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**McPhillamys Gold Project (SSD-9505) – Amendment Report 1 and 2**

Dear Mandana

I refer to your correspondence dated 9 June 2022 inviting the Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG) to provide comments on the McPhillamys Gold Project (SSD-9505) – Amendment Report 1 and 2 (the Project) submitted by Regis Resources (the Proponent).

MEG has reviewed the information supplied and provides the following advice.

The biodiversity development assessment report (BDAR) states that the proponent has purchased and conducted detailed studies to assess a future stewardship site in Blayney, as part of their biodiversity offset strategy. We note that the Proponent's intention is to secure the property under a Biodiversity Stewardship Agreement (BSA) with the Biodiversity Conservation Trust (BCT).

MEG requests consultation in relation to the proposed location of any biodiversity offset areas (including the proposed location in Blayney) to ensure there is no consequent reduction in access to prospective land for mineral exploration or potential sterilisation of mineral or extractive resources.

For further advice on this matter, please contact Adam Banister, Senior Advisory Officer, Industry Advisory & Mining Concierge unit - Industry Development Branch on 02 4063 6860 or [mining.concierge@regional.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mining.concierge@regional.nsw.gov.au).

Sincerely



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