



Mr Mark Dixon
Project Manager

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Dear Mr Dixon

Haerses Road Quarry Modification 5 - Request for additional information

I refer to the Modification Report provided by Umwelt (Australia) Pty Ltd. for the Haerses Road Quarry (DA165-7-2005-Mod-5). Within Section 2.2 of the provided Modification Report, it is proposed that dozer ripping within the approved Friable Sandstone Extraction Area is to be replaced with sandstone cutting using a hydraulic saw attachment fitted to an excavator.

The Department considers that use of a hydraulic saw attachment can produce a different sound profile to that of dozer ripping extraction, accordingly a noise assessment in accordance with the *Noise Policy for Industry* (2017) maybe required.

Additionally, I note that the Hills Shire Council (Council) has raised issue about the use of a hydraulic saw for sandstone cutting as an approved activity under the current project approval. Please refer to Council's letter dated 25 January 2022, attached.

Accordingly, please provide information that addresses the Department's and Council's concerns detailed above. Further please advise if this change in equipment would require an amendment to the Environment Protection Licence for the project.

Please provide the information, by the 23rd of February 2022. If you cannot meet this deadline, please advise the Department

If you have any questions, please contact Lincoln de Haas at Lincoln.deHaas@dpie.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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Resource Assessments

Enclosed/Attached: [if additional documents]