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Our reference: DOC12/51608; LIC08/239-03
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Attention: Mr Mathew Sprott

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Dear Mr Sprott

NORTH WAMBO UNDERGROUND MINE MODIFICATION - DA 305-7-2003 (MOD 13)

Reference is made to your email dated 7 December 2012 and further documents received by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on 10 December 2012 titled "*North Wambo Underground Mine Modification, Environmental Assessment, for the modification of DA 305-7-2003 (MOD 13) the Addition of North Wambo Underground Mine Longwalls 9 and 10*", Volumes 1 and 2, prepared by Resource Strategies, 2012 (the EA) seeking the EPA's comments on the proposal. The EPA understands the modification application is pursuant to Section 75W of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979* and seeks approval for the development of two additional longwall panels (Longwalls 9 and 10).

The EPA has reviewed the EA and has determined that if the project is approved, no additional Environment Protection Licence conditions will be required for development of the additional longwall panels and as such, no recommended conditions of approval are provided. The EPA has no objection to the project proceeding as described in the EA.

Please contact Stephen Clair (02 49086850) if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

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