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Dear Mr Freeman

Ulan Continued Operations Project (08_0184 MOD 3)

I refer to your email dated 18 March 2015 inviting comments from the Department of Trade and Investment, Division of Resources and Energy (DRE) regarding an application from Ulan Coal Mines Ltd (UCML) to modify its approval.

DRE has reviewed the Environmental Assessment, dated March 2015 involving extending the life of the project by 2 years (to 2033), modifying the approved Ulan West mine plan to:

- realign Longwall panels 5 to 12, reduce Longwall panel 5 by 170 metres;
- extend Longwall panels 6 to 12 by up to 1300 metres; and
- minor changes to approved Ulan West surface infrastructure.

The proposed modification comprises a number of changes to the approved longwall layout with the most notable change being an increase in the extraction footprint in the south-western corner of the site.

The most significant change to subsidence risks at the site as a result of the modification will be an additional area of private property that will be affected by subsidence. The indications are that this property is used for agricultural purposes and no residential structures will be affected.

The subsidence risks as a result of the proposed modification are largely the same as the current development consent.

DRE has no objection to the application or any additional requirements to those for the current approval.

Subject to the approval of development consent for this proposal, DRE requires the Proponent to submit a revised Mining Operations Plan (MOP) consistent with the modified Project Approval to be submitted and approved by the Secretary of the Department of Trade and Investment. The MOP should include, if relevant:

- a) Area of proposed additional ground disturbance; and
- b) Proposed activities relating to rehabilitation and mine closure.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Steve Cozens, Senior Project Officer, Industry Coordination on 9842 8573.

Yours sincerely


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