

Major Project application



NSW GOVERNMENT
Department of Planning

Date received: 10/6/08

Project Application No. MP_08_0111

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.

A Planning Focus Meeting (PFM) may need to be held for this project involving the Department, relevant agencies, council or other groups identified by the Department. If a PFM is held, the Department will issue the Director-General's requirements for the Environmental Assessment following the meeting.

All applications must be lodged with the Director-General, by courier or mail. An electronic copy should also be emailed to the assessment contact officer assigned to the project.

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2. Details of the proponent

Company/organisation/agency

Austar Coal Mine Pty Ltd

ABN

82-111-859-119

☒ Mr ☐ Ms ☐ Mrs ☐ Dr ☐ Other

First name

Greig

Family name

Duncan

Position

Senior Site Executive

STREET ADDRESS

Unit/street no.

Street name

Middle Road

Suburb or town

Paxton

State

NSW

Postcode

2325

POSTAL ADDRESS (or mark 'as above')

Locked Bag 806

Suburb or town

Cessnock

State

NSW

Postcode

2325

Daytime telephone

(02) 4993 7354

Fax

(02) 4993 7302

Mobile

0400 116 299

Email

gduncan@austarcoalmine.com.au

3. Identify the land you propose to develop

STREET ADDRESS (where relevant)

Unit/street no.

Street or property name

Suburb, town or locality

Postcode

Local government area(s)

State electorate(s)

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Note: 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, OP and strata numbers. If the project applies to more than one piece of land, please use a comma to distinguish between each real property description.

OR detailed description of land attached: ☒

MAP: A map of the site and locality should also be submitted with this application.

4. Major Project description and other requirements

Provide a brief title for your project.

Austar Coal Mine - Stage 3

PROJECT APPROVAL

If you are applying for approval of a project, include in the project title, all significant components for which approval is being sought. If the application relates to part only of a project, the project title should reflect this.

Is the application for approval of a project?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Is the application related to part only of a project?

☐ Yes ☒ No

CONCEPT PLAN APPROVAL

If you are applying for approval of a concept plan, include in the project title, all components for which approval 'in concept' is being sought. If the application also relates to approval of a project, a description of this should also be included in the project title.

Is the application for approval of a Concept Plan?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Is a project application being made concurrently for all or part of the project?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Is a Project Description attached?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the Project Description include any additional matters required by the Director-General under section 75E or section 75M of the Act?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Note: An electronic copy of the project description is also required as all applications must be provided on the Department's website. You should contact the Department on the correct electronic format.

ESTIMATED CAPITAL INVESTMENT VALUE

Please indicate the estimated capital investment value (CIV) of the project. The CIV includes all costs necessary to establish and operate the project, including the design and construction of buildings, structures, associated infrastructure and fixed or mobile plant and equipment (but excluding GST and land costs).

\$80M

EQUIVALENT FULL-TIME JOBS

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

Construction jobs (full-time equivalent)

60

Operational jobs (full-time equivalent)

up to 275

5. Approvals from State agencies

Does the project require any of the following: (tick all that are 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*
- ☐ a licence under the *Pipelines Act 1967*

6. Landowner's consent or notification

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

Land

Signature

Name

Date

Land

Signature

Name

Date

Note: Under clause 8F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (the Regulation), certain applications for approval under Part 3A of the Act do not require the consent of the landowner, however, the proponent is required to give notice of the application:

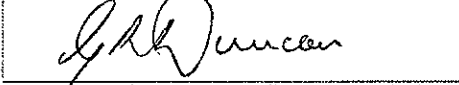
- in the case of linear infrastructure projects, by notice in a newspaper circulating in the locality prior to the commencement of the public consultation period;
- in the case of mining or petroleum production projects, by notice in a newspaper circulating in the locality within 14 days of this application being made;
- in the case of critical infrastructure projects, to the owner of the land within 14 days of this application being made, and
- in other cases, to the owner of the land at any time before the application is made.

7 Proponent's signature

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

- provide a description of the project and address all matters required by the Director-General pursuant to section 75E and/or section 75M of the Act, and
- apply, subject to satisfying clause 8D of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, for the Director-General's environmental assessment requirements pursuant to Part 3A of the Act, and
- declare that all information contained within this application is accurate at the time of signing.

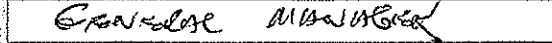
Signature



Name

Greig Duncan

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



Name, if you are not the proponent

Date

03 June 2008

Austar Coal Mine - Stage 3 Project Description

Project	Stage 3 of the Austar Coal Mine, which involves: • extraction of up to 3.6 million tonnes of run of mine (ROM) coal a year for 21 years using Longwall Top Coal Caving technology from Longwall Panels A6 to A17; and • construction and operation of new pit top facilities off Quorrobolong Road south of Kitchener including an access road, upcast and downcast ventilation shafts, main ventilation fan, bathhouse, workshop, electricity substation and distribution line, service boreholes, offices and store.
Operation of the Austar Mining Complex	The Project will use the existing and approved infrastructure and facilities at the existing Austar Mining Complex as described below to handle, process and transport ROM coal from longwalls A6 to A17. These activities involve the continued operation of: • the Ellalong Drift and associated infrastructure; • the Pelton Coal Handling Preparation Plant for the washing and handling of coal; • the Austar Railway Line which links to South Maitland Railway to transport up to 3 million tonnes of product coal per annum; • road transport of up to 60,000 tonnes of specialty coal product per annum; and • emplacement of reject material from Austar's mining operations at Pelton Open Cut and other sites as approved in the Mining Operation Plan.
Stage 3 Project and Austar Mine Complex Areas	• Stage 3 area including the proposed Stage 3 mining area and the new Surface Infrastructure Site which is located 6 to 8 kilometres south of Cessnock. The location of Stage 3 area is shown on Figure 1. Cadastral details for the Surface Infrastructure Site and properties above the Stage 3 mining area are listed in Table 1; and • the Austar Mining Complex as shown on Figure 2 which includes the existing infrastructure and facilities that will be used by the project.

Table 1 - Austar Coal Mine Stage 3 Properties

Lot 1 Alt DP 171040	Lot 51 DP 794214
Lot 1 Alt DP 738718	Lot 52 DP 599170
Lot 1 Alt DP 738726	Lot 521 DP 1003186
Lot 1 Alt DP 798955	Lot 522 DP 1003186
Lot 1 Alt DP 950221	Lot 54 DP 755254
Lot 1 DP 170894	Lot 61 Alt DP 1039031
Lot 1 DP 240664	Lot 62 Alt DP 1039031
Lot 1 DP 828916	Lot 7 DP 240664
Lot 1 DP 852328	Lot 8 DP 240664
Lot 1 DP 873717	Lot 9 DP 240664
Lot 1 DP 996145	Lot 91 DP 1064579
Lot 10 Alt DP 1093269	Lot 973 DP 804896
Lot 10 DP 240664	Pt 26 DP 755215
Lot 100 DP 755254	Pt 72 DP 755254
Lot 1002 Alt DP 856790	
Lot 11 DP 1093269	
Lot 111 Alt DP 859794	
Lot 12 DP 705614	
Lot 2 Alt DP 595102	
Lot 2 Alt DP 747207	
Lot 2 DP 240664	
Lot 2 DP 575428	
Lot 2 DP 828916	
Lot 2 DP 873717	
Lot 21 Alt DP 1079917	
Lot 22 DP 1079917	
Lot 3 Alt DP 745656	
Lot 3 DP 240664	
Lot 32 DP 755215	
Lot 4 Alt DP 571638	
Lot 4 DP 240664	
Lot 51 DP 599170	