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**GODOLPHIN AUSTRALIA – SUBMISSION MOUNT PLEASANT
MODIFICATION 4 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT.**

Dear Ms McNally,

Godolphin Australia Pty Ltd objects to Mount Pleasant Modification 4 Environmental Assessment (EA). Mount Pleasant Modification 4 is an integral component of Mount Pleasant's Modification 3, which Godolphin objected to in July 2017.

Neither are minor modifications, nor are they modifications that just affect two mining companies. The Mount Pleasant Modification 4 EA is complex and runs to hundreds of pages of technical and important detail that should be subjected to rigorous assessment to do the matter justice.

Mount Pleasant Modifications 3 and 4 will affect significant agricultural industries, the Equine Critical Industry Cluster, the health, wellbeing and welfare of people living in close proximity to this proposed mine, our environment (particularly air quality) and the future of rural communities. This fact should have been respected and recognised with a more reasonable exhibition period not rushed through during 2 weeks of the summer holiday period.

We reserve the right to make further supplementary submissions.

Godolphin

Godolphin is HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's global breeding business which operates in six countries around the world, including Australia's Hunter Valley, Newmarket in the UK, County Kildare in Ireland, Kentucky USA and Hokkaido, Japan. HH Sheikh Mohammed is ruler of Dubai and Vice President of the United Arab Emirates.

Godolphin established its commercial breeding operation in the Hunter Valley in 2001 (trading under the Darley Australia name) in recognition of Australia's growing force in international thoroughbred breeding and racing.

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In 2003 we purchased the 1,700 acre Kelvinside Stud in Aberdeen in the Hunter Valley. The property has since been developed into a world-class facility with capacity to stand 17 stallions, comprehensive mare, racehorse spelling and rehabilitation and yearling facilities and a world class education and training operation.

In 2008 we also purchased Australia's largest integrated breeding and racing operation, Ingham Bloodstock, which included the 6,500 acre Woodlands Stud at Denman. In addition to its Hunter Valley farms Godolphin operates a Victorian breeding operation from its stud Northwood Park, at Seymour Victoria.

Our Kelvinside and Woodlands properties operate as one integrated operation in the Hunter Valley.

Godolphin also owns in excess of 1,000 horses with over 400 horses in training or racing from its two training bases in Western Sydney, and a Victorian training base at Flemington racecourse in Melbourne, Victoria. It is estimated that Godolphin's ownership of elite thoroughbred racehorses amounts to some 10 per cent of all racehorses competing in metropolitan Sydney.

Godolphin employs some 370 people in Australia, including up to 150 in the Hunter Valley across its two stud farms. These include horse handlers, bloodstock experts, gardeners, and others working in corporate functions including administration, finance, human resources, IT, and marketing and sales. Godolphin hosts over 4,000 clients and visitors annually to our stud farms at Kelvinside and Woodlands.

During the Southern Hemisphere breeding season the value of bloodstock under Godolphin's stewardship is in the order of \$275 million, with in excess of \$200 million located in the Hunter Valley.

The Kelvinside property has a rich and continuous pastoral history since the 1800's. It was carved from the Segenhoe Estate in the late 1800's by John King Fleming who named it Kelvinside after a property in Scotland. The Kelvinside homestead was built in 1898, is one of the iconic historic homesteads of the district and is a classic example of Australian colonial architecture, complete with etched glass panels of waratahs, kookaburras and lyrebirds. The building is set on high ground with views of the Hunter and Pages rivers from the upstairs balcony.

Mount Pleasant Modification

The Mount Pleasant mine was given consent in 1999. To this day no mining has taken place on that site.

In our view, there are serious risks and cumulative impacts posed by Mount Pleasant Modifications 3 and 4 to nearby studs, the Hunter's equine critical cluster, the local community and to the environment, heritage and landscape

of the region. Particularly given:

- the proposed Mount Pleasant mine is intended to be located in close proximity the townships of Muswellbrook and Aberdeen (the latter being the gateway to many stud farms and broodmare farms in the Upper Hunter including the Segenhoe Valley) and rural residences than that originally suggested in 1997/98;
- the serious risks and impacts the proposal presents to the Hunter's water systems;
- the air and noise quality currently in the Upper Hunter which for our operations and the health and wellbeing of our people and livestock is unacceptable;
- the visual and reputational impacts presented by the Mount Pleasant mine for our world class operations at Kelvinside and the impact on our integrated operations in the Hunter;
- irreversible risks relating to aboriginal and non-aboriginal cultural heritage, the region's landscape and visual amenity;
- the cumulative impacts the Mount Pleasant modification proposals present, in terms of cumulative mining, environmental, heritage and social impacts;
- the impact on the economic resilience and diversity of the Upper Hunter's economy.

In fairness to the community, landholders and residents of the Upper Hunter, a more appropriate exhibition period should be provided to assess the impacts of this Modification. As noted earlier, this is not a stand alone issue, it is not a minor modification and the implications and impacts for the Upper Hunter are significant and the views of the community should be acknowledged and respected through one transparent process that is supported by a new, full, integrated environmental assessment that is up to date and abides by today's environmental, socio-economic standards, Government guidelines and policies and community attitudes.

Godolphin maintains its objection to the Mount Pleasant mine modifications.

Yours sincerely



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Director