

# Major Projects application



NSW GOVERNMENT  
Department of Planning

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Project Application No. MP 09 - 0013

## 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.

Please be aware that you may need to conduct a Planning Focus Meeting before lodging this application involving the Department, relevant agencies, Council or other groups identified by the Department. If you are required to conduct a Planning Focus Meeting, you will need to provide details and outcomes arising from the meeting.

To ensure that your application is accepted as being duly made, you must:

- complete ALL parts of this form; and
- submit all relevant information required by this form.

All applications must be lodged with the Director General, by courier or mail:

Ground floor, 23-33 Bridge Street, SYDNEY NSW 2000  
GPO Box 39, SYDNEY NSW 2001  
DX 10181 Sydney Stock Exchange  
t: 02 9228 6111  
f: 02 9228 6455

## 2. Details of the proponent

Company/organisation/agency

ABN

**Gujarat NRE Minerals Ltd**

**28 111 244 896**

☐ Mr ☐ Ms ☐ Mrs ☒ Dr ☐ Other

First name

Family name

**Christopher**

**Harvey**

STREET ADDRESS

Unit/street no.

Street name

**Cnr. Princes Highway and Bellambi Lane**

Suburb or town

State

Postcode

**Russell Vale**

**NSW**

**2517**

POSTAL ADDRESS (or mark as above)

**PO Box 281**

Suburb or town

State

Postcode

**Fairy Meadows**

**NSW**

**2519**

Daytime telephone

Fax

Mobile

**4223 6805**

Email

**charvey@gujarat.nre.com.au**

### 3. Identify the land you propose to develop

#### STREET ADDRESS

Unit/street no:

Street or property name

Suburb, town or locality:

Postcode

Local government area

#### REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Refer to Annexure A

OR: detailed description of land attached: ☒

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, DP and strata numbers. If the Major Project applies to more than one piece of land, please use a comma to distinguish between each real property description.

Where the Major Project is subject to Clause 8F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* and in lieu of completing the above, a description or detailed plan of the land affected must be included with the documents required with Part 4 below.

### 4. Proposed Major Project – Description and other Requirements

Provide a brief title for your Project that includes all significant components. If the application relates to only part of a Project, include a clear title that describes the relevant part.

Gujarat NRE Minerals Ltd (NRE) seeks approval for the consolidation of its existing operations, an expansion of operations and upgrade of associated surface facilities at NRE No. 1 Colliery in the Southern Coalfield (the 'Project'). This includes upgrade of existing surface infrastructure and construction of some new surface infrastructure. NRE No. 1 Colliery is located at Russell Vale, to the west of Bellambi, in the Illawarra region of New South Wales (NSW). The Project will include the following activities:

- continued westward development of the existing "Wonga mains" drivage from Russell Vale to access underground working areas;
- multi-seam (Bulli, Balgownie and Wongawilli seams) coal extraction, ramping up to coal production of up to 3 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) with a projected mine life of at least 20 years. This will involve:
- extraction from the Wongawilli seam by first workings with the continued development of the "Wonga Mains" drivage;
- longwall mining of the Wongawilli seam in the 'Wonga East' area, beneath previously mined Balgownie and Bulli seam workings;
- extraction from the Balgownie seam by first workings beneath the existing mined out Bulli seam longwalls in the 'Wonga West' area, using the 'cut and flit' mining method (anticipated to have no direct subsidence impacts);
- extraction of Wongawilli seam coal from beneath the previously mined Bulli seam workings in the 'Wonga West' area, by longwall mining;
- continued development and extraction of the Bulli seam from the 'V Mains' area by first workings and selected pillar extraction; and
- first workings in the Bulli seam in the 'Bulli West' area (anticipated to have no direct subsidence impacts);
- upgrade of existing mine infrastructure and services, including surface conveyors and coal handling infrastructure, coal sizing, screening, crushing and load-out facilities, site noise and dust controls and a stockpile for run-of-mine (ROM) coal;
- refurbishment of existing ventilation shafts and power and water supply arrangements;
- installation of a new ballast and bulk materials supply borehole within an area of existing surface leasehold at No.5 Shaft, to deliver materials underground;
- installation of new gas drainage borehole(s) within an area of existing surface leasehold;
- continued road haulage of the unwashed coal to Port Kembla Coal Terminal (PKCT) for overseas export, using the existing haulage route; and
- trucking fleet upgrades with current best practice suspension and braking systems and

full wet weather covers.

Is the application related only to a part of a Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Is a Project Description attached:

Hard copy ☐ Yes ☒ No

Electronic version ☒ Yes ☐ No

(NB: An electronic copy is required as all applications must be provided on the Department's website. You should contact the Department on the correct electronic format).

Is the Project Description Report consistent with the requirements of any Guideline produced by the Department (including any draft)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Does the Project Description Report include additional matters required by the Director-General, such as evidence of a Planning Focus Meeting and consultation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

#### CONCEPT APPROVAL

If you are applying for a concept approval, the Department's *Concept Approval Guideline* should be consulted and the matters identified therein must be addressed as part of your application.

Does the Project Description Report submitted address the relevant guidelines for Concept Approvals? ☐ Yes ☐ No

#### FULL TIME EQUIVALENT JOBS

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

Construction jobs (full-time equivalent)

65

Operational jobs (full-time equivalent)

350



## 5. Approvals from state agencies

Does the proposed Major Project require any of the following: (tick all 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*

## 6. Application fee

You are required to pay a fee for the assessment of a Major Project. This fee is based on the estimated cost of the Major Project.

The Department requires that you pay a proportion of the total fee with this application and you should consult with the Department before lodging this application to determine the proportion to be paid.

Estimated Project Cost

**\$250 million (approx)**

## 7. Owner's Consent

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

Signature

Clause 8F of the EP&A  
regulation applies

Signature

Name

Name

Date

Date

Note: The Department will not accept an application for a Major Project without having the signature of the owner of the land, unless the Major Project is subject to Clause 8F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

## 8. Proponent's Signatures

As the proponent(s) of the proposed Major Project and in signing below, I/we hereby

- provide a description of the proposed Project and address all matters required by the Director-General pursuant to Section 75E of the Act, and
- apply, subject to satisfying Clause 8D of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, for the Director-General Environmental Assessment Requirements pursuant to Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, and
- declare that all information contained within this application is accurate at the time of signing.

Signature

*R. Harvey*

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

Name

Gujarat NRE Minerals Ltd

Date

10/08/09

Name, if you are not the proponent

## ANNEXURE A

### REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS NRE NO. 1 COLLIERY

NRE No. 1 Colliery is located approximately 8 km north of Wollongong and 70 km south of Sydney, within the local government areas (LGAs) of Wollongong and Wollondilly in the Illawarra region of NSW.

The Project Application Area (PAA) is at Russell Vale, to the west of Bellambi. It covers approximately 6,858 ha, encompassing Consolidated Coal Lease (CCL) 745, Mining Purposes Lease (MPL) 271 and Mining Lease (ML) 1575. CCL 745 is valid until 30 December 2023, MPL 271 until 9 May 2012 and ML 1575 until 18 October 2010.

The NRE No.1 Colliery Project Application Area includes those lands listed in Table A.1.

**Table A.1**      *Real Property Description*

| Property ID / Lot Number       | DP Plan Number | Comments           |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Auto Consol 1833-110           |                | Surface lease area |
| Auto Consol 1644-66            |                | Surface lease area |
| Auto consol 5333-243 includes: |                | Surface lease area |
| Lot 3                          | DP 60975       | Surface lease area |
| Lot 30 to 32                   | DP 751301      | Surface lease area |
| Lot 63&68 -71                  | DP751301       | Surface lease area |
| Lot 1-2                        | DP 1046069     | Surface lease area |
| Lot 1                          | DP 1046070     | Surface lease area |
| Lot 130                        | DP 751301      | Surface lease area |
| Lot 31                         | DP 1006012     | Surface lease area |
| Lot 1                          | DP 630761      | Surface lease area |
| Lot 1                          | DP 986675      | Surface lease area |
| Lot 1                          | DP 986676      | Surface lease area |
| Lot 1                          | DP 534522      | Surface lease area |
| Lot 95 to 97                   | DP 4414        | Surface lease area |
| Lots 1 to 4                    | DP 225021      | Surface lease area |
| Lot 34                         | DP 751301      | Surface lease area |
| Lot 6                          | DP 793358      | Surface lease area |
| Lot 66                         | DP 751301      | Surface lease area |
| Lot 67                         | DP 751301      | Surface lease area |
| Lot 1                          | DP 652833      | Surface lease area |
| Lot 6001                       | DP 1077301     | Surface lease area |
| Part Lot 6000                  | DP 1077301     | Surface lease area |
| Lot 1                          | DP 77407       | Surface lease area |

| Property ID / Lot<br>Number | DP Plan Number | Comments  |
|-----------------------------|----------------|---|
| Lot 6500                    | DP 1083715     | Underground lease area  |
| Lot 6502                    | DP 1083715     | Underground lease area  |
| Part Lot 6501               | DP1083715      | Underground lease area  |
| Lot 12                      | DP736121       | Underground lease area  |
| Part Lot 14                 | DP 1092321     | SCA Land. Majority of area is underground<br>lease, with some surface least areas |
| Part Lot 7001               | DP 93027       | SCA Land. Majority of area is underground<br>lease, with some surface least areas |