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Ms Brittany Golding  
Planner  
Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure  
Via: NSW Planning Portal

Dear Ms Golding

**SUBMISSION: MAULES CREEK CONTINUATION PROJECT**

As a leading mining services business, Schlam Payload is pleased to offer this submission in support of the Maules Creek Continuation Project proposed by Whitehaven Coal.

The proposed extension of the mine life by 10 years can be expected to have significant flow on economic benefits for all companies within the Maules Creek value chain. This has the potential to generate income and employment for a diversity of people living within regional communities in New South Wales.

As an example, Schlam has recently established a manufacturing facility in Muswellbrook from which we will provide load and haul products and services to mining customers in New South Wales. Previously, products used by NSW mines were manufactured elsewhere and assembled in Newcastle for delivery to site.

Our commitment to the Muswellbrook facility is based on our confidence in the future of NSW mines. Our priority is to build a local workforce. Already, the first 10 of up to 30 jobs expected to be created by this new facility have been recruited, including trades, skilled and professional roles. The new Muswellbrook team will be trained in our world leading manufacturing processes and advanced automation technologies.

This investment in local people and economies relies upon the continued sustainability of mining operations. We are proud to be part of an industry which upholds high standards of performance in managing environmental impacts, generating social benefits and good governance.

We therefore offer our support for the proposed Maules Creek Continuation Project.

Yours sincerely

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