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Attention: Mr Hamish Aiken

Dear Mr Aiken

**Request for Recommended Conditions of Approval
Wambo Mine Modification – South Bates Underground Mine (DA 305-7-2003 MOD 15)**

Reference is made to your email to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), dated 3 August 2015, seeking the EPA's comments and any recommended conditions on the above mentioned project. The project is detailed in the report '*South Bates (Wambo Seam) Underground Mine Modification – Environmental Assessment*' (EA), dated August 2015.

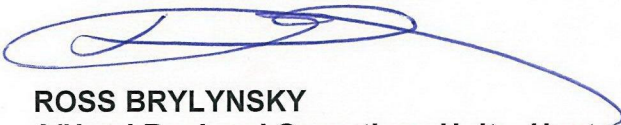
The EPA has reviewed the information provided in the EA and understands the project involves the following:

- Additional three longwall panels (longwalls 14 to 16) in the Wambo Sea;
- Approximately 5.6 million tonnes of run-of-mine coal mined over a period of approximately 14 months;
- Handling and processing of materials using the existing Wambo infrastructure and surface facilities; and
- Associated increases to the production of coarse reject and tailings materials.

The EPA has reviewed the EA and it does not appear there will be any variations / amendments required to the existing Environment Protection Licence 529 for the premises. Due to the nature and scale of the modification the EPA does not have any specific recommended conditions of approval for this project.

If you require any further information regarding this matter please contact Michael Howat on 4908 6819.

Yours sincerely


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