



APPENDIX 4

Approval Path Confirmation

Mr Charlie Allan
General Manager - Ulan Coal Mines Limited
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12/11/2020

Dear Mr Allan

Ulan Coal Mine - Expansion (MP08_0184) - Modification 6 – Longwall Panel Extension

I refer to your letter (dated 3 November 2020) about a proposed modification to the **Ulan Coal Mine – Expansion (MP08_0184)**. The Department understands the proposed modification is to:

- extend and widen longwall (LW) panels including:
 - extend Ulan Underground LW panels LWW9 to LWW11 to the west
 - widen Ulan Underground LWW11 by around 40 metres
 - extend Ulan West LW9 to LW12 to the north
 - widen Ulan West LW12 by around 180 metres
- extract a further 16 million tonnes of coal over the life of the project;
- carry out minor changes to surface infrastructure to support mining activities
- relinquish some approved surface infrastructure.

Based on the information provided, the Department confirms that the proposed activities can be characterised as a modification to the existing approval and can be assessed and determined under Section 4.55(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*. The Department is satisfied with the identification of key issues and supports the proposed assessment approach.

Your next step will be to lodge your modification application through your dashboard on the major projects website (<http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects>).

If your proposal is likely to have a significant impact on Matters of National Environmental Significance, it will require an approval under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). This approval would be in addition to any approvals required under NSW legislation and it is your responsibility to contact the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment to determine if an approval under the EPBC Act is required (<http://www.environment.gov.au> or 6274 1111).

If you have any questions, please contact Jack Turner, who can be contacted on 02 9995 5387 or Jack.Turner@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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