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Dear Rose-Anne

**Sunrise Nickel/Cobalt/Scandium Mine Modification 4
Review of Environmental Assessment**

I refer to your email dated 28 November 2017 inviting the Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division) to provide comments on the Sunrise Nickel/Cobalt/Scandium Mine Modification 4 (the Project) review of Environmental Assessment (EA) submitted by Clean Teq Holdings Ltd (the Proponent).

That Division advises the Department of Planning and Environment – Resource Assessment (DPE) that the Division's environmental assessment requirements for target resource and rehabilitation have been adequately addressed in the EA for the Project.

The Division has determined that sustainable rehabilitation outcomes can be achieved as a result of the Project and that any identified risks or opportunities can be effectively regulated through the conditions of mining authorities issued under the *Mining Act 1992*.

The Division requests that DPE notify the proponent of the following general terms of approval associated with the granting of a mining lease pursuant to the *Mining Act 1992*.

- Any disturbance resulting from the activities carried out under the mining lease will need to be rehabilitated to the satisfaction of the Minister.
- The lease holder must apply to the Minister for approval of a Mining Operations Plan (MOP) prepared in accordance with the relevant Division of Resources and Geoscience guidelines. An approved MOP must be in place prior to commencement of any significant surface disturbing activities, including mining operations, mining purposes and prospecting. The MOP must identify the post mining land use and set out a detailed rehabilitation strategy.
- The lease holder will be required to prepare an Annual Rehabilitation Report to the satisfaction of the Minister. The report must be prepared in accordance with the relevant Division of Resources and Geoscience guidelines and must provide a detailed review of the progress of rehabilitation against the performance measures and criteria established in the approved MOP.

- The lease holder will be required to provide and maintain a security deposit to secure funding for the fulfilment of obligations of all and any kind under the mining lease, including obligations of any kind under the mining lease that may arise in the future.

The Division notes that drill and blast methods (which are permitted under current consent within the Limestone quarry) are proposed for the Sunrise Nickel/Cobalt/Scandium Mine, should mobile equipment be ineffective.

The Division has no issues or resource sterilisation concerns in relation to the proposed modifications. However, should biodiversity offsets be considered for this project, GSNSW requests consultation to ensure there are no potential sterilisation impacts to resources.

The Division requests a review of the draft development consent conditions prior to finalisation and any granting of development consent.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact:

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Yours sincerely



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