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Attention: Mr Kane Winwood
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Dear Mr Winwood,

BENGALLA MINING COMPANY – MODIFICATION TO DA – GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS

I refer to your email of 5 June 2014 and the document titled: "*Bengalla Mine Development Consent Modification Environmental Assessment*" (the EA) prepared by Hansen Bailey and dated June 2014, requesting comments from the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) regarding the project.

The EPA understands this project is being considered under section 75W of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to modify the existing development consent. The modification includes geotechnical investigations which are necessary to complete future water management infrastructure. The modification is generally comprised of the following geotechnical activities:

- Test pits at three proposed dam locations associated with the relocation of the BMC Discharge Dam, Hunter River Raw Water Dam and Washery Dam;
- Test pits and two boreholes at the site of the proposed Clean Water Diversion Dam; and
- Test Pits along the pipeline alignment from Clean Water Diversion Dam to the clean water discharge point adjacent to the relocated BMC Discharge Dam.

The EPA has no objection to the project proceeding as described in the EA. The EPA is satisfied that the current conditions on Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 6538 can accommodate geotechnical investigations as outlined in the EA.

The Proponent should note that all disturbed areas and any water generated by the geotechnical investigation must be managed to prevent the pollution of waters.

Please contact Kurt Sorensen on (02) 4908 6827 if you require any further information regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, followed by the date '23.6.14'.

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