

Major Projects application



NSW GOVERNMENT
Department of Planning

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Project Application No. 06-0261

1. Before you lodge

This form is required to apply for the approval of the Minister to carry out a Project to which Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (the Act) applies.

Before lodging this application, it is recommended that you first consult with the Department of Planning (the Department) concerning your Project.

Please be aware that you may need to conduct a Planning Focus Meeting before lodging this application involving the Department, relevant agencies, Council or other groups identified by the Department. If you are required to conduct a Planning Focus Meeting, you will need to provide details and outcomes arising from the meeting.

To ensure that your application is accepted as being duly made, you must:

- complete ALL parts of this form, and
- submit all relevant information required by this form.

All applications must be lodged with the Director General, by courier or mail.

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2. Details of the proponent

Company/organisation/agency

Coal & Allied Operations Pty Limited

ABN:

16000023656

☐ Mr ☐ Ms ☒ Mrs ☐ Dr ☐ Other

First name

Family name

STREET ADDRESS

Unit/street no.

Street name

1011

Lemington Road

Suburb or town

State

Postcode

Lemington

NSW

2330

POSTAL ADDRESS (or mark 'as above')

PO Box 315

Suburb or town

State

Postcode

Singleton

NSW

2330

Daytime telephone

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3. Identify the land you propose to develop

STREET ADDRESS

Unit/street no.

Street or property name

Hunter Valley Operations

Suburb, town or locality

Lemington

Postcode

2330

Local government area

Singleton &
Muswellbrook

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

OR: detailed description of land attached: ☒

The real property description is found on a map of the land or on the title documents for the land. If you are unsure of the real property description, you should contact the Department of Lands.

Please ensure that you place a slash (/) to distinguish between the lot, section, DP and strata numbers. If the Major Project applies to more than one piece of land, please use a comma to distinguish between each real property description.

Where the Major Project is subject to Clause 8F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* and in lieu of completing the above, a description or detailed plan of the land affected must be included with the documents required with Part 4 below.

4. Proposed Major Project – Description and other Requirements

Provide a brief title for your Project that includes all significant components. If the application relates to only part of a Project, include a clear title that describes the relevant part.

HVO South Coal Project

- Project Approval for HVO South under Part 3A resulting in one approval for the operation and allowing for the surrender of the 25 existing consents and their various modifications that apply to HVO South;
- Continuation of approved opencut and highwall mining areas and the associated activities located in HVO South and described in previous applications and assessments;
- Mining of additional opencut, highwall and/or punch longwall mining areas within Cheshunt, Riverview and Lemington Pits to the Bayswater Seam;
- Approval for the production of 16 Mtpa ROM coal across HVO South;
- Ability to use draglines and truck and shovels at HVO South as suits the operation. This will include the ability to use up to three large shovels and two draglines at any one time across HVO South;
- Upgrades and modifications to infrastructure including upgrade or replacement of the LCPP to allow processing of 16 Mtpa ROM coal
- Transport of product coal via haul road or overland conveyor to access Wambo rail spur, alternatively via a newly constructed rail spur adjacent to the LCPP;
- Construction of infrastructure and stockpiles to support the LCPP and transport options;
- Ability for material and equipment movements across the HVO mining complex, from HVO North to HVO South, including ROM and product coal, rejects, overburden and water;
- Temporary heavy equipment crossings (including draglines, trucks and shovels) of Hunter River, Wollombi Brook and Jerrys Plains Road;
- Relocation or reconfiguration of Comleroi Road and the Hunter Valley Gliding Club airstrip and facilities;
- Relocation of powerlines, water lines and phone lines;

Is the application related only to a part of a Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

You are also required to provide a Project Description Report and address any matters required by the Director General in accordance with 75E of the Act. Failure to do so may lead to your application being rejected.

Is a Project Description attached:

Hard copy: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Electronic version: ☒ Yes ☐ No

(NB: An electronic copy is required as all applications must be provided on the Department's website. You should contact the Department on the correct electronic format.)

Is the Project Description Report consistent with the requirements of any Guideline produced by the Department (including any draft)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the Project Description Report include additional matters required by the Director General, such as evidence of a Planning Focus Meeting and consultation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

CONCEPT APPROVAL

If you are applying for a concept approval, the Department's *Concept Approval Guideline* should be consulted and the matters identified therein must be addressed as part of your application.

Does the Project Description Report submitted address the relevant guidelines for Concept Approvals?

☐ Yes ☒ No

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT JOBS

Please indicate the number of jobs created by the proposed Major Project. This should be expressed as a proportion of full-time jobs over a full year.

Construction jobs (full-time equivalent)

100

Operational jobs (full-time equivalent)

50

5. Approvals from state agencies

Does the proposed Major Project require any of the following: (tick all appropriate)

- ☐ an aquaculture permit under section 144 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*
- ☒ an approval under section 15 of the *Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 1961*
- ☒ a mining lease under the *Mining Act 1992*
- ☐ a production lease under the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991*
- ☒ an environment protection licence under Chapter 3 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (for any of the purposes referred to in section 43 of that Act)
- ☒ a consent under section 138 of the *Roads Act 1993*

6. Application fee

You are required to pay a fee for the assessment of a Major Project. This fee is based on the estimated cost of the Major Project.

The Department requires that you pay a proportion of the total fee with this application and you should consult with the Department before lodging this application to determine the proportion to be paid.

Estimated Project Cost

To be advised

7. Owner's Consent

As the owner(s) of the above property, I/we consent to this application being made on our behalf by the Proponent.

Signature

Subject to Clause 8F

Signature

Name

Name

Date

Date

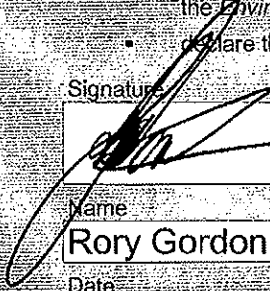
Note: The Department will not accept an application for a Major Project without having the signature of the owner of the land, unless the Major Project is subject to Clause 8F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

8. Proponent's Signatures

As the proponent(s) of the proposed Major Project and in signing below, I/we hereby:

- provide a description of the proposed Project and address all matters required by the Director-General pursuant to Section 75E of the Act, and
- apply, subject to satisfying Clause 8D of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, for the Director-General Environmental Assessment Requirements pursuant to Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, and
- declare that all information contained within this application is accurate at the time of signing.

Signature



Name

Rory Gordon

Date

1 / 9 / 06

In what capacity are you signing if you are not the proponent?

General Manager HSE

Name, if you are not the proponent