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Mr Luke Holley
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Subject: Cadia East Gold/Copper Project Modification 16 (MP06_0295-Mod-16) - Request for Additional Information

Dear Mr Holley

I refer to the Cadia East Gold/Copper Project Modification 16 (MP06_0295-Mod-16). The Department has engaged Professor David Williams and Mr Nils Steward, leading experts in tailings construction and management, to provide independent expert advice on the adequacy and appropriateness of Modification 16 assessment documents in relation to the proposed use of recovered hydrocyclone sands.

The Department requires that you provide additional information about the alternative sources of embankment and buttress construction materials from hydrocycloning and hydrofloat tailings to produce sand, and address the matters raised by the independent experts, as outlined below:

Please indicate what proportions of construction materials are planned to come from each source and the planned sequencing from each source. Further, the particle size distributions and fines content of each source appears to be quite different. Please indicate the required sand specification and how this would be achieved from the two sources or whether they would be combined in some way (including with whole tailings) to meet the specification. How would uniformity be ensured?

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Mazaheri".

Mandana Mazaheri
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