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Our ref: 2127708

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SSD 9750 – Marulan Quarry update

Dear Carl

1. Introduction

Global Quarries Australia Pty Ltd (Global Quarries) are seeking to develop a quarrying operation on Lots 3 and 4 of DP 247199, and Lot 7001 of DP 1025585 in Marulan in the Southern Tablelands of NSW (the project). The project involves extraction of up to 500,000 tonnes per year of hard rock for the supply of high grade cement feedstock to the Sydney and regional markets over an approximate 18 year period. The target resource is a tuffaceous aggregate and is estimated to exceed 8 million tonnes of saleable product at the site.

The project would also involve the progressive rehabilitation of the extraction area through emplacement of Virgin Excavated Natural Material (VENM), Excavated Natural Material (ENM) and other suitable materials. The emplacement material would be sourced through back-loading of haulage vehicles from construction projects throughout the Sydney basin. This would allow the site to be progressively returned to a condition more closely representing the original landscape and would maximise resource recovery through diversion of the material from landfills.

A broad description of the project was initially included in the Preliminary Environmental Assessment undertaken for the project and submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) (now DPE) in April 2019.

The project was subsequently amended in a letter dated 09 January 2020 following consultation with the local community and government agencies. The amendment included a new site access to the Hume Highway to address concerns regarding the use of Winfarthing Road for heavy vehicle haulage. The amendment also provided clarification of the planned rehabilitation of the site through the back-loading of trucks with VENM and ENM and the planned rehabilitation of the existing borrow pit near the proposed new site entrance to the Hume Highway.

Revised Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) were issued by the DPIE on the 10/03/2020. The SEARs included the requirement for further consultation with the Planning Secretary to be undertaken if an Environmental Impact Statement for the project is not submitted within two years of receipt of the revised SEARs.

A meeting was coordinated with the DPE Resource Assessments Team on January 18 2022 to discuss the progression of the project.

Further detail quarry planning has been undertaken over the last two years in parallel with the environmental assessment process. The pit layout, overburden placements and processing areas have been refined to optimise efficiency of quarry operations as shown on Figure 1

The development of the site plan has been an iterative process including additional drilling to gain a better understanding of the hard rock resources and ongoing environmental investigations to inform the quarry design. The proposed site plan was finalised in January 2022 and presented at meetings with DPE and to the Community Consultative Committee for the project.

Work is continuing on completion of the EIS based upon the updated site plan which is currently forecast for completion mid 2022. The project is considered to be substantially the same development as previously described.

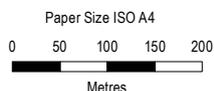
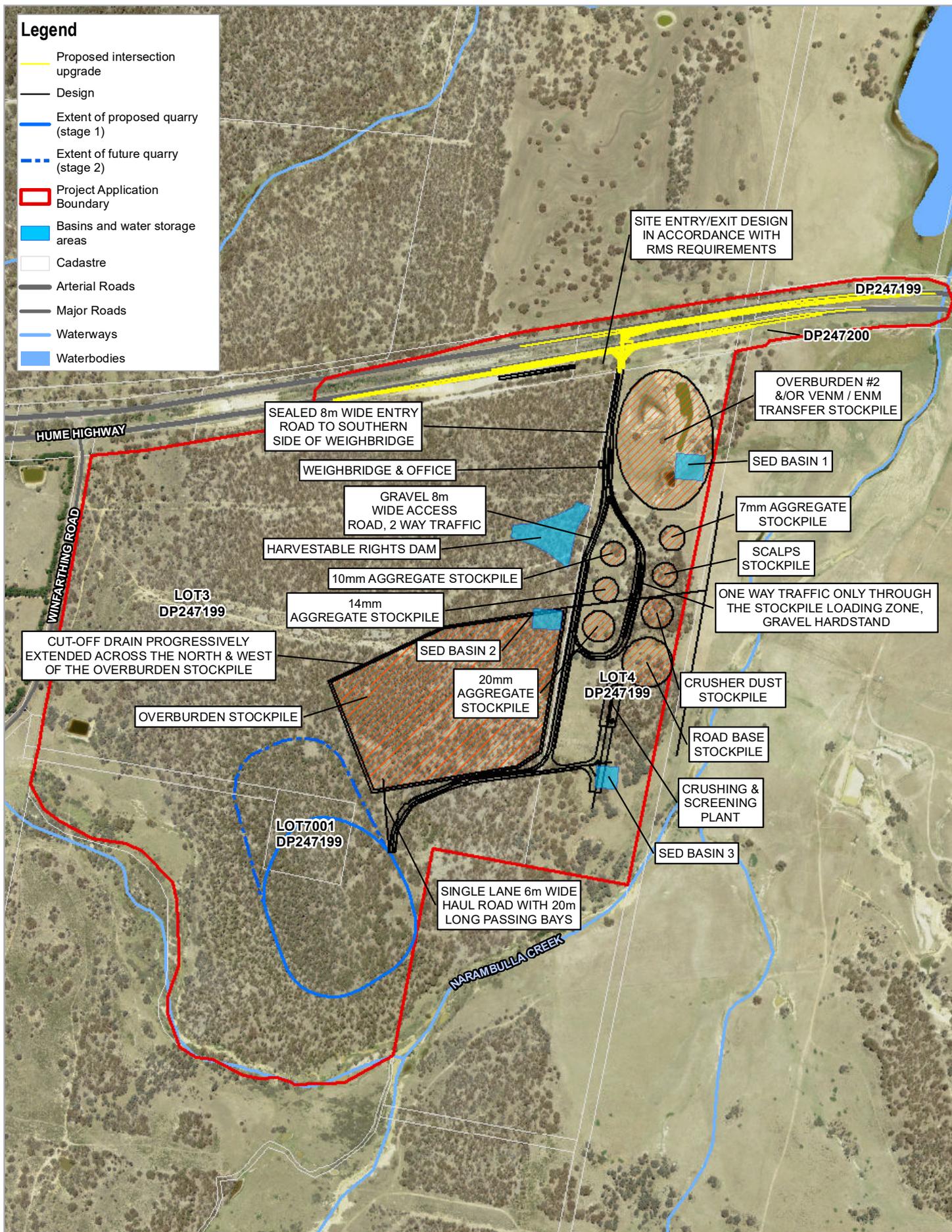
This letter has been prepared to a request for a 12 month extension of the SEARs to enable completion of the required investigations and resolution of land-owner consent requirements for use of the Crown Land (Lot 7001 of DP 1025585) located within the project footprint.

Providing DPE are comfortable with the current proposal and existing SEARs, we are planning to complete the relevant assessments and lodge the EIS if possible in the first half of this year. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you require any further clarification.

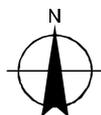
Regards



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Global Quarries
Marulan quarry EIS

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Project Site

FIGURE 1