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Dear Mr Sprott

NORTH WAMBO UNDERGROUND MINE LONGWALL 10A MODIFICATION - DA 305-7-2003 (MOD 14)

I refer to your email dated 3 October 2014 to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) requesting assessment and comments on the proposed modification. The EPA understands that the modification involves the development of an additional underground longwall panel (Longwall 10A) in the Wambo coal seam, within the existing North Wambo Underground Coal Mine.

The EPA has reviewed the Environmental Assessment (EA) titled "*North Wambo Underground Mine Longwall 10A Modification, for the modification of DA 305-7-2003 (Mod 14), Addition of North Wambo Underground Mine Longwall 19A*", Volume 1 and 2. The EPA understands that proposed modification does not change the approved run-of-mine (ROM) annual production rate or methods of extraction and handling.

Subject to final approval, the EPA has determined that no additional Environment Protection Licence conditions will be required for the additional longwall panel and as such, no recommended conditions of approval are provided.

If you require and further information or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Bill George on 02 02 49086821.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karen Marler'.

16.10.14

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