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Major Projects

NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment

GPO Box 39

SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: GLENDELL CONTINUATION PROJECT
STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT 9349**

I am the Managing Director of Expressway Spares Pty Limited and we employ approximately 335 dedicated staff in five branches at Wauchope, Mackay (QLD), Perth (WA), Gunnedah and Mount Thorley in the Hunter Valley.

Our business services heavy earthmoving equipment primarily used in the mining sector.

I am writing in strong support of the Glendell Continuation Project. Glendell is one of our important customers and as such a significant proportion of the jobs of our 335 staff rely on the ongoing success of Glendell and the Glendell Continuation Project.

Approximately 20 years ago this company had its first major opportunity in the Hunter Valley and to date our company has invested over \$10M in facilities at Mount Thorley. We have grown from having 15 staff at that particular branch to now having over 75 hardworking and dedicated personnel gainfully employed there.

Last month Expressway Spares completed work through its preferred Hunter Valley Contractor, Brown Commercial Building, on a new \$3M workshop facility which will be commissioned at the end of February.

It is imperative for future economic prosperity that businesses, big and small, have certainty. We all need certainty to be able to have the confidence to invest. That certainty then flows through to our workforce and the NSW economy in general.

The Glendell Continuation Project will allow the mine to continue for an additional 21 years providing ongoing employment for not only their existing own staff but also new staff, as well as providing security for the staff of Expressway Spares and other suppliers through the Hunter Valley & more broadly NSW.

Some statistics for the Glendell Continuation Project that we are aware of:

- Continued employment for up to 690 Glendell staff;
- Up to 350 construction jobs;
- Approximately \$440m benefit to the Hunter Valley;
- Net benefit of \$15bn to NSW economy; &
- Approximately \$290m in Royalties to NSW Government.



We are not a "multi-national" company. Our assets are our staff and their families and it is imperative that we do what we can to provide job security in these volatile economic times.

I recommend the application be approved and in fact I plead with you to accept that this proposal is fair and balanced and meets the right criteria for approval.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Passegrain', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Patrick Cassegrain
Managing Director
Expressway Spares Pty Ltd.