



Mr Rod Smith
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27 October 2020

Dear Mr Smith

**McPhillamys Gold Project (SSD 9505)
Request for Additional Information**

I refer to the Submissions Report and Amendment Report for the proposed McPhillamys Gold Project (the Project), dated September 2020 and the site visit held on 13 October 2020. During the visit a number of issues were discussed, and advice was provided by Regis Resources Ltd of a number of additional studies being prepared to inform the assessment. The Department also met with a number of community and special interest group representatives.

Attachment 1 summaries the additional issues discussed during the visit where additional clarification is requested to inform the Department's assessment of the Project.

You are requested to provide the information, or notification that the information will not be provided, to the Department by Friday 20 November 2020. If you are unable to provide the requested information within this timeframe, you are requested to provide, and commit to, a timeframe detailing the provision of this information.

If you have any questions, please contact Mandana Mazaheri on 02 9995 5093.

Yours sincerely,

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Stephen O'Donoghue
Director
Resource Assessments

Enclosed: **Attachment 1**

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Matter	Consideration
Aboriginal cultural heritage	<p>During the site visit Regis Resources Ltd (Regis) advised that further work was being undertaken including further advertising to seek interest for the Aboriginal community as Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) and on scar tree assessment.</p> <p>Please provide clarification on these proposed activities and timing of completing these actions.</p>
Land contamination	<p>During the site visit Regis advised that further work was being undertaken on a Preliminary Site Investigation to further inform potential land contamination at the site.</p> <p>Please provide clarification on this investigation and timing of completing these actions.</p>
Rehabilitation	<p>Please provide further information about site rehabilitation and options for final landform design, including reasonable and feasible options to (wholly or partially) fill the open cut pit, and the associated costs and benefits.</p>
Unexploded ordinance	<p>During the site visit Regis advised that further work was being undertaken on investigating potential use of part of the site for mortar training and potential for unexploded ordinance.</p> <p>Please provide clarification on this investigation and timing of completing these actions and further information about assessment and management of risks in relation to the unexploded ordinance within Project site.</p>
Spring flow	<p>Please provide further information about spring flow and interactions with the Belubula river pre-mining, including validation and analysis of flow duration curves, and flow information from the bore installed in late 2019 to support analysis of spring flow contribution.</p>
Economic benefits	<p>Please provide further clarification about the change in the Project's economic benefits following the amendments to the Project, including the change in the employment number and mobile fleet, noting the proposed use of larger vehicles.</p>
Seepage	<p>Please provide further information about proposed management controls for storage and seepage of the poorer quality water piped from the Lithgow mines/ Mount Piper Power Station.</p>
Water pipeline	<p>Please provide an update on the status of discussions with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - relevant Councils/ roads authorities on the construction and operation of the pipeline in road easements, and other utilities, rail line, transmission line, electricity easement, etc; and - private landowners on pipeline easement negotiations.
Power supply	<p>Please provide further information and status update about the assessment pathway for the Project's power supply/ required transmission line.</p>
Discovery Ridge	<p>Please provide further information about this prospect, including estimates of the resource, and clarification about interactions of the Discovery Ridge with the Project.</p>