The proponent shall implement the latest revision of the Condition Environmental Management Plan, which the CEO has confirmed by notice in writing, satisfies the requirements of condition 6-2.

[Signed 29 December 2016]

ALBERT JACOB MLA  
**MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; HERITAGE**

**Table 1: Summary of the Proposal**

<b>Proposal Title</b>	Gruyere Gold Project
<b>Short Description</b>	The proposal is to develop a below water table gold deposit and associated infrastructure at Gruyere Gold Project, located approximately 200 km north-east of Laverton in Western Australia.

**Table 2: Location and authorised extent of physical and operational elements**

<b>Column 1</b>	<b>Column 2</b>	<b>Column 3</b>
<b>Element</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Authorised Extent</b>
Mine and associated infrastructure	Figure 1	Clearing of no more than 2,260 ha (which includes up to 7 ha of the groundwater dependent ecosystem DD-MWS1) within the 18,629 ha development envelope.
Groundwater dewatering and abstraction		Up to 5.8 gigalitres per annum.

**Table 3: Abbreviations and Definitions**

<b>Acronym or Abbreviation</b>	<b>Definition or Term</b>
CEO	The Chief Executive Officer of the Department of the Public Service of the State responsible for the administration of section 48 of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i> , or his delegate.
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
EP Act	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i>
OEPA	Office of the Environmental Protection Authority
ha	Hectare

**Figures (attached)**

Figure 1 Gruyere Gold Project Development Envelopes (This figure is a representation of the coordinates referred to in Schedule 2)



Figure 1: Gruyere Gold Project Development Envelope

**Geographic spatial data coordinates**

Coordinates defining the Development Envelope are held by the Office of the Environmental Protection Authority, Document Reference Number 2016-1476324782697.

# Attachment 1 to Ministerial Statement 1048

## Change to proposal approved under section 45C of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

This Attachment replaces Schedule 1 of Ministerial Statement 1048

**Proposal:** Gruyere Gold Project

**Proponent:** Gruyere Management Pty Ltd

### Changes:

- Increase the development envelope from 18,629 ha to 19,925 ha;
- Increase the disturbance footprint from 2,260 ha to 2,930 ha;
- Increase impacts to GDE DD-MWS1 from 7 ha to 15 ha; and
- Update Figure 1 and delineation coordinates.

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**Table 2: Location and authorised extent of physical and operational elements**

Element	Location	Previously Authorised Extent	Authorised Extent
Mine and associated infrastructure	Figure 1	Clearing of no more than 2,260 ha (which includes up to 7 ha of the groundwater dependent ecosystem DD-MWS1) within the 18,629 ha development envelope.	Clearing of no more than <b>2,930</b> ha (which includes up to <b>15</b> ha of the groundwater dependent ecosystem DD-MWS1) within the <b>19,925</b> ha development envelope.
Groundwater dewatering and abstraction		Up to 5.8 GL/year.	Up to <b>8.2</b> GL/year.

Note: Text in **bold** in Table 2 indicates a change to the proposal

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DD-MWS1	Mallee Woodlands and Shrublands
DWER	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
EP Act	<i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i>
GDE	groundwater dependent ecosystem
GL/year	gigalitres per year
ha	hectares

**Figures: Previous Figures are deleted and replaced with the following:**

Figure 1: Development Envelope and conceptual Disturbance Footprint

**Coordinates that define the proposal Development Envelope in Schedule 2 are deleted and replaced with the following coordinates:**

**Alfresco reference DWERDA-002093 - 2017-1503889670456**

[Signed 4 September 2017]

**Dr Tom Hatton**  
CHAIRMAN  
Environmental Protection Authority  
under delegated authority

