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Subject: Extension of Time Request for PA05_0117 Modification 15

Dear Mi Cini,

I refer to your request for an extension of time to retire biodiversity offset credits, in accordance with Conditions 35e and 35f of the above development consent.

I understand that substantial progress has been made to finalise a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement (BSA) for the Gilgal property, however progress has been delayed by several months following a request from the Credit Supply Taskforce (CST) for Moolarben Coal (MCO) to complete an expert report on the Eastern Cave Bat. Therefore, additional time is required to execute and register the BSA.

I note that the CST has advised that the BSA is likely to be executed and registered by 1 December 2023, and finalised by 13 December 2023. I also note that MCO are requesting additional time (to 31 January 2024), to allow for delays in receiving and subsequently retiring the credits.

The Department considers that two additional weeks on top of the finalisation date projected by CST (13 December 2023) is sufficient. On this basis, the Secretary has granted an extension of time until 29 December 2023.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Anastassia Kouzenko on 02 9228 6255.

Yours sincerely



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as nominee of the Secretary