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Dear Ms Glass,

Re: Exhibition of Environmental Assessment for White Rock Wind Farm Modification (Reference: Part3A Mod 12_5584 (modification1 to MP 10_0160))

Thank you for your letter of 21st January 2013 providing the opportunity for comment on the above development proposal. This is a response from the NSW Department of Trade & Investment (DTIRIS) – Mineral Resources Branch (MRB). The Department of Primary Industries, incorporating advice from Agriculture, Fisheries and Forests NSW may respond separately. The Energy Branch of DTIRIS may also provide advice in separate correspondence.

The proposed alternate transmission line route (refer to Fig. 1) intersects mining and exploration leases. Exploration Licences (EL) 7301 and 7302 are held by Volcan Australia Corporation Pty Ltd for metallic minerals and bauxite associated with Tertiary basalt. Mining Lease (ML) 1505, expiring in 2023, is held by Ronald Allen Frazier for sapphires in alluvial deposits. A Potential Resource Area has also been mapped by MRB over the area considered to have high potential for the discovery of economic bauxite resources.

MRB does not support the proposed transmission line route crossing a current mining lease, nor is it desirable for the corridor to intersect exploration licences. Overhead transmission lines may restrict access for exploration and inhibit extraction. The alternative route should be modified to avoid these areas. Mineral stakeholders should be consulted regarding the alternative route, contact details are summarised below.

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Yours sincerely

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