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Attention: Mr Paul Freeman

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Dear Mr Freeman,

Part 3A Development for Rocky Hill Coal Project, McKinleys Lane and Waukivory Road, Gloucester – EIS – Public Exhibition

I refer to your email dated 23 August 2013 seeking comments from the NSW Rural Fire Service regarding the above development proposal.

The NSW Rural Fire Service has reviewed the submitted environmental impact statement and accompanying documents and provides the following recommended conditions regarding bush fire protection measures for any approval granted to the proposed development:

Evacuation and Emergency Management

The intent of measures is to provide suitable emergency and evacuation arrangements for occupants of the development. To achieve this, the following conditions shall apply:

1. An Emergency /Evacuation Plan is to be prepared consistent with the NSW Rural Fire Service document 'Guidelines for the Preparation of Emergency/Evacuation plan'.
2. A Bushfire Management Plan that details measures to prevent fire igniting and spreading during construction and operation of the development is to be prepared prior to the commencement of construction. The plan is to be implemented over the life of the development and shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - contact person / details for emergency management;
 - schedule and description of works for the establishment and maintenance of a 20 metre asset protection zone around infrastructure buildings;
 - strategy for hazard reduction for undeveloped or rehabilitated areas where vegetation may regenerate across the site;
 - location and access provisions of all fire fighting water supplies;
 - communication strategy for coordinated response to bushfires with the RFS;
 - work involving risk of ignition should not be carried out during total fire bans;
 - availability of fire suppression equipment; and
 - storage of fuels and other flammable materials.

Access

The intent of measures for property access is to provide safe access to/from the public road system for fire fighters providing property protection during a bush fire and for occupants faced with evacuation. To achieve this, the following conditions shall apply:

3. Vehicular access to the mine infrastructure buildings and facilities shall be provided for fire fighting appliances in accordance with the requirements of section 4.1.3(2) of 'Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006'.

Water and Utilities

The intent of measures is to provide adequate services of water for the protection of buildings during and after the passage of a bush fire, and to locate gas and electricity so as not to contribute to the risk of fire to a building. To achieve this, the following conditions shall apply:

4. Water, electricity and gas services are to comply with section 4.1.3 of 'Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006'.

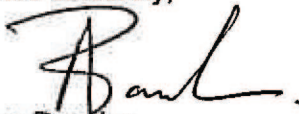
Landscaping

5. Landscaping of the site is to comply with the principles of Appendix 5 of 'Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006'.
6. A Rehabilitation and Landscape Management Plan (incorporating a Biodiversity Management Plan) is to be prepared in relation to revegetation of the site. The plan is to include:
 - an asset protection zone for any dwellings within the revegetation areas or within 100 metres of the boundary of the revegetation areas. Asset protection zone dimensions are to be determined having regard to the assessment methodology outlined in 'Planning for Bushfire Protection Addendum – Appendix 3 (2010)', with the required asset protection zone corresponding to the level of building construction for the respective dwelling (e.g. a dwelling constructed without any bushfire protection measures should have a separation distance (maintained as an asset protection zone) equivalent to BAL LOW);
 - provision for fire fighting access to the biodiversity offset area and any asset protection zones established within the area.

The Rehabilitation and Landscape Management Plan is to be prepared in consultation with the Rural Fire Service Gloucester / Great Lakes District Office.

For any enquiries regarding this correspondence please contact Neil Pengilly on 1300 NSW RFS.

Yours sincerely,



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For information on *Planning for Bush Fire Protection 2006* visit the RFS web page www.rfs.nsw.gov.au