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Dear Andrew

Project: Lidsdale Siding Coal Loader – Modification 2
Stage: Review of Modification Report
Development Application: MP08_0223-Mod-2

I refer to your correspondence dated 26 September 2019 inviting the Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division) to provide comments on the *Lidsdale Siding Coal Loader Modification 2 Project* (the Modification) submitted by Ivanhoe Coal Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Centennial Coal Company Limited (Centennial).

The Modification will align the number of train movements arriving at and departing from the Lidsdale Siding Coal Loader (Lidsdale Siding). The current consent, as modified, allows for one laden train to arrive at the facility each day and up to seven laden trains to leave the facility each day. The Modification will allow for a total of seven trains (laden or unladen) to arrive at or leave the facility each day. This will result in no overall increase in the number of daily or annual train movements to/from the facility.

No other modifications to the consent are proposed.

The Modification will allow Centennial to accept and transfer a larger quantity of coal from the facility, which is critical to ensuring ongoing supply of suitable quality coal to Mount Piper Power Station (Mount Piper) during coal supply shortfalls. The provision will reduce the risk of coal stockpile decline at Mount Piper which would compromise the reliable supply of electricity to NSW.

The Division supports the approval of the Modification to facilitate an alternative source of coal, allowing Lidsdale Siding to receive and handle coal when supply shortfalls are experienced at Mount Piper.

For further enquiries and advice in relation to this matter, please contact Adam Banister, Senior Advisor Assessment Coordination – Resource Assessments on 02 4063 6534 or assessment.coordination@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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