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Dear Emily,

**Tomingley Gold Mine SSD-9176045
Review of Tomingley Gold Extension Project EIS**

Dams Safety NSW (DSNSW) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Tomingley Gold Extension Project and has a number of comments following review of the Environmental Impact Statement for the Project.

The Project proposes to extend the existing Tomingley Gold Operations Gold Mine (the TGO Mine) south to incorporate the San Antonio and Roswell (SAR deposits). DSNSW's comments on the Project are confined to the existing and proposed declared dams associated with the Project.

Existing Declared Dams

Residue Storage Facility 1 (RSF1), the existing tailings storage facility at the Tomingley Gold Site; will continue to be used for the expansion of the mine. Wyoming Central Dam (WCD) is an existing dam at the Tomingley Gold Site used for storage of supernatant fluids from RSF1. RSF1 and WCD are both declared dams and are currently regulated by DSNSW under both the Dams Safety Act 2015 and the Mining Act 1992.

The impact of the Project on the existing declared dams will be limited to the fact that the length of active life of these structures will be extended, and this may result in the need for RSF1 to be routinely raised as required. The blasting from mining the SARs deposits will be too distant to impact the existing declared dams.

Proposed Dams

The project proposes the construction of a water storage dam on the SAR site (the SAR Water Storage Dam (SWSD)). It is possible that the SWSD will be declared and TGO will need to contact DSNSW on info@damsafety.nsw.gov.au once the details of the dam are known and prior to construction commencing to confirm whether this is the case. If the dam

is declared then a notification area will be established around the dam and mining within that notification area will be subject to monitoring conditions.

If you have any queries in this regard, please contact Heather Middleton on 0428 288 391 or heather.middleton@damsafety.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Middleton', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Heather Middleton
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