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**EPA Advice on Submissions Report - Aus-10 Rhyolite Pty Limited – Austen Quarry
Modification 3 (SSD 6084 – Mod 3)**

Dear Mr Singh

Thank you for the request for advice from the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) regarding the Modification report for the proposed Austen Quarry stage 2 Extension Project (Application SSD 6084) at 391 Jenolan Caves Road, Hartley NSW (the proposal).

The EPA has reviewed the Modification Report SSD 6084 Modification 3 by Hy-Tec Industries Pty Ltd, Modification Report – Mod 3 - Report No 652/43 October 2021 for the proposal.

The EPA understands the proposal is for biodiversity offsetting obligations and additional processing infrastructure. The EPA's specific interest relates to the proposed installation and operation of a pre-coat plant and a pugmill within the secondary processing area.

Based on the information provided, the EPA has determined that the existing Environment Protection Licence (EPL) for the Austen Quarry, EPL 12323, may require variation should the proposal be approved. The proponent will need to make a separate application to the EPA to vary EPL 12323.

Recommended conditions

The EPA recommends the following conditions of consent:

- a) All hydrocarbons and other chemicals must be delivered and stored within a bunded area. Bunds must be sized to be 110% of the largest container and lined with an impervious material.
- b) The proponent must implement a chemical storage maintenance and monitoring program which aims to detect leakages and prevent hydrocarbon contamination of soil and groundwater.
- c) The premises water management plan must be reviewed and updated having regard to any changes in water management relating to the proposal.

Reason:

Inadequate containment of chemicals and hydrocarbons has the potential to cause soil, groundwater and surface water contamination.

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If you have any questions about the EPA's response to this request, please contact Samantha Hayes at the EPA's Regional South (Bathurst) office on (02) 6333 3800 or via email at info@epa.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SL', is positioned below the 'Yours sincerely' text.

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