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BY EMAIL

Dear Mr Davies,

HILLGROVE MINES PTY LTD - MODIFICATION 4 TO DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION – DA98/35 – PROPOSED EXTENSION OF LIFE OF MINE

I refer to your email received by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on 2 February 2018 seeking comments on the proposed modification to DA98/35 submitted by Hillgrove Mines Pty Ltd.

The EPA has reviewed the document titled, '*Hillgrove Mines Environmental Assessment – Section 75W Modification to Development Consent 98/35*' dated January 2018. I understand the modification is seeking to extend the continuation of mining operations until 31 December 2023. I note the modification does not propose any other changes to existing mining operations or activities currently approved under the existing consent.

The EPA does not have any issues with the proposed modification, noting that the operation has been in care and maintenance now since December 2015. The EPA would encourage Hillgrove Mines Pty Ltd plans to prepare a project application to encompass its operations beyond 2023, regardless of whether the site remains in care and maintenance or returns to operation. The EPA recommends the proponent ensure a site manager is on site at all times, to ensure existing infrastructure and activities are carried out in a manner that will prevent harm to the environment.

The site is currently regulated by the EPA through an Environment Protection Licence (#921). The EPA does not propose to amend any conditions of the current EPL.

Please contact Rebecca Scrivener on (02) 6773 7000 or by email to armidale@epa.nsw.gov.au to discuss this matter further.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lindsay Fulloon', written over a horizontal line.

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