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Dargues Reef Gold Mine Modification 4: Response to Submissions

Dear Mandhana,

I refer to the Department of Planning and Environment – Resources Assessments (DPE – Resources & Assessment) email dated 30 January 2019 inviting the Resources Regulator to provide advice on the Response to Submissions for the Dargues Reef Gold Mine Modification 4.

Development Details

The Dargues Reef Gold Mine is an underground operation located approximately 13km south of Braidwood, NSW. The Dargues Gold Mine Modification 4 proposes to:

- Relocate the approved heavy vehicle crossing of Spring Creek approximately 400m upstream to the north.
- Reinstate the previously approved access track to the Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) from the Site Access Road.
- Update the Project's approval conditions (Appendix 1 – Schedule of Land) to reflect the purchase of Lot 210, DP 755934 by Dargues Gold Mine Pty Ltd from B & C James.

The Resources Regulator has previously provided the following advice in its correspondence dated 20 December 2018 (DOC18/989003):

The Compliance Operations unit within the Resources Regulator has responsibility for providing strategic advice for environmental issues pertaining to the proposed project in so far as they relate to or affect rehabilitation.

The Resource Regulator has determined that sustainable rehabilitation outcomes can be achieved as a result of the Modification, and that any identified risks or opportunities can be effectively regulated through the conditions of mining authorities issued under the Mining Act 1992.

The Mining Operations Plan for Dargues Gold Mine will need to be updated to incorporate changes associated with MOD 4 should it be approved.

The Resources Regulator advises the Department of Planning and Environment – Resource Assessments that the information provided in the Response to Submissions document dated January 2019 adequately addresses the issues raised in the submission from the Resources Regulator dated 20 December 2018 (Reference DOC18/989003).

The Resources Regulator has determined that sustainable rehabilitation outcomes can be achieved as a result of the project and that any identified risks or opportunities can be effectively regulated through the conditions of mining authorities issued under the *Mining Act 1992*.

Mine Safety

It is relevant to note that the Resource Regulator Mine Safety Operations is responsible for ensuring mine operators manage the risk to worker health and safety through compliance with the Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Act 2013 and the subordinate mining legislation. In particular the effective management of risk associated with the principal hazards as specified in the Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2014. The Resource Regulator Mine Safety Operations have not identified any risk that would require comment in relation to this matter.

For enquiries regarding this matter please contact me on 4063 6444 or minres.environment@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely


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