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Dear Ms Hawkeswood

**Tomingley Gold Mine – Modification 3 (09_0155 MOD 3)
Review of Environmental Assessment**

I refer to your email of 18 November 2015 regarding an application Tomingley Gold Operations Pty Ltd for the Tomingley Gold Mine – Modification 3 in the Narromine Shire Council local government area.

NSW Department of Industry, Division of Resources & Energy (the Division) has reviewed the Tomingley Gold Mine Environmental Assessment, November 2015.

The Division supports the Tomingley Gold Operation – Modification 3 Project (the Project) as a responsible utilisation of the State's mineral resources that will, if approved, provide continued employment for around 60 personnel and bring economic benefits to the local region and the State as a whole.

Given the current and planned open cut and underground operations for the Project should optimise resource recovery, the Division seeks further information on the proposed exploration to adequately assess potential resources at depth below the targeted resources within the Caloma 2 open cut.

The Division also recommends that consideration be given in the mine plan to backfill of the Caloma 2 void. Prior to the completion of the Caloma 2 open cut in mid-2018 the proponent should provide clear justification for not emplacing waste rock in the Caloma 2 void.

The Division recommends that the following conditions be incorporated into the Development Consent, if granted:

Rehabilitation Plan

The proponent must prepare and implement a Rehabilitation Management Plan to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development. The Rehabilitation Management Plan must address the following as a minimum:

- a) be prepared in accordance with DRE guidelines;
- b) be submitted to the Secretary of the Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development prior to the commencement of activities;
- c) include a risk assessment to evaluate the range of potential threats and opportunities associated with rehabilitating disturbed areas to a condition that can support the intended final land use(s);
- d) include an outline of the rehabilitation strategy design to address any identified risks in order to meet the intended final land use(s);
- e) address all aspects of rehabilitation and mine closure, including post mining land use assessment, rehabilitation objectives, completion criteria and rehabilitation monitoring; and
- f) include a plan showing the final landform design that is consistent with the surrounding topography of the area and considers natural drainage design and relief patterns and principles. This will need to address the potential instability issues associated with any remaining voids.

It is the intention of the Division that the Rehabilitation Management Plan fulfils the requirements of the Mining Operation Plan (MOP) (which will become the Rehabilitation Management Plan).

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact William Hughes, Director Mineral Operations on (02) 9934 0784.

Yours sincerely



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