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Department of Planning and Environment
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Attention: Mr Mike Young

Dear Mike,

Boggabri Mine Project Approval 09_0182 – Request to Modify

The purpose of this letter is to advise the Department that Boggabri Coal Operations Pty Limited (**BCOPL**) will be seeking to modify the Boggabri Coal Project Approval PA 09_0182 (**Boggabri Project Approval**). BCOPL will be proposing this amendment under section the existing 75W of the EP&A Act.

The proposed modification will seek to make amendments to the Boggabri Project Approval in relation to the following:

1. Equipment Sound Power Level compliance requirements;
2. Final landform of Common Boundary Lease Transfer Area;
3. Use of the product stockpile area approved for use by the Tarrawonga Coal Mine;
4. Long term security mechanisms for biodiversity offset areas;
5. The inclusion of a range of exploration activities to support approved mining activities, and
6. The road transportation of coal samples required for marketing and analysis purposes.

Further details on each item in this modification will be provided in the Environmental Assessment to be provided to DP&E.

Assessment of Impacts

BCOPL has engaged Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited to undertake an Environmental Assessment of each aspect of the proposed Modification consistent with the following approach:

1. BCOPL proposes to determine compliance with noise requirements of the Boggabri Project Approval by adopting an outcome based approach focusing on the approved noise monitoring at nearby exposed residents and removing the requirement for individual items of mobile equipment to meet specific Sound Power Levels utilised for modelling purposes. A review of established noise monitoring data will be undertaken to inform the assessment.

2. The proposed changes to the Tarrawonga Mine Common Boundary area will update the Boggabri Project Approval to ensure it is consistent with the currently approved Tarrawonga Mine approval along the common boundary. An assessment is proposed.

3. The use of the Tarrawonga product coal stockpile at the Boggabri Mine is currently only approved for use by the Tarrawonga Coal Mine. A full assessment of the use of this stockpile area was previously undertaken. This will be reviewed.

4. The current Boggabri Project Approval proposes specific biodiversity offset security mechanisms that were available at the time of the project approval. It is proposed to allow the use of contemporary biodiversity offset security mechanisms currently available and developed since the Boggabri Project Approval, to achieve an appropriate level of security. An assessment is proposed.

5. Exploration activities are an integral component of mining and have not previously been specifically noted in the project description for the Boggabri Coal Mine. This proposed modification seeks to clarify that those activities will continue to be undertaken within the framework of existing environmental management controls. An assessment is proposed.

6. The current Boggabri Project Approval specifies that all product coal must be transported by rail from the site, however on occasions BCOPL is required to transport samples of product coal for marketing purposes by road. This modification will seek to enable this to occur under normal road transport constraints. An assessment is proposed.

Community Engagement and Consultation

BCOPL will undertake a program of stakeholder engagement for the proposed Modification to provide information on the proposed changes and to seek feedback from stakeholders prior to the lodgement of the Modification.

Specifically, this will also include consultation with the following stakeholders;

- The BCOPL Community Consultative Committee.
- Neighbouring land holders
- Boggabri Chamber of Commerce
- Narrabri Shire Council
- Neighbouring mining operations

BCOPL also provides information to the community through the BCOPL website.

If you have any questions in relation to this request, or wish to discuss the matters identified above, please don't hesitate to contact BCOPL's Health Safety and Environment Manager, Peter Forbes, on (02) 6749 6000 or peter.forbes@boggabricoal.com.au.

Yours sincerely

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