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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Northern Coal Logistics Project (SSD-5145)

The UGM Group commenced operation in 1997, and has grown through the delivery of a wide range of services to be a national leader in the provision of contract services to the mining industry, employing over 350 staff. Based in the NSW coalfields, UGM proudly supports some of Australia's leading companies and entities, which includes the Proponent for the Northern Coal Logistics Project, Centennial Coal.

From our review of the EIS for the Northern Coal Logistics Project, UGM wishes to advise the Department of Planning and Environment of its strong support for the separation of Centennial Coal logistical infrastructure from its mining operations. This upgrade and increase of capacity at its Newstan Coal Infrastructure facility is largely a continuation of current operations, and will allow Centennial to process and wash coal from Mandalong and Newstan mines and to facilitate the distribution of coal to local power stations via private haul roads and rail, and also transport coal for export to the ports of Newcastle or Port Kembla by rail. This integrated network will also ensure coal is delivered to various customers without using public roads.

UGM has a long history with Centennial Coal. This partnership has been a major local employer for a number of years, and has subsequently made a significant contribution to the overall economy in Lake Macquarie, including retail, additional heavy industry services, and accommodation via direct and indirect local employment opportunities. The UGM Group's mining and diesel service operations are also based within the Lake Macquarie area, and have been able to increase jobs during peak times and also offset losses during slower times due to the relationship we maintain with Centennial Coal. As a result of the numerous contracts and equipment we provide to Lake Macquarie mines UGM also supports local fabrication, engineering and service enterprises in the purchase of plant, tyres, overhauls, products and documentation. The sustainability of the mining sector and its related employment is vital to the broader economic wellbeing of the Lake Macquarie area and its surrounding communities.

Over the last 8 years UGM has trained over 100 mining trainees, electrical apprentices, mechanical fitter apprentices, boiler maker apprentices, Deputies and Undermanagers through either school

based apprenticeship programs, adult apprenticeship programs or our own miner trainee program; we rely on local mines including those operated by Centennial Coal to provide employment and training opportunities so that we can continue to provide such opportunities. UGM has also taken school groups from Morisset High School and Glendale Technology High School through underground mining training through our CoalStart program, which is run in conjunction with Coal Services Health at Argenton, to introduce the industry to the next generation of mineworkers.

UGM believes that the Northern Coal Logistics Project will allow Centennial Coal to 'future proof', so that current mines can continue to supply coal to domestic and export markets. UGM supports the application proposed by Centennial Coal based on the minimal environmental impacts, and the significant social and economic benefits to be derived from integrated operations.

Yours sincerely,



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