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Dear Matthew,

## **Mt Owen Continued Operations Project (SSD 5850)**

Thank you for your correspondence dated 21 January 2015 regarding the State Significant Development application and Environmental Impact Statement (EA) from Mt Owen Pty Ltd, seeking approval for a major extension to its existing Mt Owen open cut coal mine in the Hunter Valley.

Accordingly, this correspondence serves to confirm that Mount Owen Pty Ltd have a valid Access Holder Agreement (AHA) executed on 23 December 2011 with ARTC, as managed under the Hunter Valley Coal Network Access Undertaking. In accordance with the provisions of the AHA, the annual renewal is on a 10 year rolling basis under the regulatory regime and is therefore acknowledged as currently out to end 23 December 2024.

ARTC is pleased to confirm that the current contracted train Path Schedule provides for up to 997 path usages per annum effective 1 January 2015 with fluctuations occurring up to and including 2024 as shown below in figure 1.

Figure 1: Annual Contracted Paths

Period	Total Annual Contracted Paths	Mtpa
<b>2015-2016</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>9.0</b>
<b>2016-2023</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>9.0</b>
<b>2024</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>6.5</b>

With respect to the Mount Owen Pty Ltd Continued Operations Project (SSD 5850) the current contracted capacity to the Port of Newcastle is aligned with the proposed mine plan which does not create any additional train movements other than as currently modeled for the Network.

Agreement in Principle dated 8<sup>th</sup> April 2014 was issued to Mt Owen Pty Ltd for the installation of a second Up Main North connection at 255.853 km, connecting to the existing rail loop at Mount Owen and the second mainline connection point to facilitate the ability for trains to exit the Mount Owen Rail Spur in either the north or south bound direction. ARTC will continue to liaise with the



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proponent throughout the project to identify any additional measures required as the project progresses.

Should you have any further enquiries with regard to this matter please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on (02) 4941 9655 or [WJohnson@ARTC.com.au](mailto:WJohnson@ARTC.com.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Johnson', is written over a horizontal line.

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