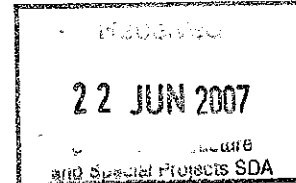


19th June 2007

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



Attention: Mr Scott Jeffries

Dear Sir,

Re: Tumut Mill Expansion - Project Component Phasing Changes

I am writing to request a modification of the Project Approval (06/0159) granted on 1 May 2007 for the expansion of Visy's Tumut Pulp and Paper Mill. This is due to a change in the proposed phased installation of the new lime kiln, recovery boiler and natural gas boiler, and the associated process gas flow configuration of this phased installation. The Environmental Assessment report (EA) for the project, submitted to the Department of Planning in January 2007, made it clear that the exact phasing of specific components of the mill expansion may change subject to changes in production requirements. The requested Project Approval modification reflects that required flexibility in installation phasing. We understand the matter may be dealt with as a modification under §75W of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act*.

Specifically, the modification is sought for the following variations from the EA and the existing Project Approval:

- The new lime kiln will be ducted into the existing Stack 1 rather than to the new Stack 2 as presented in the EA;
- The expansion will be undertaken in three distinct phases, rather than the two phases presented in the EA. During Phase 1a, the new lime kiln will be ducted into Stack 1 and the new recovery boiler will be the only equipment item discharging via Stack 2. The new natural gas boiler will not be brought on-line until Phase 1b, and the emissions from this unit will be combined with those from the new recovery boiler and discharged via Stack 2. During Phase 2, the new natural gas boiler will be replaced with the new multi fuel boiler, and will be ducted to Stack 2 as per the gas boiler. The new gas turbine will also commence operation during Phase 2 and its emissions will be discharged via Stack 3 as presented in the EA;
- Due to the reconfiguration of the gas flows as a result of the changes in the phased installation of components, the TRS emission limit for Stack 2 as set out in the Project Approval will need to be changed. Based on the supplier's operational maxima, an increase from 2 mg/Nm³ to 3.6 mg/Nm³ is required for Stack 2, as currently applies to the existing mill operation, and which still maintains the individual contributing sources to this stack below the Group 6 limits;

- The new recovery boiler will have a maximum operating capacity of 900 tds/day, which is higher than the design capacity of 750 tds/day outlined in the EA; and
- The stack parameters and emission concentrations for the existing and new equipment items have been updated based on data collected by the Continuous Emissions Monitoring System and equipment supplier operational maxima for emissions.

In light of the revised gas flow configuration, Visy has re-assessed the emissions profile to determine the potential impact on air quality of the mill expansion, compared with the assessment of these aspects contained in the EA. The air quality assessment report, which presents the re-assessment of emissions, should be read in conjunction with the EA. The report is provided in Attachment A.

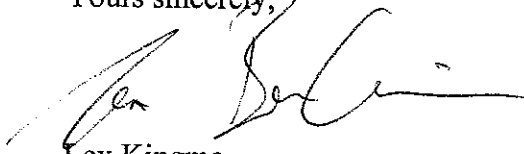
In summary, the data in this report indicate that, when installed, all of the new air emission sources at the expanded Visy mill will meet the NSW impact assessment criteria for air emissions at ground level. Compliance will be achieved throughout all three phases of the expansion.

In terms of specific changes required to the Project Approval, as a result of the changes in the phased installation of components, the TRS emission limit for Stack 2 as set out in the Project Approval will need to be changed. Based on the supplier's operational maxima, an increase from 2 mg/Nm³ to 3.6 mg/Nm³ is required for Stack 2, as currently applies to the existing mill operation, and which still maintains the individual contributing sources to this stack below the Group 6 limits.

We would appreciate your timely consideration of this request.

If you require further information or clarification of this matter, please contact Mr Ben Casauria on 02-6947-7900.

Yours sincerely,



Lex Kingma
General Manager

Encl. Attachment A: Air Quality Assessment to Support a Request for Modification of a Project Approval