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The Director
Department of Planning and Environment
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Attention: Rose – Anne Hawkeswood

Dear Ms Hawkeswood,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed modification for Hera Mine (Ref No: Modification 4 PA 10_0191) received by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) recently.

The EPA has reviewed the information in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and has determined that the EPA is able to support the proposal.

Whilst the EPA has no specific comments to make on the proposal, the EPA notes that the proposal will require a variation to the existing Environment Protection Licence (EPL 20179) pursuant to the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* to commence construction activities and to operate in the proposed extension of the project site to the North. The proponent will need to make a separate application to the EPA to obtain this licence variation once development project approval is granted.

The EPA would like to advise the proponent that every *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO) licence will contain a number of mandatory conditions regarding monitoring and discharge requirements and limits for various environmental media (e.g. water etc-).

Should you have any further enquiries regarding this matter please contact Ramya Gowda at the Dubbo Office of the EPA by telephoning (02) 6883 5306.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bradley Tanswell', written over a horizontal line.

BRADLEY TANSWELL
Acting Head Far West Operations
Environment Protection Authority