

18 November 2020

Seq No: 76/20

Ms Gen Lucas
Resource Assessments
Department of Planning, Industry & Environment
GPO Box 39
Sydney, NSW 2001

Dear Ms Lucas,

Subject: Request for Extension of Time to Submit Amended Mining Operations Plan for Approval

On 7 August 2020 the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPI&E) approved Ulan Coal Mines Limited' (UCML) Modification (MOD 5).

Condition 4, Schedule 5 of Project Approval 08_0184 requires that *within 3 months of:*

- (a) the submission of an annual review under Condition 3 above;*
- (b) the submission of an incident report under Condition 6 below;*
- (c) the submission of an audit report under Condition 8 below; and*
- (d) any modification to the conditions of this approval (unless the conditions require otherwise),*

the proponent must review, and if necessary revise, the strategies, plans and programs required under this approval to the satisfaction of the Secretary.

Where this review leads to revisions in any such document, then within 4 weeks of the review, unless the Secretary agrees otherwise, the revised document must be submitted to the Secretary for approval.

UCML have reviewed all relevant strategies, plans and programs and have submitted all relevant Plans that required amendment following approval of MOD 5, with the exception of the UCML Mining Operations Plan (MOP).

UCML have reviewed the MOP and made the necessary administrative amendments following approval of MOD 5. To ensure compliance with Condition 4, Schedule 5 of Project Approval 08_0184, UCML would need to submit the amended MOP to DPI&E for approval by 7 December 2020.

UCML have a Mining Lease Application (MLA 470) with the Department of Mining, Exploration and Geoscience. Based on recent advice provided by the Department of Mining, Exploration and Geoscience, UCML understand MLA470 is currently at the Ministers office awaiting grant.

Once MLA 470 has been granted, the MOP will need to be amended again, to incorporate a number of minor administrative amendments, before being submitted for approval.

To avoid a situation whereby the MOP is submitted for approval following the MOD 5 amendments and MLA470 is granted, requiring the MOP to be amended again before it is approved by the Resource Regulator, UCML are seeking approval from DPI&E for an extension of time, of 3 months, to submit the amended MOP. This would allow the MOP to be amended to incorporate both the MOD 5 and MLA 470 changes at once, pending grant of MLA 470.

If you require any additional information or have any questions, please contact Brad Tanswell on 0429 598 542 or via email: Bradley.Tanswell@glencore.com.au

Yours sincerely,

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