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Ulan Coal Mines Pty Limited

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Dear Ms Stuart

**Ulan Coal Expansion - UUG EP LW30 & LWW6-8 (MP08_0184)
First workings amendment and appointment of experts**

I refer to your requests (MP08_0184-PA-107) regarding the Ulan Coal Expansion Project (MP08_0184) for:

- the Planning Secretary's approval for a change to the approved first workings for LW32 and LW33 under Condition 25, Schedule 3 of MP08_0184);
- the Planning Secretary's approval of suitably qualified persons to prepare the revision to the approved Extraction Plan for LW30 & LWW6-8 to include two additional longwall panels (LW31 and LW32) under Condition 26(a), Schedule 3 of MP08_0184); and
- comments from the Department for Ulan Coal Mines Pty Limited to address during the revision of the Extraction Plan for the inclusion of LW31 and LW32

The Department has reviewed the information and notes that the amendments are due to mine safety and economic considerations and would not change the position of approved surface infrastructure. Consequently, I can advise that the Planning Secretary approves the amendment to the first workings for LW32 & LW33.

The Department has reviewed the nominations and information you have provided and is satisfied that these experts are suitably qualified and experienced. Consequently, I can advise that the Planning Secretary approves the appointment of the following experts to prepare the revised extraction plan:

- Dr Ken Mills of Strata Control Technology (subsidence);
- Bryce McKay of Australasian Groundwater and Environmental Consultants (groundwater);
- Dr Jodie Benton and Ms Stephanie Rusden of OzArk Environment & Heritage (Aboriginal heritage)
- Susan Shield and Michael Best of Engeny Water Management (surface water); and
- Rachel Murray and Rebecca Croake of Eco Logical Australia Pty Ltd (biodiversity assessment).

Regarding the revision of the Extraction Plan for the inclusion of LW31 and LW32, it is requested that you consider relevant comments from the Department and relevant government agencies made on the original Extraction Plan for LW30 & LWW6-8 during the preparation of the revised Extraction Plan.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Jack Turner on 9995 5387.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee of the Secretary