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Director – Major Project Assessments
NSW Department of Planning
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Attention: Scott Jeffries

RE: Queensland Hunter Gas Pipeline Environmental Assessment

Dear Mr Jeffries,

Muswellbrook Coal Company (MCC) would like to submit the following feedback on the above referenced project.

The proposed pipeline corridor runs east of our Sandy Creek Mining Area ML1513. However it does cut through the top north east corner of our Lupton Park Exploration lease A176. Both current blasting activities in our No.2 Open Cut and future Eastern Extension project need to be considered such as indemnifying MCC's operational activities from restrictions by this project.

MCC would also like to better understand the following:

1. compensation to land-holders for construction activities and pipe placement along the proposed corridor
2. indicative construction timing and duration of works
3. proposed accesses for construction works
4. longer term access needs for pipeline maintenance

Muswellbrook Coal Company looks forward to future discussions on these matters.

Regards

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