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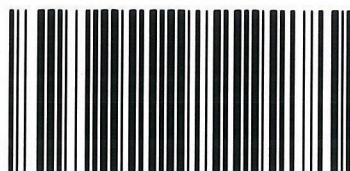
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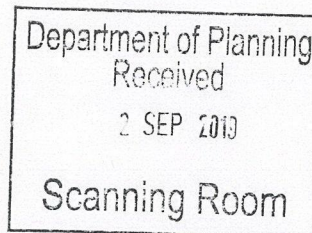


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Major Projects

NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment



Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: MANGOOLA COAL CONTINUED OPERATIONS PROJECT

I am the Managing Director of Expressway Spares Pty Limited and we employ approximately 320 dedicated staff in five branches at Wauchope, Mackay (QLD), Perth (WA), Gunnedah and Mount Thorley in the Hunter Valley.

Our business services heavy earthmoving equipment primarily used in the mining sector.

I am writing in strong support of the Mangoola Coal Continued Operations Project. Mangoola Coal is one of our top customers and as such a significant proportion of the jobs of our 320 staff rely on the ongoing success of Mangoola Coal.

Approximately 20 years ago this company had its first major opportunity in the Hunter Valley and to date our company has invested over \$8M in facilities at Mount Thorley. We have grown from having 15 staff at that particular branch to now having over 90 hardworking and dedicated personnel gainfully employed in Mt Thorley. Last month Expressway Spares commenced work through its preferred Hunter Valley Contractor, Brown Commercial Building, on a new \$3M workshop facility. The new facility will be completed in November this year.

It is imperative for future economic prosperity that businesses, big and small, have certainty. We all need certainty to be able to have the confidence to invest. That certainty then flows through to the workforce. The Mangoola Coal Continued Operations Project will allow the mine to continue for an additional five years providing ongoing employment for not only their existing own staff but also new staff, as well as providing security for the staff of Expressway Spares and other suppliers.

We are not a "multi-million dollar" company. Our assets are our staff and their families and it is imperative that we do what we can to provide job security in these volatile economic times.

I recommend the application be approved and in fact I plead with you to accept that this proposal is fair and balanced and meets the right criteria for approval.

Yours Sincerely,

Patrick Cassegrain

Managing Director**Expressway Spares Pty Ltd.**