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Attn: Ms Rose-Anne Hawkeswood

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Dear Mr Freeman

I refer to the email correspondence on the 2 November 2016 from the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) to provide comments on the Response to Submissions (RTS) for the Centennial – Springvale Mine (Springvale) Modification.

On the 22 August 2016 the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) provided comments to DPE on the modification, and raised the following matters.

- a) The modification will require Springvale to submit a Licence Variation Application due to the increased scale of activity.
- b) The Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) stated that the proposed modification will not result in increased inflow to underground operations and no change to discharge from LDP009. However, a broad Brush Risk Assessment identified increased mine water discharges from LDP009.
- c) The proposed modification will permit an expansion of the ROM coal stockpile. In September 2014 Springvale had an incident on the ROM pad resulting in a discharge of coal fines off-site via the clean-water diversion.

The EPA has reviewed the RTS with specific reference to Section 3.1.4, and is satisfied with the response by Springvale in relation to the matters raised by the EPA above, particularly that a buffer of an appropriate width will be incorporated within the entire expanded stockpile area and managed to ensure the coal is not stockpiled in close proximity to the surrounding drainage system.

Should you have any further enquiries in relation to this matter please contact Mr Allan Adams at the Central West (Bathurst) Office of the EPA by telephoning (02) 6332 7610.

Yours sincerely

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