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Dear Lauren

**Hunter Valley Operations South - Modification 5 (MP 06_0261)
Environmental Assessment Exhibition**

I refer to your email dated 8 February 2017 regarding the HV Operations Pty Ltd application to modify consent for its Hunter Valley Operations South Coal Mine.

The NSW Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development, Division of Resources & Energy (DRE) has reviewed and assessed the adequacy of information in the *Hunter Valley Operations South - Modification 5 Environmental Assessment*, dated 1 February 2017 and provides the following advice.

DRE has assessed the environmental risks associated with the Project against the indicative SEARs for mining developments. DRE's rehabilitation requirements have been adequately addressed in the Environmental Assessment.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Steve Cozens, Senior Project Officer, Royalty & Advisory Services on 9842 8573.

Yours sincerely

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