

Our ref: HVO North Open Cut Coal Continuation Project (SSD-11826681)

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Subject: Request for Additional Information – Workforce Numbers

Dear Mr Martin

I refer to the assessment for the HVO North Open Cut Coal Continuation Project (SSD-11826681). After careful consideration, the Department is requesting that you provide additional information to inform its assessment as outlined below.

The Environmental Impact Statement describes that the operational workforce for the project would remain generally consistent with the current operational workforce at the HVO Complex (i.e. approximately 1,500 personnel).

The Department notes that the HVO mining complex is approved to extract up to 42 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) of run-of-mine coal, however is currently operating at less than half of that capacity. Given the project proposes to operate at a maximum extraction rate of up to 40 Mtpa, the Department requests you provide evidence to demonstrate that the current operational workforce of around 1,500 employees is not required to increase.

You are requested to provide the information, or notification that the information will not be provided, to the Department by **Friday 10 May 2024**. If you cannot meet this deadline or do not intend to provide the additional information, please advise the department via the NSW planning portal.

If you have any questions, please contact Joe Fittell on 02 4908 6896 or via email at Joe.Fittell@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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