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Dear Mr Sprott

**North Wambo Underground Mine Modification  
DA 305-7-2003 MOD 13  
Environmental Assessment Review**

I refer to your email of 17 December 2012 regarding the Wambo Coal Pty Ltd application to modify the development approval for the North Wambo Underground Mine to develop two additional longwall panels (Longwall 9 and 10) in the Wambo Seam.

NSW Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services, Division of Resources & Energy (DRE) has reviewed the *Modification of DA 305-7-2003 (Mod 13) for the Addition of North Wambo Underground Mine Longwalls 9 and 10 Environmental Assessment (EA)* dated December 2012 and provides the following comments which are directed at specific areas of DRE responsibility for this proposal.

**MINING TITLES**

DRE requires that all mining activities are contained within mining leases held by the proponent for this project.

DRE understands that the proposed additional longwall panels 9 and 10 are within existing mining titles held by the Proponent.

**SUBSIDENCE**

DRE has not undertaken a detailed subsidence assessment of this proposed modification.

It is a condition of mining titles that a Subsidence Management Plan (SMP) be prepared prior to commencing any underground mining operations which will potentially lead to subsidence of the land surface.

The SMP must be submitted and approved by the Director General of NSW Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services prior to the commencement of mining.

## **REHABILITATION**

DRE recommends that the following conditions be incorporated into the planning approval, if granted:

### **Rehabilitation Plan**

The Proponent should prepare and implement a Rehabilitation Plan to the satisfaction of the Director General of NSW Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services. The Rehabilitation Plan should:

- be prepared in accordance with DRE NSW guidelines and in consultation with relevant agencies and stakeholders;
- be submitted and approved by the Director General of NSW Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services prior to the commencement of mining;
- address all aspects of rehabilitation and mine closure, including final landuse assessment, rehabilitation objectives, domain objectives, completion criteria and rehabilitation monitoring.

DRE would be pleased to meet with the Proponent to assist in developing the above documents for their operation.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Julie Moloney, Principal Adviser, Industry Coordination on (02) 4931 6549.

Yours sincerely



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