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Dear Elle

Broken Hill North Mine (SSD 7538) - EIS Exhibition

I refer to your email dated 2 February 2017 inviting the Division of Resources & Energy (DRE) to provide comments on the Broken Hill North Mine Recommencement (SSD 7538) (the Project) - EIS Exhibition.

DRE has reviewed and assessed the adequacy of information in relation to the *Environmental Impact Statement for the Recommencement of Broken Hill North Mine, dated February 2017* and provides the following advice.

As metallic minerals (Group 1) are a prescribed mineral under the *Mining Act 1992*, the proponent is required to hold appropriate mining titles from the Division in order to mine this mineral. Based on the information contained in the EIS for this project the proposed mining activities are within existing mining leases, CML 4 and CML 5, held by the Proponent.

DRE notes that a JORC compliant resource statement has been provided in the EIS. DRE appreciates that due to the long history of mining at Broken Hill North, the proponent would have a good understanding of the residual resource and the metallurgy in the former workings.

DRE supports the proposal detailed in the EIS and the Project's staged (phased) approach. DRE notes that the majority of the known resource currently sits in the North Mine Deeps. The phased approach of mining means the North Mine Deeps would not be accessed for a number of years (approximately Year 6 as per proposal).

DRE considers that the environmental assessment requirements for rehabilitation have not been adequately addressed in the EIS and additional information is required to demonstrate that sustainable rehabilitation outcomes can be achieved as a result of the project. The required additional information is as follows:

The application has proposed that the portal/mine access be left open post mine closure (Domain 6, Section 2.13.3). DRE would require that, at closure, all mine shafts, vents and accesses be appropriately sealed with the surrounding area rehabilitated. The proponent is required to demonstrate that this would occur.

DRE requests that Perilya Broken Hill Limited provide the additional information required to demonstrate that the rehabilitation outcomes above would be achieved.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Steve Cozens, Senior Project Officer, Royalty & Advisory Services on 9842 8573.

| Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zane West', written over the closing 'Yours sincerely'.

Zane West

Manager Royalties & Advisory Services

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