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Environment and Community Superintendent
Malabar Resources
Via Major Projects Portal

14/10/2024

Subject: Extension Request for Transport of Coal Haulage – Maxwell Underground Mine (SSD 9526)

Dear Mr Brown

I refer to your request for an extension of time under Condition A8, Schedule 2 of the development consent for the Maxwell Underground Coal Mine Project (SSD-9526) to transport run-of-mine (ROM) coal from the mine entry area (MEA) to the Coal Handling and Preparation Plant (CHPP) by truck.

The condition permits the transportation of ROM coal via truck for a period of no more than three calendar years following the date of commencement of first workings. First workings commenced in March 2023 and therefore haulage is permitted until March 2026. An extension is sought until 31 December 2026 (an additional nine months).

The Department notes:

- the original timeframe in the condition was included to allow the transport of ROM coal via bulk haulage trucks until the completion of the construction and commissioning of an overland conveyor;
- global supply chain issues have delayed the construction and commissioning of the conveyor and it is now anticipated the conveyor will be operational by the end of 2026;
- the request is supported by environmental assessment which concludes that:
 - no exceedances of the relevant air quality criteria are predicted to arise due to the proposed haulage extension;
 - operations can continue to comply with the noise criteria in the consent with the implementation of proactive noise mitigation measures under particular climatic conditions and the Noise and Blasting Management Plan will be updated to include these measures;
 - greenhouse gas emissions would be minimised in accordance with the consent and the Department notes that there would be only a negligible increase in Scope 1 greenhouse gas emissions associated with the extended period of trucking; and
 - there would be no material visual impacts associated with the extension.

Accordingly, the Secretary has granted an extension of time until 31 December 2026 for the transportation of ROM coal from the MEA to the CHPP by truck.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Jack Turner on 9995 5387

Yours sincerely

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Stephen O'Donoghue
Director
Resource Assessments

As nominee of the Secretary