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**NSW Planning Assessment Commission Determination Report
Dargues Reef Gold Mine Modification 3 (10_0054 MOD3)**

1. INTRODUCTION

On 23 June 2016, the Planning Assessment Commission (the Commission) received from the Department of Planning and Environment (the Department) a request by Big Island Mining Pty Ltd (the Proponent) to modify the Dargues Reef Gold Mine Project Approval.

Ms Lynelle Briggs AO nominated Mr Joe Woodward PSM (Chair), Prof. Zada Lipman and Mr Alan Coutts to constitute the Commission to determine the modification request in accordance with the Minister's delegation to the Commission dated 14 September 2011.

This modification request has been referred to the Commission for determination in accordance with the Minister's delegation, as Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council objected to the proposed modification and the Department received more than 25 public objections

1.1 Background

The Dargues Reef Gold Mine is an underground gold mine located 13 kilometres south of Braidwood. Diversified Minerals Pty Ltd (formerly Unity Mining Ltd) operates the mine and it is the parent company of Big Island Mining Pty Ltd.

The Commission first approved the mine under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act) in September 2011. The Commission's decision was the subject of an appeal in the NSW Land and Environment Court. In February 2012, the Court approved the mine by issuing consent orders with revised approval conditions. The Project Approval has been modified twice under Section 75 of the EP&A Act, and now permits:

- construction and operation of an underground gold mine;
- extraction and processing of up to 355,000 tonnes of gold ore per year to a maximum of 1.2 million tonnes over the life of the mine until 31 August 2018;
- filling the underground mine voids with waste rock and paste fill;
- construction and operation of surface infrastructure, an office area and a water management system;
- construction of an ore processing plant for crushing, screening, gravity separation, and flotation (cyanidation is not permitted);
- construction of a tailings storage facility; and
- transportation of the processed ore from the mine via public roads.

The mine has been under care and maintenance since December 2013, shortly after construction commenced. The completed construction includes a mine access road, the box cut, sediment dams, noise bund, and part of the mine operational area.

In 2013, the Proponent was prosecuted in the NSW Land and Environment Court due to water pollution incidents during construction.

1.2 Summary of modification request

In July 2015, the Proponent submitted a further request to modify the Project Approval. The main components of the modification request are:

- a seven year extension to the time that mining is allowed to occur on the site from 31 August 2018 to 30 June 2025;
- increasing the approved amount of ore extracted from 1.2 Mt to 1.6 Mt over the life of the mine as a result of a more efficient mining sequence;
- construction and operation of an Eastern Waste Rock Emplacement Area to due to more substantial mine development earlier in the new mining sequence;
- construction and operation of an access road to permit direct access between the box cut, tailings storage facility and the new Eastern Waste Rock Emplacement Area, including a crossing over Spring Creek;
- updating biodiversity offset measures to account for the additional disturbance areas and to comply with the *NSW Framework for Biodiversity Assessment*; and
- the addition of an adjoining property “Slings” to the project area to be maintained for agricultural purposes, and as a potential future biodiversity site.

The modification request initially included proposals to enlarge the approved Tailings Storage Facility and to process ore on site using cyanidation. Following the Department’s exhibition of the modification request, the Proponent withdrew these proposals due to strong opposition from the community and the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

Cyanidation and the increase in surface tailings storage are no longer part of the modification request for the Commission’s assessment.

2. SITE VISIT AND MEETINGS

2.1. Public meeting

On 26 July 2016, the Commission held a public meeting at the Braidwood Serviceman’s Club. Individual speakers and community groups addressed the Commission and maintained objections to the gold mine as approved, particularly in regards to the approved Tailings Storage Facility and existing mine water management. Speakers raised concerns about the modification request including the deletion of specific items from the Proponent’s Statement of Commitments. (See **Appendix 1** for a list of speakers and a summary of the issues raised at the public meeting is provided in **Appendix 2.**)

2.2. Briefing from the Department of Planning and Environment

On 15 July 2016, the Commission was briefed by the Department on the modification request, its potential impacts, and a history of the mine site. A summary of the meeting is attached in **Appendix 3**. The Commission notes that the Department is currently engaged in a compliance program with the mine to address a number of non-compliances with the Project Approval.

2.3. Meeting with Eurobodalla Shire Council and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

On 25 July the Commission met with representatives of the Eurobodalla and Queanbeyan-Palerang Councils. Eurobodalla Council maintained its objection to the mine on the basis of potential impacts to its potable water supply in the Moruya River. Queanbeyan-Palerang Council reiterated Eurobodalla’s concerns, while noting that the removal of cyanidation from the modification request substantially addressed its original concerns. A summary of the meeting is attached at **Appendix 3**.

2.4. Site visit and briefing from the Proponent

On 25 July 2016, the Commission met with the Proponent at its office at the Dargues Gold Mine and undertook a site inspection of the mining facilities. The Commission was briefed on the context of the modification request and the history of the mine site. A summary of the site inspection is attached in **Appendix 3**.

The Commission also had a follow up meeting with the Proponent on 3 August 2016 to discuss the concerns raised by speakers at the public meeting.

3. DEPARTMENT'S ASSESSMENT REPORT

The Department's Assessment Report provides an assessment of impacts to water resources, biodiversity, heritage and the final rehabilitation and landform associated with the modification request. The Department also responds to issues raised in public and agency written submissions relating to the approved Tailings Storage Facility and mine water management.

The report notes that while the modification request would result in some additional water, heritage and biodiversity impacts, these could be managed through the implementation of existing and revised approval conditions. The Department concludes that:

"Should the modification be approved, it would allow Unity Mining to proceed with the next phase of development and realise the economic benefits of the project. These benefits include the creation of up to 100 jobs during construction and 80 jobs during operations, and more than \$40 million in capital investment."

The Department drafted modified conditions of approval for consideration by the Commission should the modification request be approved.

4. COMMISSION'S CONSIDERATION

The Commission has carefully considered the written and verbal submissions from the public, the Department's Assessment Report, comments from the two Councils, state agencies and information provided by the Proponent for the modification request.

The key matters considered by the Commission include the need for the modification, the items proposed to be deleted from the Statement of Commitments, and the impacts resulting from mining sequence changes.

Separate to the Commission's consideration of the matters relating to the modification request, the Commission would also like to respond to concerns raised by the Community in relation to ongoing operations at the mine and aspects of the existing Project Approval. These matters are discussed separately in Section 5 of this report.

4.1. Need for the modification

Since approval of the original Project Application, the Proponent has carried out optimisation studies and identified the opportunity to access deeper, higher quality ore earlier in the mine life. The new mining sequence would also allow the extraction of an additional 0.4 million tonnes of ore over the life of the mine, without changing the approved annual extraction rate. The new mining sequence requires an additional waste rock emplacement area for the waste rock resulting from earlier and more substantial mine development work, a haul route crossing over Spring Creek to the new emplacement area, and additional biodiversity offsets. The Commission notes that the mine has been under care and maintenance since December 2013 and that ore extraction is yet to occur as anticipated by the original mine life estimations.

4.2. Proposed changes to the Statement of Commitments

Speakers at the public meeting raised concern about the proposed deletion of various items from the Proponent's Statement of Commitments. The speakers raised concern in particular about the deletion of commitments that the Proponent made during the appeal to obtain the Court's approval. The overriding view was that such deletion would weaken the detail of the Proponent's environmental obligations under the Project Approval.

The Commission notes that any items added by the Proponent to the Statement of Commitments during the appeal proceedings were re-inserted by the Proponent in its Response to Submissions. These include commitments relating to noise management, the off-site biodiversity strategy, groundwater monitoring and extraction, Aboriginal heritage and off-site water monitoring. These commitments are included in the Department's recommended approval conditions.

The Commission closely examined the remaining items proposed to be deleted and found that the approval conditions are appropriately drafted to ensure there is no material loss of rigour in the Project Approval. In particular, the conditions corresponding to the deleted items include provisions that require consultation with relevant State agencies and compliance with established guidelines and standards.

By way of example, Condition 35 of Schedule 3 requires the preparation of a Biodiversity Management Plan in consultation with the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) and to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Department. The approved Biodiversity Management Plan includes specific provisions to protect the habitat of and regularly search for the Majors Creek Leek Orchid, among other biodiversity measures, which correspond with item 15.3 proposed to be deleted from the Statement of Commitments. The Commission notes that any variation to the Biodiversity Management Plan would need to be considered by the OEH and approved by the Secretary.

Similarly, Condition 5 of Schedule 5 requires the Proponent to operate the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) in accordance with the *Guidelines for Establishing and Operating Community Consultative Committees for Mining Projects (2007, or its latest version)*. The Commission notes that the guidelines include provision for the Proponent to regularly convene a CCC meeting and to present overviews of progress at the mine and its environmental performance, among other things. The guidelines also include guidance on the information that should be available on the Proponent's website and how the CCC may communicate information with the broader community. The Commission notes that these guidelines are under review and the Proponent will need to comply with any updated version adopted by the NSW Government. These measures are appropriate replacements for item 14.5 in the Statement of Commitments.

After careful consideration the Commission is satisfied that the revised items proposed to be deleted from the Statement of Commitments have been appropriately addressed by existing and recommended conditions in the Project Approval.

4.3. Impacts resulting from the proposed modifications

The Commission agrees with the Department's findings in respect of the impacts resulting from the modification request. The Commission is satisfied that:

- the additional 0.4 million tonnes of ore would be extracted over the life of the mine without increasing the annual extraction rate of 355,000 tonnes;
- the capacity of the Tailings Storage Facility will remain unchanged as the additional tailings resulting from increased ore extraction will be stored as paste fill in completed stopes as permitted by the existing approval;
- the composition of waste rock in the Eastern Waste Rock Emplacement Area is unlikely to be acid forming and there would be suitable sediment control measures in place;
- risks to groundwater resources in the vicinity of the mine are likely to be low and there are existing conditions that govern ongoing monitoring and groundwater impacts, including a trigger action response plan for potential groundwater impacts;
- Project Approval conditions are in place to require the Proponent to rehabilitate the final landform of all areas after mining operations cease, including but not limited to the box cut, Tailings Storage Facility, and the Spring Creek crossing; and
- the new biodiversity offset arrangements comply with the NSW Framework for Biodiversity Assessment (which was not in force at the time of the Project Approval).

The Commission accepts the Department's consideration of other issues including air quality, noise, visual, transport, heritage, soils and landscape capability, agriculture, tourism and bushfire. The Commission notes that the Proponent would be required to ensure the mine, as modified by this modification request, continues to comply with Project Approval conditions in respect of these matters.

5. COMMISSION'S RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY ISSUES

Speakers at the public meeting raised a number of significant concerns about the approval, design and operation of the Tailings Storage Facility and other mine surface water infrastructure, previous changes to the approval conditions, and ongoing compliance oversight of the mine operations.

Separate to the Commission's consideration of the modification request in Section 4, the Commission responds to the issues raised by the community as follows.

5.1. Tailings Storage Facility and mine water management

The location, size of the dam, design and operation of the Tailings Storage Facility, the surface water discharges and spills during construction work for the mine were prominent issues of concern to many speakers at the public meeting. In particular, the Commission notes a submission by Professor Emmet O'Loughlin, which detailed comments that the rainfall and evaporation data used by the Proponent for the design of the Tailings Storage Facility was in error and his belief that the facility would be inadequate and therefore likely to pose a risk of downstream water quality impacts.

The Commission notes much of the original design work for the tailings and water management infrastructure was carried out using data from the Braidwood weather station and not the closer weather station at Majors Creek. In addition, the Commission notes that the EPA and

Department of Primary Industries – Fisheries indicated that the design performance of the sediment basins should be based on the potential impacts to downstream water quality.

In respect of the Tailings Storage Facility, the Proponent has committed in this modification request to revise the final design to ensure the tailings storage facility would be based on correct worst case scenario using data from both the Braidwood and Majors Creek weather stations. The Department has accepted these additional commitments and recommends appropriate revisions to condition 24 of Schedule 3 to the Project Approval. The Department has also included revisions to clarify the permeability specifications required for the facility's floor, walls, capping, seepage collection pond, and to ensure the design complies with the Dam Safety Committee's Consequence Category for Dams specification.

The Commission agrees with the Department that this is an acceptable outcome but has modified the condition to clarify that the Proponent should use worst case scenarios using all available meteorological data, rather than solely rainfall data, at both stations in the final design. Conditions 24(c) and 27(d) reflect these changes.

The Commission also notes that operation of the Tailings Storage Facility would be carried out under a water management plan, which would include requirements for the installation of perimeter wildlife fencing, monitoring of the condition of the structure (for such things as wombat disturbances), and a trigger-action response plan in the unlikely event that the facility is at risk of discharging.

In respect of mine water management and sediment control, the Commission notes that the Department has developed revised Project Approval conditions in consultation with the EPA, which hold the mine to a higher standard of design performance than is specified in *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction – Volume 2e Mines and quarries*. The revised condition (number 28 of Schedule 3) specifies that the size and management of sediment dams must be based on an assessment of potential discharges against NSW Water Quality Objectives for the receiving environment. The Department has also recommended a condition that requires regular independent auditing of the performance of the erosion and sediment controls on the site by an expert approved by the Secretary. These additional measures are in recognition of the environmental sensitivity of the downstream catchment. The Commission also agrees with this approach and has included a further revision to the conditions to ensure that ore concentrate is prohibited from being stored outside a building in order to prevent ore leachate entering the water management system.

5.2. Use of “generally” in the approval conditions

The inclusion of the word “generally” in Condition 2(a) of Schedule 2 of the Project Approval was viewed by many speakers at the public meeting as a weakening of the Proponent's environmental obligations under the Project Approval conditions.

The Commission notes that “generally” was included in the condition as a result of the Proponent's previous modification request to amend the mine layout (MOD 2). The inclusion of “generally” is consistent with many, if not all, Project Approvals under Part 3A of the EPA&A Act. The Commission highlights that in the condition as drafted (2(a) of Schedule 2), the word “generally” applies only to carrying out the project in accordance with the Environmental Assessment (EA) and statement of commitments, and not to the conditions of approval, which must be complied with stringently. The Commission also highlights that Condition 2(a) works in concert with Condition 3, which provides for the obligations in approved documents that are dated later than the EA to prevail in the case of inconsistency, and for the conditions to prevail overall.

5.3. Independent oversight of mine operations

The Commission heard concerns from local residents at the public meeting about the need for oversight of the mining operations by independent experts. Some speakers suggested that the mine should have nominated officers of the Department and the EPA regularly overseeing operations at the site. The speakers were concerned about not being adequately informed and highlighted compliance matters relating to surface water discharges from the mine to support these views.

The Commission notes that the Department recommends revisions to the Project Approval conditions related to independent auditing. The Department has recommended an increase in the frequency of required independent environmental audits of the mine from every three years, to every two years, and an independent audit of construction work, three months post commencement. The Commission also notes that the independent audit team must be approved by the Secretary and include, at a minimum, an expert in the field of surface water management, and that an independent audit must be carried out at any time, if required by the Secretary. The audit reports are required to be published on the Proponent's website, along with annual environmental reviews and any incident reports submitted to the Department.

The Department has advised the Commission that it has carried out a number of compliance audits while the mine was under a 'care and maintenance' period. These include a water management audit and an investigation into complaints about biodiversity and Aboriginal heritage issues. The Department also advises that it is currently investigating possible compliance issues in relation to the Proponent's biodiversity monitoring program. The Commission also notes that the Department has recently created a compliance office in Queanbeyan, co-located with the EPA, to deal with compliance issues in the region.

The Commission notes the community's concerns about the availability of information about compliance investigation activities. While the Commission is satisfied the recommended conditions of approval provide adequately for compliance and audit responsibilities, it notes ongoing compliance issues, including any breaches, are a matter for the Department and relevant agencies. Having said this the Commission acknowledges the community's concerns and recommends the Department encourage more frequent collaboration between the CCC, the Department and the EPA about the nature and type of agency involvement in the mine's compliance issues and the distribution of such information to the wider community.

6. COMMISSION'S FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION

The Commission has carefully considered the modification request and the Department's Assessment Report and recommendations. The Commission agrees with the Department that the proposed modification is within the scope of Section 75W of the Act. The proposal is a modification to the existing Dargues Reef Gold Mine approval (not a new project). The Commission has heard from members of the community, the Proponent, the Department, Eurobodalla Shire Council and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council during its various meetings, inspections and the public meeting held in Braidwood.

The Commission accepts that the modification request would allow an extension of time to carry out the approved mining activity, following an un-scheduled period of care and maintenance. The Commission acknowledges that the new mining sequence would lead to the need for additional rock emplacement area at the surface due to more substantial development work, earlier in the mine's life.

The Commission has considered the Department’s assessment of the consequential impacts of these modifications and accepts that the additional water, heritage and biodiversity impacts could be managed through the implementation of existing and revised approval conditions. The Commission has also reviewed the items proposed for deletion in the Statement of Commitments. The Commission notes that any item included during the course of the Court appeal is no longer proposed to be deleted and that those items that now remain for deletion are adequately addressed by the Project Approval conditions.

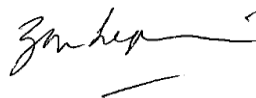
The Commission also accepts the Proponent’s additional commitments to more stringent environmental controls for the mine. In particular, those commitments relating to more frequent independent auditing, the use of worst case rainfall data and NSW water quality objectives in the final design of the Tailings Storage Facility and other mine water infrastructure. The Commission has modified the Department’s recommended conditions to ensure that worst case scenarios for the Majors Creek and Braidwood weather stations are used and that all available meteorological data (rainfall and evaporation) is used in the revised final designs. The Commission has also added a condition to prohibit external storage of ore concentrate.

The Commission has responded to concerns expressed by speakers at the public meeting, while noting that a number of those issues relate substantively to aspects of the mine that have already been approved and were not subject of this modification request. The Commission notes that cyanidation will continue to be prohibited on the site.

The Commission has determined to approve the proposed modification including the Department’s recommended conditions, with further amendments to the conditions, as explained above. Consequently, approval is granted subject to these conditions.



Joe Woodward PSM (Chair)
Member of the Commission



Prof. Zada Lipman
Member of the Commission



Alan Coutts
Member of the Commission

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APPENDIX 1: List of Speakers

Planning Assessment Commission Meeting

Dargues Reef Gold Mine Modification 3

Date & Time: Tuesday 26th July 2016 at 9:00am

Place: Braidwood Serviceman's Club, Corner of Coronation Avenue & Victory Street Braidwood NSW 2622

1. Anne Rault
2. Ian Priddle
3. Jeffrey Wolford
4. Carol Kindrachuk
5. Allan Rees
6. David Lever
7. Brian Sanderson
8. Randall Lemin
9. Bryan Sullivan
10. Jackie French
11. Dr Karis Muller (Braidwood Greens)
12. Dr Emmet O'Loughlin
13. John Perkins (The Coast Watchers Association Inc)
14. Thomas Wells
15. Penny Hayman (AVPPEC)
16. Sophie Lee
17. Glen Roswell
18. Jane Ahlquist
19. Matt Darwon (Majors Creek Catchment Guardian Inc)
20. Roger Hosking
21. Peter Cormick
22. Jennifer Anne Tozer
23. Charles Stranger

APPENDIX 2: Summary of issues presented at the public meeting

Meteorological data

- Area has had unprecedented major environmental events recently and meteorological data should be adjusted to prevent risks for the project's impacts.
- The meteorological data used by the Proponent is inaccurate and not appropriate to the area and the circumstances of the unforeseen impacts that may occur.
- Concerns regarding the adequacy of the meteorological data for the mine's groundwater model.

Environmental

- The quantity of the waste rock generation should be reconsidered and its acid forming outcomes.
- Concerns were raised that the sediment control is not sufficient and that the Proponent should be required to construct an emergency overflow tank.
- Although the cyanide component has been withdrawn, heavy metals may still remain thus increasing the risk of contamination events.
- The size of the dam and location for the mine is not appropriate as there is no natural barrier to prevent down flows spills reaching Majors Creek.
- Illegal use of flocculent.
- If the mine goes under 'care and maintenance' there will be no requirement for complying with conditions.
- Concerns were expressed in relation to the Proponent and the Department not considering vibration impacts and unforeseen circumstances.
- Concerns were raised that an adequate bond was not in place and that the Proponent decommission the project and should be required to rehabilitate the land for agricultural use after mining ceases operations.
- The Community raised concerns that the Department did not have sufficient staff to monitor and audit the mine and that this should be further considered.
- A Wombat Management Plan should be put in place.

Other issues

- Concerns about the technical competence of the Proponent, following their sediments dam incident.
- Concerns were raised that the mine has sought numerous modification to the mine, thus reflecting lack of planning for the mine.
- The deletion of various commitments from the Proponents Statement of Commitments should not occur and that Proponent should be require to comply with those commitments.

APPENDIX 3:

Records of Commission Meetings

Briefing from the Department of Planning and Environment		
Meeting note taken by: Jorge Van Den Brande	Date: Wednesday, 15 June 2016	Time: 11:00am
Project: Dargues Reef Gold Mod 3		
Meeting place: PAC Offices		
Attendees: Commission Members: Mr Joe Woodward PSM, Mr Alan Coutts & Professor Zada Lipman Commission Secretariat: David Mooney & Jorge Van Den Brande DPE: Mike Young – Director Resource Assessments Philippa Duncan – Senior Planner Stephen O’Donaghue – Team Leader		
The purpose of the briefing is for the Department to outline the proposed modification and an opportunity to discuss significant issues.		
A summary of the key issues are provided below. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Department notes that this is a relatively minor modification and minor impacts are manageable.• The overall aim of the modification apart from the production increase is an extension of time to their operations.• The Proponent seeks a production increase from 1.2 to 1.6 million tonnes of ore.• No works proposed as part of the modification have started, however proponent is still complying with biodiversity requirements and is working with OEH on the stygofauna monitoring.		
Documents tabled at meeting/to be provided: NIL		
Meeting closed at 12:00pm		

Meeting with Eurobodalla Shire Council and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council		
Meeting note taken by: Jorge Van Den Brande	Date: Monday, 25 July 2016	Time: 10:30am
Project: Dargues Reef Gold Mod 3		
Meeting place: Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council offices		
<p>Attendees:</p> <p>Commission Members: Mr Joe Woodward PSM, Mr Alan Coutts & Professor Zada Lipman Commission Secretariat: David Mooney & Jorge Van Den Brande</p> <p>Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council QPRC John Wright - Director Planning and Environmental Services</p> <p>Eurobodalla Shire Council ESC Warren Sharpe - Director Infrastructure Services Brett Corvin - Manager Water and Sewer</p>		
The purpose of the briefing is for Councils to brief the Commission on its submissions and an opportunity to discuss significant issues.		
<p>Generally Councils did not have major concerns with the proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESC mentioned that the removal of cyanide from the application takes away most of Council's concerns, however there is the necessity of ensuring that the Moruya River water supply is protected for the community as its objection to the mine is on the basis of potential impacts it possess to this water supply. • ESC also mentioned that the design of the Tailings Storage Facility has improved from the original design which was to a low standard. • ESC is concerned about the location of the dam as site is not suitable and that although they agree with the Department's conditions, remediation once the mine ceases operations should be required; especially if impacts arise after closure. • QPRC did not have additional concerns as the components of cyanide and the Tailings Storage Facility were withdrawn from the application. 		
Documents tabled at/to be provided after the meeting: NIL		
Meeting closed at 11:00am		

Briefing by Diversified Minerals and site visit		
Meeting note taken by: Jorge Van Den Brande	Date: Monday, 25 July 2016	Time: 2:00pm
Project: Dargues Reef Gold Mod 3		
Meeting place: Dargues Mine Operations Building		
<p>Attendees:</p> <p>Commission Members: Mr Joe Woodward PSM, Mr Alan Coutts & Professor Zada Lipman Commission Secretariat: David Mooney & Jorge Van Den Brande</p> <p>Proponent: James Dornan: Manager Projects Andrew Rouse: Chief Services Officer Mitchell Bland: Environmental Consultant</p>		
<p>The purpose of the briefing is for the proponent to outline the proposed modifications and an opportunity to discuss significant issues.</p>		
<p>The Proponent provided the Commission with a site tour and a brief presentation and discussion outlining the following key topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current operations of the Dargues Mine and the broader complex; • Works that have been started as part of the current approval; • The proposal for the modification at the Dargues Mine; • Explanation of the proposed mining sequence. 		
Documents tabled at meeting/to be provided:		
Meeting closed at 5:30pm		