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8 October 2024

Rita Hatem  
Planning Officer  
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Dear Rita

**Submission on the Proposed Maison Dieu Solar Farm - SSD-48160216**

We refer to Terrain Solar's proposed establishment of a Solar Farm at 956 B & C Maison Dieu Road, Maison Dieu NSW 2330.

The land to which this application applies (the Land) neighbours our current Hunter Valley Operations mine site operated by Hunter Valley Operations Joint Venture (**HVO**). The Land is also subject to Assessment Lease 34 (**AL34**) granted on 4 November 2020 over Exploration Licence 5291 (EL5291) and held by Coal and Allied Operations Pty Limited (**C&A**) and Anotero Pty Limited (**Anotero**). The holding of an assessment lease demonstrates that there is a significant underlying coal resource currently under the "assessment" stage of resource development (between exploration and mining). Under AL34, C&A and Anotero are permitted to conduct exploration activities on the Land subject to an access arrangement being agreed with the Owners.

The current Hunter Valley Operations mine has been operating since 1949 and consists of HVO North and HVO South. The location of AL34 and the Land in the context of the current approved Hunter Valley Operations mine is shown in Figure 1. In addition, in December 2022 HVO lodged two State Significant Development applications with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (**DPHI**) whereby HVO is seeking to extend the life of HVO North Mine from 2025 until 2050 and HVO South Mine from 2030 until 2045.

While HVO has no immediate plans to undertake mining operations on the Land, our interests are significant. As a key stakeholder, we therefore request that HVO's interests and any potential land use conflicts are considered in the assessment of the Solar Farm and that HVO are consulted on aspects that have potential to impact our current and future operations and any statutory obligations connected to AL34.

Please contact Andrew Speechly on 02 6570 0497 if you have any questions in relation to our submission.

Yours Sincerely,

Dave Foster  
General Manager  
Hunter Valley Operations

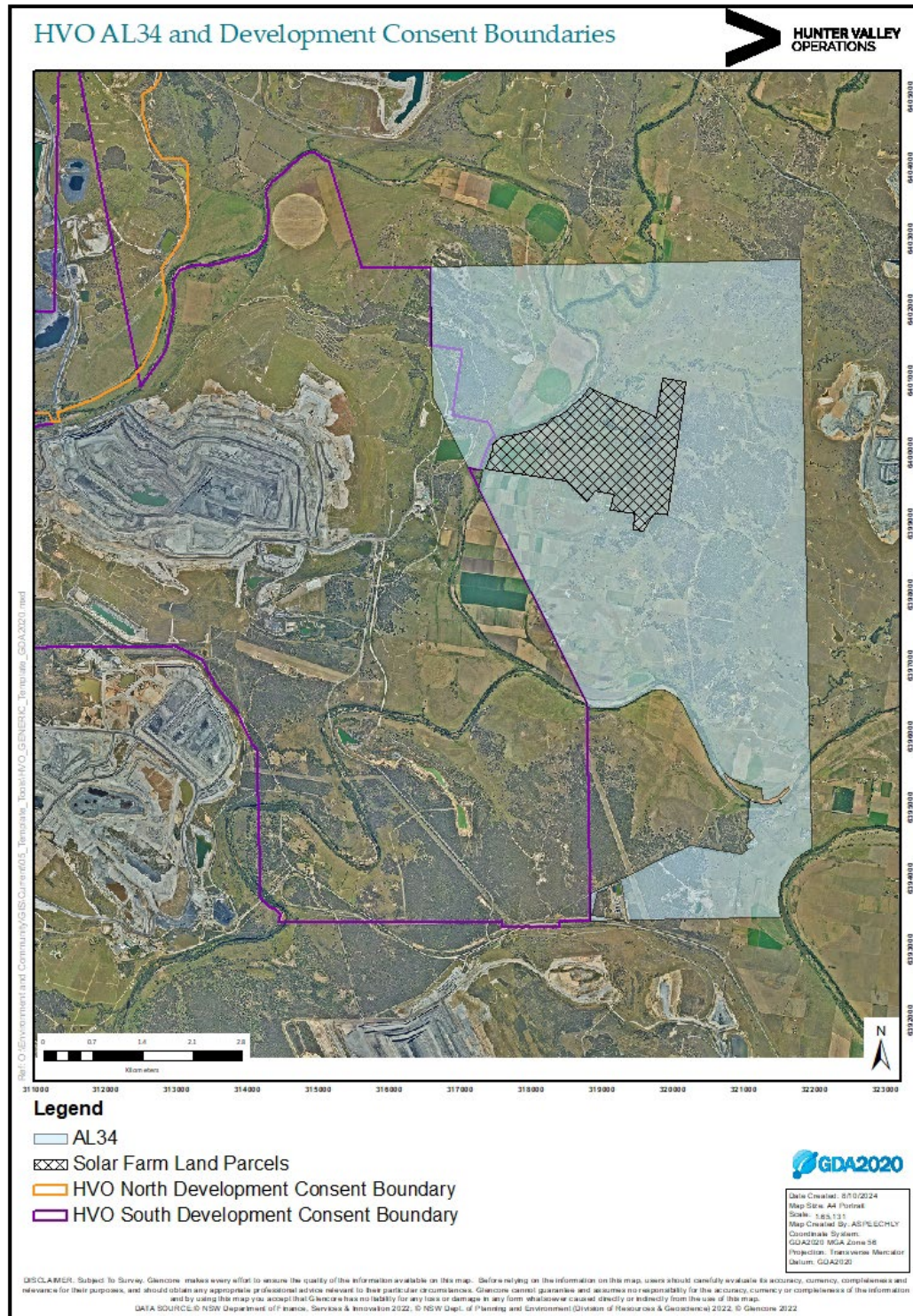
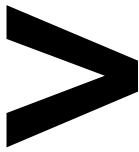


Figure 1.: HVO AL34 Tenement Footprint and Development Consent Boundary