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**RE: Mount Pleasant Coal Mine Modification 3  
Submission of Support**

To Whom It May Concern,

With reference to the proposed modification to MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd (MACH Energy) Mount Pleasant Coal Mine, including:

- Extension of the life of the open cut mine by 6 years (to 2026);
- Increase in workforce numbers;
- Extension of existing overburden and waste rock emplacement areas; and
- Associated amendments to approved final landform design.

We confirm that Hardy Bros Mining & Civil Construction Pty Ltd (Hardy Bros) is fully in support of the Mine Optimisation Modification in order to allow continuity of operations and employment to continue, and as such we request that the Mine Optimisation Modification is approved.

We know how positive the Mount Pleasant Coal Mine has been since 2016 for the local Muswellbrook region, from an investment and local employment point of view, and as such the Mine Optimisation Modification approval will allow the continued investment and local employment opportunities to continue into the future.

Similar to many other local businesses, Hardy Bros is positively affected by the Mount Pleasant Coal Mine Operations now and will be into the future. Hardy Bros is a civil earthworks and mining construction company, currently executing the site wide bulk earthworks contract works for MACH Energy, and as such the Mine Optimisation Modification approval will allow continued contract work opportunities for Hardy Bros or similar construction and mining companies in the local Muswellbrook region.

It is also noted that Hardy Bros currently employs 120 employees of whom 80 are currently working at MACH Energy's Mount Pleasant Coal Mine, half of which are local Muswellbrook residences, as such it is seen from the above that the Mine Optimisation Modification approval will certainly allow MACH Energy to continue to invest in the local Muswellbrook community.

Since 2012 (end of the Mining Boom) the mining industry has struggled, as such for MACH Energy to be investing in the Australian economy is a very pleasing outcome to enable capital expenditure to be injected back into the local Muswellbrook region as well as job opportunities for the local Muswellbrook community.



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Based on the above we highlight again, that MACH Energy's Mine Optimisation Modification approval will allow continued contract work opportunities for Hardy Bros or similar construction and mining companies in the local Muswellbrook region, and allow ongoing job opportunities for the local Muswellbrook region.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned should you need further information or would like to discuss the above further.

Yours sincerely,

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