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Your Reference: MP 07_0094 MOD 4
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Emailed: Anthony.Barnes@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Barnes,

Re: Salt Ash Sand Quarry Project – MP 07_0094 Modification 4

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the modification application for the Salt Ash Sand Quarry (MP 07_0094 MOD 4). This is a response from the NSW Department of Planning & Environment – Division of Resources & Geoscience, Geological Survey of New South Wales (GSNSW).

The building and construction industries in NSW require ongoing replacement of supplies as current sources are exhausted. The continued sustainable development of existing and new quarries will facilitate ongoing supply of construction materials to support affordable housing and infrastructure development for the growth of NSW. The resource in the subject area represents a regionally significant source of construction sand for the Nelson Bay and Newcastle areas.

ATB Morton operate the Salt Ash Sand Quarry (MP 07_0094 issued 2011) with approval to extract up to 201,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of construction sand over a period of 20 years. The proposed modification seeks approval for the extraction of up to 400,000 tonnes per annum (tpa), associated increased truck movements, modification to the sequence of extraction and extension of operation hours.

GSNSW has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the modification to Salt Ash Sand Quarry Project. The proposal does not seek to modify the project footprint, net volume of sand to be extracted, depth of extraction or the method employed for extraction and processing. Modification to the extraction sequence will not result in sterilisation of resources. Accordingly, GSNSW has no issues to raise regarding the proposed modifications to the project.

Geoscience Information Services

The GSNSW has a range of online data related to mineral exploration, land use and general geoscience topics:

<http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/geological/online-services>

The location of current exploration and mining titles in NSW, explanations of mining and production titles and the roles of community and government in the decision making process for mining/resource projects may be accessed by the general public using the following online utilities:

<https://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/miners-and-explorers/geoscience-information/services/online-services/minview>

<http://commonground.nsw.gov.au>

Queries regarding the above information, and future requests for advice in relation to this matter, should be directed to the GSNSW Land Use team at landuse.minerals@industry.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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