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Dear Ms Evans

**Re: Hunter valley Operations North Coal Mine Modification 5
(DA 450-10-2003 MOD 5) exhibition**

I refer to your email of 4 November 2016 inviting the Division of Resources and Energy (the Division) to make a submission on a modification application by HV Operations Pty Limited (the Proponent) to modify consent for the HVO North Coal Mine.

The Division has reviewed the information provided in the Environmental Assessment (EA) *Hunter Valley Operations North Modification 5 HVLP Sediment Basin and HVO North Communication Towers*, dated November 2016.

The Division has determined that the proposed modification does not pose any unacceptable risk to achieving rehabilitation outcomes. As such, the Division recommends that there are no additional conditions required in the existing consent regarding the rehabilitation of works associated with the proposed modification.

The Division requests that the Proponent consult with the Division to seek advice on whether a Mining Operations Plan (MOP) amendment may be required if this Modification is granted.

The Division supports the approval of the project.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Steve Cozens, Senior Project Officer on (02) 9842 8573.

Yours sincerely

K Hargreaves 16.11.16

**Kylie Hargreaves
Deputy Secretary
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