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Director - Resource Assessments
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Department of Planning and Environment
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Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: HUNTER VALLEY OPERATIONS NORTH ("HVO North")
HUNTER VALLEY OPERATIONS SOUTH ("HVO South")
CONTINUED OPERATIONS PROJECTS**

I am the Managing Director of Expressway Spares Pty Ltd, employing approximately 320 dedicated staff in five branches at Wauchope (NSW), Mackay (QLD), Perth (WA), Gunnedah (NSW) and Mount Thorley, Hunter Valley (NSW).

Our business services heavy earthmoving equipment primarily used in the mining industry.

I am writing in strong support of the continuation of operations for both HVO North and HVO South. Both operations are long term and important customers of our business and as such a significant proportion of the jobs of our 320 staff rely on their ongoing success.

This company had its first major opportunity in the Hunter Valley over 20 years ago, and to date we have invested over \$13 Million in facilities at our Mount Thorley site. We have grown from an initial staff of 15 at that branch, to now having over 80 hardworking and dedicated personnel gainfully employed there.

It is imperative for future economic prosperity that businesses, big and small, have certainty. We all need certainty to be able to have the confidence to invest. That certainty then flows through to our workforce and the NSW economy in general.

The proposed continued operations of HVO North and HVO South to allow mining to continue out until 2050 and 2045 respectively will provide critical ongoing employment for current staff and new staff. There will be job security for the staff of Expressway Spares, other suppliers in the Hunter Valley and NSW generally.

The continued operations are well supported by sound environmental initiatives and involve no increase in scale or intensity.

The continuation will provide strong revenue streams by way of royalties to the NSW government into the future, and will provide substantial community benefit through local charities and community grants.



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Expressway Spares is not a “multinational” company. Our assets are our staff and their families, and it is vital that we do what we can to provide security in these uncertain times.

I recommend the continued operations be approved, and in fact I plead with you that the proposals are fair and balanced and meet all the necessary criteria for such approval.

Yours faithfully

Patrick Cassegrain
Managing Director

