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By Email: [Stephen.ODonoghue@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Stephen.ODonoghue@planning.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Stephen,

**Re: Dargues Gold Mine – Biodiversity Offset Extension Request**

I refer to your letter dated 3 March 2020 regarding an extension to the timeframe to secure biodiversity offsets for the Dargues Gold Mine.

As discussed on 16 February 2021, Dargues Gold Mine have identified three options to satisfy Big Island Mining's biodiversity offset obligations in accordance with Commitment 5.9a of the Statement of Commitment relating to biodiversity offsets as part of the Dargues Gold Project Approval MP10\_0054 MOD3. As supported by the letter dated 3 February 2020 (**Attachment 1**) from Alex Cockerill, Ecology National Team Executive WSP, this process requires further clarification and investigation to ensure all parties involved are satisfied.

For the reasons stated above, the Proponent is seeking an 18-month extension to the timeframe to secure biodiversity offsets for the Dargues Gold Mine. The Proponent remains committed to fulfilling its obligations.

Not granting an extension will result in significant reputational impacts to the Proponent and material delays to implementation of the other components of the Biodiversity Offset Management Plan and it is for this reason we request your urgent attention.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0467 963 379 should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chase Dingle", written over a horizontal line.

Chase Dingle  
Sustainability Manager  
Big Island Mining

**Attachment 1- Clarification and guidance in identifying and implementing Commitment 5.9a of the Statement of Commitment relating to biodiversity offsets as part of the Dargues Gold Project Approval MP10\_0054 MOD3.**