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Attn: Mr Stephen Shoesmith

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Dear Mr Shoesmith

Re: Woodlawn Mine Project - MOD1

I refer to your email of 9 February 2016 to the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) regarding Modification Proposal 1 (MOD 1) for the Woodlawn Mine Project (PA07_143). You have requested the EPA provide comments on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the modification proposal.

It is the EPA's understanding that MOD 1 is limited to varying the location of the box cut for access to mine workings from the approved location (east of the original mine void) to the western side of the void. This modification involves associated changes to internal access tracks but does not propose any other changes to the original approval.

The EPA has reviewed the EA and has not found any issues of environmental concern related to the MOD 1 proposal. Any additional noise and air impacts arising from the relocation of the box cut are mitigated by the proposed location being shielded by geography and are well within prescribed limits contained in the original approval. With this in mind, the EPA does not have any comments to make about the proposal.

The EPA advises that the details provided in the EA for MOD 1 does not alter any recommendations made by the EPA in previous correspondence to the Department of Planning and Environment, regarding the original EA for the Woodlawn Mine Project (PA07_143).

Should you have any queries or wish to discuss this matter, please contact Michael Heinze on Ph: 6229 7002.

Yours sincerely

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