

19 January 2006

The Director-General
Department of Planning
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

Attention – Mr David Kitto

Dear David

Lamberts Gully Mine Open Cut Extension - Part 3A Application

In accordance with Section 75E of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act (1979)*, Ministerial Approval is sought for carrying out the following Project under Part 3A.

Springvale Coal Pty Ltd owns and operates the Lamberts Gully Open Cut Mine. Springvale Coal is a joint venture between Centennial Coal (50%), SK and Kores Corporation. The Lamberts Gully Open Cut Extension Project consists of the following elements and associated activities:

- ☐ the extension of mining operations within the existing mining leases (ML1448 and CCL733) for 1.5MT for a period of up to 8 years as shown on the attached plan; and
- ☐ the continuation of coal handling and transport activities on site.

Consultation has been undertaken with the identified key stakeholders including the neighbours, local community, Department of Planning, Department of Environment and Conservation and Department Primary Industries – Mineral Resources.

Centennial Coal now requests the Minister to form the opinion that the Project is of a kind described in Schedule 1 of the Major Projects SEPP and for the Department to proceed with the issue of Project specific Environmental Assessment Requirements.

Please find attached:

- A completed '*Major Projects Application Form*' for the Project under *Part 3A* of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act (1979)*; and
- A plan of the project area.

The application relates to a mining project which lies wholly on land owned by Springvale Coal and within existing mining leases also held by Springvale Coal. Centennial Coal, on behalf of Springvale Coal, will give notice of the application by way of advertisement in the Lithgow Mercury.

As discussed, it is proposed that the Application Fee be provided subsequent to its calculation by the Department.

If you have any queries regarding this application, please contact myself on 02 49358924 or 0407 257 072.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Donna Dryden', with a stylized, cursive script.

Donna Dryden
Group Environmental Manager

Att: Major Projects application
Schedule of Land
Project Locality Plan