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Via: Major Projects Portal

Dear Mr Nevill

**Re. Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development (SSD-10367) – RTS comments**

I refer to your request of 1 March 2021 for advice regarding the Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development and DA14/98-MOD16 Response to Submissions (RTS) report. The Resources Regulator has reviewed the request.

**Assessment**

Based on the review of the RTS report, the Resources Regulator advises that it has no specific comments regarding mine safety or mine rehabilitation matters in relation to the proposal at this time.

The Regulator is currently awaiting information from the proponent to assess possible subsidence from stopes during mining and will provide advice on this matter directly to Mr Nevill.

**Regulatory requirements if approved**

The proponent will be required to comply with rehabilitation requirements under the mining authorisation(s) when undertaking works associated with the proposal.

The Resources Regulator may undertake assessments of the mine operators' proposed mining activities under the *Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Act 2013* and Regulation as well as other WHS regulatory obligations.

**Background**

The Mining Act Inspectorate within the Resources Regulator undertake risk-based compliance and enforcement activities in relation to obligations under the *Mining Act 1992*. This includes undertaking assessment and compliance activities in relation to mine rehabilitation activities and determination of security deposits.

The Mine Safety Inspectorate within the Resources Regulator is responsible for ensuring the mine operators' compliance with the Work Health and Safety (WHS) legislation, in particular the effective management of risks associated with the principal hazards as specified in the *Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2014*.

**Contact**

Should you require any further information or clarification, please contact the Office of the Executive Director ([ED.ResourcesRegulator@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ED.ResourcesRegulator@planning.nsw.gov.au))

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alex Tutt-Branco', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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