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Subject: Request for Additional Information

Dear Mr Sutherland

I refer to Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (dated January 2022) and associated Noise and Blasting Impact Assessment (dated December 2021) for the proposed Tomingley Gold Extension Project (SSD-9176045).

The Department notes Sections 8.1.1 and 8.1.2 of the Noise and Blasting Impact Assessment which describe:

- 'construction activities associated with SAR mining are expected to satisfy the Noise Management Levels (NMLs) for standard construction hours and out of hours periods at all identified receivers'; and
- 'construction activities associated with road construction for the realignment of the Newell Highway are expected to satisfy the NMLs for standard construction hours at all identified receivers.'

These sections also describe that tabulated results for all scenarios are presented in Appendix E.

Appendix E details that only receiver 'R26' complies with the NMLs (for example, R26 is modelled as being -3 dB LA_{eq}(15min) of the NML for Day-time hours for the 'South' scenario).

Appendix E details that all other receivers are exceeding the NML for Day, Evening and Night hours under all scenarios (for example 'R06', is 24 dB LA_{eq}(15min) over the NML for Day-time hours for the 'North including bridge' scenario').

It is unclear how Appendix E provides evidence for the statement in Section 8.1.1 or the statement in Section 8.1.2.

Further, Section 6.4.7.1 of the EIS describes 'Construction operations associated with the proposed realignment of the Newell Highway and the establishment of the SAR Mine Site are expected to operate within Noise Management Levels for all hours at all identified receptors and all scenarios'. The Noise and

Blasting Assessment does not detail that the Newell Highway construction can satisfy out-of-hours NMLs.

The Department requests you provide additional information detailing the construction impacts on receivers, which includes the cumulative and relative impacts of the construction of the SAR mine and the impacts of the construction of the Newell Highway. Generally, the Department provides some allowance for construction noise during the establishment of a mine site, indicatively for a 6-month period, following which it would be expected that operational noise levels would be met. Further advice is also requested to demonstrate that the proposed operational noise levels from activities at the mine site could be met after the initial construction period.

If you have any questions, please contact Emily Murray on 02 8837 6041.

Yours sincerely,

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