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Dear Ms Hawkeswood

Syerston Mine Modification 5 (DA 374-11-00 Mod 5)

I refer to the project application and accompanying information provided for the proposed Syerston Project Modification 5 received by the Environment Protection Authority ("EPA") on 19 October 2017.

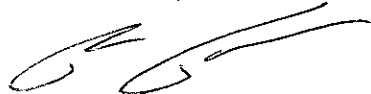
The EPA notes that Modification 5 proposes to alter the scope and timing of the hazard study requirements in Condition 52 and Condition 53, Schedule 3 of Development Consent DA 374-11-00.

The EPA is satisfied that the modifications being proposed to Condition 52 and 53 have no implications for licencing requirements under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*. Therefore, the EPA has no comment on the proposed modification.

The EPA also notes that the project is proposing to commence construction in early 2018. The proponent will require an Environment Protection Licence ("EPL") under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* to commence construction activities and to operate. The proponent will need to make a separate application to the EPA to obtain this licence once the modified project approval is granted to permit the commencement of Scheduled Development (Construction) Works and Scheduled Activities.

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss this matter further please contact Helen Smith at the EPA's Central West – Dubbo office by telephoning 02 6883 5374 or by email at central.west@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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