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Dear Peter

Mount Pleasant Development

This submission supports the application for the Mount Pleasant Coal Mine Modification 3. Thiess is proud to be partnering with MACH Energy to deliver contract mining services on the Mount Pleasant project, located in the Hunter Valley.

Thiess has been operating in the Hunter Valley since 1995, adopting industry best practice mining operations with uncompromising environmental and safety standards. Thiess has developed industry-leading, specialised mining techniques, leading to higher resource recovery, increasing plant efficiency, and achieving optimal material movement for the mine.

Our operations are carried out while maintaining a strong focus on environmental management, particularly in the areas of dust and noise management and mine rehabilitation, while working with the community to ensure all stakeholder expectations are met.

As an example, Thiess' operation at the Mt Owen Mine in New South Wales where our contract operations are now in their 22nd year, requires best practice management of environmental impacts during the mining process, and a holistic life-of-mine native vegetation rehabilitation program which exceeds industry standards. Thiess works closely with the client, Glencore, to develop and implement leading environmental management practices and a rehabilitation program which is, today, recognised as an industry benchmark for rehabilitation. To date, more than 450 hectares of mined land has been rehabilitated to a standard that supports a mix of native forest, open woodland and pasture.

Through the Mount Pleasant Operation, MACH Energy and Thiess will create and deliver significant long-term social and community benefits through local employment and training, local procurement and community engagement opportunities. This underpins stronger community relationships and delivers a more cost-effective and sustainable workforce.

Additionally, the Operation will draw on local business for the provision of goods and services to support the mine, resulting in significant positive economic impacts on local communities.

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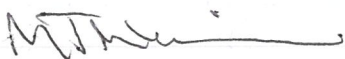
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The approval of the Mount Pleasant Coal Mine Modification 3 will see the Mount Pleasant mine set a new benchmark for industry leading, open cut coal mining efficiency and world class environmental management.

Thiess is in full support of the application and looks forward to contributing to the long-term success of the Mount Pleasant Operation.

Your sincerely



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