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Attention: Mr Jack Murphy

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Dear Mr Murphy

**Proposed Modification to Bloomfield Colliery Life of Mine Extension, Modification 4 (MP 07\_0087 MOD 4) – Comments from the Environment Protection Authority (EPA)**

I refer to your email to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) received 01 February 2018, seeking comments in relation to the Bloomfield Collieries Pty Limited modification application for the Bloomfield Colliery Life of Mine Extension, located within the Cessnock City Council and Maitland City Council local government areas. The modification is seeking to extend the existing open cut mining operations for an additional nine years until 31 December 2030; continue mining within approved extraction areas at existing production limits of up to 1.3 million tonnes per annum of run-of-mine coal; and modify the previously approved final landform, including moving the final void approximately 200 metres to the west.

The EPA has reviewed the Environmental Assessment provided with the application and does not have any issue or comments to provide in relation to the proposal. The EPA considers that the project is not expected to result in any significant increases in the existing environmental impact. The project is not seeking changes to the intensity or general extent of mining, or any changes in the mining equipment fleet or mining method.

If you require any further information regarding this matter please contact Genevieve Lorang on (02) 4908 6809.

Yours Sincerely



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