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Dear Mr Sprott

**UNITED WAMBO OPEN CUT COAL MINE SSD 7142 DA 305-7-2003 MOD 16
AND DA 177-8 MOD 3
NOISE COMPLIANCE STRATEGY**

I refer to your email dated 24 November 2017 regarding United Wambo Open Cut Coal Mine Project and the Umwelt Letter dated 6 November 2017 titled "*Re: United Wambo Open Cut Coal Mine Project – EPA Review of Further Information*" in relation to the project Noise Compliance Protocol.

The Environment Protection Authority ("EPA") has reviewed the Noise Compliance Protocol and held discussions with the proponent and Department of Planning and Environment ("DPE"). The EPA is satisfied that the proponent's method, together with commitments made, represent a potentially viable method. This however, cannot be confirmed until it is tested.

I advise DPE that the EPA has not provided recommended conditions of approval for noise at this time, but will continue to liaise with DPE towards development of these conditions which will include noise limits and specific environment protection licence conditions for the Noise Compliance Protocol, prior to determination of the project.

If you require any further information regarding this matter please contact Natasha Ryan on (02) 4908 6833.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karen Marler', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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