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Attention: Daniel Howard

Dear Mr Phillips

**The Awaba Colliery Mining Project (10_0038)
Environmental Assessment**

I refer to your letter dated 24 September 2010 regarding Centennial Coal Company Pty Limited application to develop the Awaba Coal Project.

Industry & Investment NSW (I&I NSW) has reviewed the *Awaba Colliery Mining Project Environmental Assessment* (EA) dated September 2010, and provides the following comments.

The EA documentation adequately addresses I&I NSW requirements. The Proponent has referred to rehabilitation systems and procedures which apply to the current Awaba mine operations. The Proponent has also referred to the current I&I NSW approvals with respect to the Subsidence Management Plan (SMP) and the Mining Operations Plan (MOP).

The Awaba Colliery Mining project is generally consistent with I&I NSW expectations of mine development and rehabilitation in its current MOP and SMP approvals.

The proponent has consulted with I&I NSW Mineral Resources, and to its satisfaction, with respect to requirements for documentation and statements of commitments for environmental management and rehabilitation in the EA for the Awaba mine project.

I&I NSW acknowledges and supports the continuation of mining and the expansion of activities as presented in the EA. Planning approval is recommended with the following conditions;

1. Standard conditions including recognition of the existing SMP conditions and the existing SMP approvals for the Awaba mine.
2. Rehabilitation Objectives - the Proponent shall rehabilitate the site to the satisfaction of the Director-General of I&I NSW. This rehabilitation must be generally consistent with the proposed rehabilitation strategy described in the EA.
3. Rehabilitation Management Plan - The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Rehabilitation Management Plan for the project, with specific reference to all surface facilities sites, to the satisfaction of the Director-General of I&I NSW. This plan must:
 - i. be prepared in consultation with I&I NSW, Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water (DECCW), Office of Water (NOW) , relevant local Council;
 - ii. be prepared in accordance with any relevant I&I NSW guideline;
 - iii. build, to the maximum extent practicable, on the other management plans required under this approval; and
 - iv. be submitted to the Director-General of I&I NSW for approval by the end of June 2011.

Note: The Rehabilitation Management Plan should address all land impacted by the project, whether prior to or following the date of this approval.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Julie Moloney, Principal Adviser, Industry Coordination on (02) 4931 6549.

Yours sincerely



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