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Matthew,

The DSC has reviewed the renewed application and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) from Anglo American Metallurgical Coal Pty Ltd, seeking approval for the Drayton South Coal Project in the Hunter Valley (SSD 6875).

The proposed Drayton South Project impacts both the existing Drayton Area and a new Area to the South. Intended mining within the existing Drayton Area will occur within the 'Drayton A' Notification Area the Notification Area that surrounds the Liddell Ash Levee a prescribed dam. Existing mining within the Drayton Notification Area is currently regulated by the DSC and any planned future mining within the 'Drayton A' Notification Area intended under the new Drayton South Project will also be regulated by the DSC consequently the Company will need to apply to the DSC

In the new 'Southern area' proposed in the Drayton South Project, the original mine plan impacted the Liddell Notification Area surrounding the Liddell Cooling Water Dam and also the Houston Notification Area which is placed around the originally proposed Houston Water Dam for the Drayton South Project.

The impact of the retracted mine plan proposed is that mining no longer impacts the Liddell Notification Area surrounding the Liddell Cooling Water Dam and Houston Dam is no longer proposed as part of the project. Because no prescribed dams will be impacted by the revised Mine Plan proposed for the Southern Drayton Area, the Company will not have to apply to the DSC, to Mine in the Southern Area.

If at some point in the future the Company proposes to proceed with building a prescribed dam in the 'Southern Area' the Company will have to apply to the DSC, and it is probable that the dam will be monitored.

kind regards

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