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Our ref: DOC19/741880

Your ref: SSD 9358

File: SF18/40705

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Dear Mr Beckett

Subject: Silverleaf Solar Farm Project – SSD 9358 – Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

Thank you for your email of 26 August 2019. This is a response from the NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment – Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division), Geological Survey of New South Wales (GSNSW).

The Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the project required the proponent to consult with exploration licence holders during the preparation of the EIS. GSNSW specifically required the EIS include a dated mineral, coal and petroleum titles and applications search through the Division's MinView application with results shown on a map. The proponent was to consult with the titleholder of Petroleum Exploration Licence (PEL) 238 with evidence of consultation contained in the EIS (Our ref DOC18/390980).

The proponent has included a dated MinView search that shows the subject site is covered by current titles. PEL 238 held by SANTOS NSW Pty Ltd covers the site. While PEL 238 expired in August 2016, renewal for this licence has been applied for. Until the renewal application is determined, the licence remains current.

The proponent should make contact with the titleholder to determine if the solar farm would have an impact on exploration activities and provide evidence of consultation to the Division.

The contact details that the Department has on record for PEL238 are:

SANTOS NSW PTY LTD
Team Leader Tenures and Compliance
GPO Box 1010
Brisbane QLD 4000

GSNSW note that at this stage of the planning process, no biodiversity offset methods have been determined. GSNSW would appreciate early consultation in relations to any proposed stewardship sites.

Queries regarding this information should be directed to the Land Use Assessment team at landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Helman'.

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