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To: Lauren Evans
Subject: RE: Bulga Underground Operations - DA 376-8-2003 (MOD 6)

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Dear Lauren,

Thank you for your e-mail dated 7 July to the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) seeking comment on the proposed changes to the consent of Bulga Underground Operations. OEH has reviewed the proposed changes in relation to threatened biodiversity (Habitat Creation and Conservation and Flora & Fauna Management Plan) and the Independent audit and supports those changes.

If you require a more formal response, or have any questions about this e-mail please call me on 4927 3154.

Yours sincerely,

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Good afternoon,

Bulga Underground Operations – DA 376-8-2003 (MOD 6)

Bulga Coal Management Pty Limited has submitted a modification application for the Bulga Underground Mine, in the Singleton Local Government Area.

The proposed modification seeks to alter existing conditions relating to noise, flora and fauna management and the timing of independent environmental audits, in order to provide greater consistency between the Bulga Underground Operations (BUO) and the Bulga Open Cut operations (BOC). In summary, the modification application proposes the following changes:

- Replacing condition 30 of Schedule 4 – Noise Impact Assessment Criteria, with the respective criteria imposed under SSD 4960 for Bulga Open Cut operations
(NB: The revised criteria are based upon the noise impact assessment prepared as part of the assessment of SSD 4960, which included an assessment of both the underground and open cut operations);
- Deletion of conditions 32 and 32A of Schedule 4 – Cumulative Noise and Land Acquisition Criteria;

- Replacing conditions 43 and 44 of Schedule 4 – Habitat Creation and Conservation and Flora & Fauna Management Plan, with the more contemporary Biodiversity Management Plan condition imposed under SSD 4960 for Bulga Open Cut operations; and
- Amending condition 7 of Schedule 6 – Independent Environmental Audit, to allow the timing of independent environmental audits for the underground and open cut operations to occur concurrently.

The modification is deemed to be administrative in nature, and as such, the proposal will not be placed on public exhibition. Nevertheless, the Department would appreciate your input and submission on the proposal by COB on **Thursday 14th July 2016**.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment is attached for your information.

Kind Regards

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