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Dear Mr Northey

**Bulga Optimisation Project (SSD 4960) & Bulga Underground Operations (DA 376-8-2003)
Appointment of Experts & Mining in the Whybrow Wedge Section of SSD 4960**

I refer to the your letter and supporting curriculum vitae's requesting the Planning Secretary's approval of suitably qualified and experienced persons to assist in revising the Rehabilitation Strategy and a number of management plans for the Bulga Optimisation Project (SSD 4960 – Modification 3) and the Bulga Underground Operations (DA 376-8-2003 – Modification 7), in accordance with Conditions 15(a), 22(a), 28(a), 34(a), 42(a) and 56(c) of Schedule 3 of SSD 4960 and Conditions 24A(a), 7G(a) and 32C(a) of Schedule 4 of DA 376-8-2003.

The Department has reviewed the nominations and information provided by Bulga Coal and is satisfied that the experts listed below are suitably qualified and experienced to assist in preparing the revised Rehabilitation Strategy and various management plans.

Accordingly, the Planning Secretary approves the appointment of the following persons to prepare the revised Rehabilitation Strategy and the following revised management plans in accordance with the relevant conditions of SSD 4960 and DA 376-8-2003.

Name	Company	Relevant Plan/ Strategy
Thomas Lewandowski	Enviro Strata Consulting Pty Ltd	Blast Management Plan
Shane Lakmaker	Jacobs	Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan
Anthony Marszalek	Hydro Engineering & Consulting Pty Ltd	Water Management Plan
Rebecca Vere	Umwelt	Biodiversity Management Plan
Ben Churcher	Ozark	Heritage Management Plan
Adam Williams	SLR Consulting	Rehabilitation Strategy
Dorian Walsh	Hansen Bailey	Exploration Activities and Minor Surface Infrastructure Management Plan
Tony Welbourne	Global Acoustics	Noise Management Plan

I also refer to your letter and supporting figure requesting the written agreement of the Planning Secretary to commence mining within the Whybrow Wedge section of the recently approved SSD 4960 – Modification 3, prior to the revision and approval of the Noise, Blasting, Water, Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plans in accordance with Condition 5C of Schedule 5 of SSD 4960.

The Department has reviewed the existing approved Environmental Management Strategy (EMS) for the site and considers that the operational and environmental controls currently being implemented by Bulga Coal as part of the existing approved consent conditions, EMS and associated

management plans would continue to be fit for purpose for undertaking activities within the Whybrow Wedge.

As such, in accordance with Condition 5C of Schedule 5 of SSD 4960, the Planning Secretary agrees that Bulga Coal may undertake approved mining activities within the Whybrow Wedge area prior to revision of the Noise, Blasting, Water, Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plans required following the approval of Modification 3 to SSD 4960.

For the sake of clarity, I wish to confirm that this approval is limited to the approved surface disturbance area known as the Whybrow Wedge and does not extend to other activities approved under Modification 3. I also note that Bulga Coal must continue to apply and complying with the approved consent conditions, the existing management plans and EMS for the site.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that Bulga Coal is required to submit any revisions of the strategies, plans, and programs required under SSD 4960 – Modification 3 and DA 376-8-2003 – Modification 7 to the Planning Secretary for approval by October 2020 in accordance with Conditions 15 (b) and 22 (b) of Schedule 3, 5 (d) of Schedule 5 of SSD 4960 and Condition 5 (d) of Schedule 6 of DA 376-8-2003.

If you have any questions, please contact Tegan Cole via email at Tegan.Cole@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Spratt', with a stylized, cursive script.

Matthew Spratt
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as nominee of the Planning Secretary