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Dear Colin

Rocky Hill Coal Project Amended Application Response to Submissions (RTS)

I refer to your email dated 19 June 2017 inviting the Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division) to provide comments on the Rocky Hill Coal Project - Amended Application RTS submitted by Gloucester Resources Limited (GRL) (the Proponent).

The Division has reviewed the adequacy of information supplied relation to the abovementioned Project and provides the following advice:

The amended application RTS for the Project dated June 2017 does not adequately address the issues raised by the Division in the review of the amended Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The RTS states "The requirements for a Mining Operation Plan (MOP) is a standard conditional requirement...each of the items referred to in the above submission extract together with all other nominated requirements would be addressed in the MOP".

The interpretation that the Division's request for further information could be provided in the MOP is incorrect and the Division reiterates that the following information is to be provided in the planning application process to enable assessment of the Project.

There is an absence of detail in the EIS (and RTS) to assess progressive rehabilitation objectives consistent with regional final land use strategies or integration with other mining operations in the region.

Information required from the proponent includes:

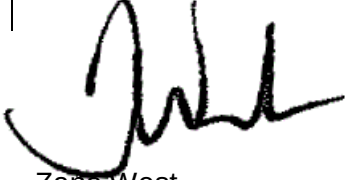
- Further detail on the proposed mine layout and scheduling with the objective of maximising opportunities for progressive rehabilitation, including the mapping of the proposed rehabilitation schedule for each pit shell against production milestones, to provide clear means of assessing future compliance with the consent and conditions in regard to progressive rehabilitation undertaken,

- Justification of the proposed final land uses in the context of broader regional strategic plans or policies, and
- Potential to integrate the progressive rehabilitation strategy with other regional land use strategies including opportunities to integrate with nearby mining operations.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact:

Adam Banister, Acting Senior Advisory Officer - Royalties & Advisory Services on (02) 4931 6439.

Yours sincerely

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

Zane West

Manager

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