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Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
New South Wales Government

Re: Wilpinjong Mine: Support for Modification Application – Continued Mining Operations until 2033

To whom it may concern,

ASG Equipment Group writes in strong support of the proposed modification submitted by Peabody and Wilpinjong Mine to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure to enable continued mining operations until 2033.

This modification represents an important step forward for one of Australia's most productive and lowest-emitting coal mines. If approved, it will help secure more than 700 jobs and sustain over \$400 million in annual spending with suppliers — directly supporting regional employment, small business growth, and economic stability across New South Wales.

The proposed modification seeks approval to extend an existing pit, allowing an additional 14 million tonnes of coal to be mined without any increase to annual production levels or total mine life. It also provides for an additional six months of rehabilitation work to shape the final landform by mid-2034, ensuring responsible and sustainable land management outcomes.

The mine's record of environmental responsibility and rehabilitation is well demonstrated. To date, more than 1,100 hectares of land have been restored — including 87 hectares rehabilitated in 2024 and a further 98 hectares planned for 2025. This work has included planting native grasses and trees to create habitat for the critically endangered Regent Honeyeater and constructing a purpose-built shelter for endangered microbats, which earned the Wilpinjong team a NSW Mining Environmental Excellence Award in 2024. Importantly, the modification also protects Indigenous cultural sites at the Rocky Hill complex and preserves the Cumbo Creek corridor.

Beyond environmental stewardship, the continued operation of Wilpinjong Mine will ensure significant ongoing contributions to the state and regional economy. Last year alone, Wilpinjong injected more than half a billion dollars into the NSW economy, paid \$96 million in wages, and underpinned the Mid-Western region's economic output — contributing over \$6 billion, more than double the combined contribution of the next nine industries. The mine also provides \$1.2 million annually in grants to more than 160 community groups across the Mudgee region, demonstrating a sustained commitment to community support and development.

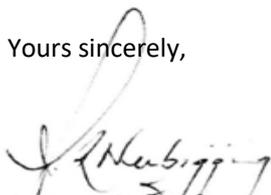
Located 40 kilometres northeast of Mudgee, Wilpinjong Mine employs a workforce of 605 local employees and around 100 contractors, with annual expenditure of \$400 million across more than 1,260 suppliers.

The operation plays a vital role in New South Wales' energy security, producing high-quality thermal coal for domestic and export markets and providing approximately 25% of the state's coal-generated power supply.

ASG Equipment Group is proud to support Wilpinjong Mine and its contribution to the state's energy needs, local employment, and regional development.

We respectfully urge the Department to approve this modification, allowing the mine to continue operating responsibly and productively for the benefit of New South Wales and its communities.

Yours sincerely,



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