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Via Major Projects Planning Portal

EPA Advice on underground optimisation modification report (SSD-10367 Mod 1)

Dear Brittany

Thank you for the request for advice from Public Authority Consultation (PAE-47389492), requesting the review by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) of the optimisation modification report for the underground development (SSD 10367) at the Cowal Gold Mine at Lake Cowal 38 kilometres north east of West Wyalong.

The EPA has reviewed the following document and its Appendices:

- Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development Project, Optimisation Modification (SSD 10367 Mod1), Modification Report – EMM Consulting – July 2022.

The EPA understands the proposal is to modify underground mining access & tunnels and to increase the mine's overall processing rate. Based on our review of the modification report we have no objections to the proposed modifications.

The EPA has the following additional comments:

- We understand that all limit conditions in DA 14/98 will remain in any development consent issued for the Cowal Gold Mine underground operations.
- We note that no additional noise, waste and surface water impacts are predicted, there are no additional groundwater impacts but there is some movement in where drawdown occurs and there is a negligible increase in air quality impacts from the increase in processing but that any impacts will occur over a shorter time period.

If you have any further enquiries about this matter please contact me by telephoning 02 6969 0705 or by electronic mail at info@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Price'.

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