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Dear Mr Phillips

**Newstan Colliery (DA 73-11-98 MOD 6)
Review of Environmental Assessment**

I refer to your email of 22 November 2013 regarding the Centennial Newstan Pty Limited application to modify the consent for the Newstan Coal Mine to incorporate 4 small area of underground mining into the development consent for the Colliery.

NSW Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services, Division of Resources & Energy (DRE) has reviewed the *Environmental Assessment Newstan Colliery Modification of Development Consent Boundary (EA)* dated November 2013 and provides the following comments which are directed at specific areas of DRE responsibility for this proposal.

MINING TITLE

As coal is a prescribed mineral under the *Mining Act 1992*, the proponent is required to hold appropriate mining titles from DRE in order to mine this mineral. DRE understands the proposed mining activities are within Consolidated Coal Lease 746 and Mining Lease 1452 held by the Proponent.

Under the *Mining Act 1992*, mining and rehabilitation are regulated by conditions included in the mining lease, including requirements for the submission of a Mining Operations Plan (MOP) and a Subsidence Management Plan (SMP) (if required) prior to the commencement of operations, and subsequent Annual Environmental Management Reports (AEMR). As for shown in Table 5 in the EA, DRE requires that proponent submit a revised MOP to include this modification if approved.

The proponent should be aware that ESG3: Mining Operations Plan (MOP) Guidelines dated September 2013 are available on the DRE website at:
<http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/environment/pgf>

SUBSIDENCE

DRE understands the modification includes a proposal for bord and pillar mining in Areas 1 and 2 and that any subsidence will be less than 20 mm and areas 3 and 4 contain existing working however no new mining is proposed.

DRE has no objection to this modification.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Julie Moloney, Principal Adviser, Industry Coordination on (02) 4931 6549.

Yours sincerely



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