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Dear Tim

### **White Rock Wind Farm - Modification Proposal**

I refer to your email dated 23 January 2017 inviting the Division of Resources & Energy (DRE) to provide comments on the White Rock Wind Farm - Modification Proposal.

DRE has reviewed and assessed the adequacy of information in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the White Rock Wind Farm - Modification Proposal and provides the following advice:

The proposed modification involves amending the transmission route to allow other wind farms in the area to connect to the transmission grid.

The White Rock Wind Farm project is expected to inject considerable funds into the local community of Glen Innes and aligns with Government policy to increase renewable energy generation, jobs and investment in the State.

DRE acknowledges that Epuron consulted with the holder of ML1505 prior to the acquisition of White Rock Wind Farm Pty Ltd by Goldwind Capitol Australia (the Proponent) in 2014. The EA notes that "further consultation is required with the lease and land holder and the Resource and Energy Branch". DRE has contacted the holder of ML1505 who advised that there has been no subsequent consultation undertaken since Goldwind acquired the project.

DRE requires that the Proponent continue consultation with the holder of ML1505 and provide DRE with a record of the consultation and any agreement reached.

The holder of ML1505 advised that the following contact detail can be used for consultation purposes:

**ML1505:** Fraziers Sapphire Deposit  
**Contacts:** Roslyn Frazier & Ronald Allen Frazier  
**Contact Number:** (02) 6723 2272

DRE is aware of three quarry development applications within the greater project area in 2016 (Refer to **Figure 1**).

- The Fraziers Quarry (distinct from the Fraziers Sapphire Mine - ML1505) modification (Inverell Council DA-190/2010/A - for increased extraction) is located within the Mod. 4 area.
- White Rock Pit Proposal - Glen Innes Severn Council DA58/16-16 - proposal to extract basalt at an annual extraction rate of 29500m<sup>3</sup> from an estimated 250,000m<sup>3</sup> resource.
- Hugans Pit - Glenn Innes Severn Council DA No. 52/15-16 - modification to an approved extractive industry.

DRE recommends consultation with the relevant consent authorities for these proposals (Glenn Innes-Severn and Inverell councils) and that consideration should also be given to utilising locally sourced construction materials for the wind farm project.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Steve Cozens, Senior Project Officer, Royalty & Advisory Services on 9842 8573.

| Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zane West', with a stylized, cursive script.

Zane West

**Manager Royalties & Advisory Services**

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**Figure 1- Quarry DA's and current titles within the White Rock Wind Farm Mod 4 area.**

