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Dear Mr Armit

**Chain Valley Colliery (SSD-5465)
Approval of Experts to Produce an Extraction Plan for Herringbone 1 (HB1) Panel**

I refer to your request for the Planning Secretary's approval of suitably qualified persons to prepare the Extraction Plan for the Herringbone 1 (HB1) Panel for the Chain Valley Colliery (SSD-5465) (CVC).

The Department has reviewed the nominations and information you have provided and is satisfied that those experts are suitably qualified and experienced. Consequently, I can advise that in accordance with condition 7(a) of Schedule 4 of the CVC consent, the Planning Secretary approves the appointment of the following personnel to prepare the Extraction Plan for the HB1 Panel:

- Mr Tim Chisholm – Delta Coal Mine Surveyor;
- Mr David Hill – Mine Subsidence and Geotechnical Engineer, Strata2; and
- Mr Chris Armit – Delta Coal Approvals Coordinator.

I note that you also provided the mine plan layout, Figure C4A0101_0, which shows the HB1 Panel proposed for pillar extraction. The Department requires that you also include detailed consideration of the area outside of the proposed Secondary Extraction Approval Area shown in blue on Figure C4A0101_0, proposed as Fassifern Seam Workings on this mine plan.

Any subsidence impacts within these areas would need to comply with the conditions of the CVC consent relating to first workings and also take into account subsidence impacts which may have already occurred within these areas where multi-seam interactions are indicated. Condition 1 of Schedule 4 must be complied with to ensure the protection of the High Water Mark Subsidence Barrier.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Melissa Anderson on 8275 1392.

Yours sincerely



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as nominee of the Planning Secretary