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Re: Mt Owen Project Approval SSD-5850 – Road Closure Management Plan

Dear Lauren,

Schedule 3, Condition 15 (c) of SSD-5850 for Mount Owen Mine requires that:

“15. The Applicant must prepare a Blast Management Plan for the development to the satisfaction of the Secretary. This plan must:

(c) include a Road Closure Management Plan for blasting within 500 metres of a public road, that has been prepared in consultation with applicable roads authorities and includes provisions for:

- notifying relevant roads authorities of any planned public road closures;*
- minimising the duration of closures, both on a per event basis and weekly basis;*
- avoiding peak traffic periods as far as practicable; and*
- coordinating with neighbouring mines to minimise the cumulative effect of road closures;*

The Applicant must implement the Blast Management Plan as approved by the Secretary.”

A Blast Management Plan (BMP) has been prepared from Mt Owen Glendell Operations (MGO), which was last updated and approved by NSW Planning Industry and Environment on 22 April 2020. Section 3.5 of the BMP indicates that blasting within 500 metres of a public road is not currently anticipated and that a Road Closure Management Plan will be developed should mining be planned within 500m of a public road.

An Independent Environmental Audit undertaken for MGO in December 2020 found MGO to be non-compliant with Condition 15 (c) of SSD-5850 as a Road Closure Management Plan is not included in the BMP. MGO are of the opinion that this requirement has not been triggered since no blasting has occurred, or is proposed within 500m of a public road, as currently detailed in Section 3.5 of the BMP.

MGO therefore seek clarification from the Secretary that a Road Closure Management Plan is only required (as part of the Blast Management Plan) if blasting is to be undertaken within 500 metres of a public road as implied by Schedule 3, Condition 15 (c) of SSD-5850.

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If you have any questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me on the details below.

Kind regards,



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