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Mr Sam Haddad  
Director General  
NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure  
23-33 Bridge Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir

**Mandalong Southern Extension Project – Environmental Impact Statement**

I am writing in **support of the Mandalong Southern Extension Project**, as outlined in the Environmental Impact Statement which is currently on public exhibition.

Ampcontrol is a leading Australian manufacturer of electrical and electronic equipment to the mining, infrastructure and utilities sectors.

The mining industry in the Hunter is a major employer and consequently contributes significantly to the regional economy. The Economic Impact of the Mining Sector on NSW during 2012/13, published by the NSW Minerals Council, states that:

- **4,871 businesses in the Hunter are supported by mining.** Ampcontrol is one of these businesses.
- **Total employment estimates relating to mining activity are 12,653 direct jobs and a further 59,084 indirect jobs in the Hunter.** Ampcontrol is considered one of the region's large employers with approximately 500 people employed by the company across the Hunter. Our business relies on mining investment and development to sustain this level of employment locally, which includes a mix of trade and tertiary qualified people involved in engineering and manufacturing functions.
- **Mining companies in the Hunter Region had a direct spend of \$6.3 billion** on goods and services, wages and salaries, local councils and community groups.
- **Mining contributes \$12.9 billion to the regional economy.**

Ampcontrol has had a long association with Centennial Coal Mandalong through the work we have completed at the mine site which includes:

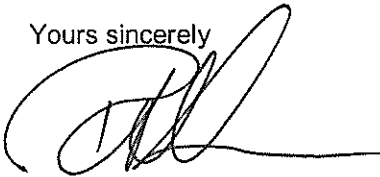
- Longwall Electrical Systems
- Development Electrical Systems
- Conveyor Electrical Systems
- Conveyor Signal Line & Communication Systems
- Gas Monitoring Systems
- Intrinsically Safe Telephone Systems

In addition, management at the Centennial Coal Mandalong site has made the site available to assist with site testing during development of new Ampcontrol products. The mine's proximity to Ampcontrol's Cameron Park research and development facility has assisted Ampcontrol bring new leading edge products and safety solutions to market in the Hunter region and the world in a timely fashion.

It is essential that Centennial Coal Mandalong receive the necessary approvals and support to progress the Southern extension Project to extend the mine's life and enable the ongoing employment for thousands of people directly and indirectly supported by the mine.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0249 619 000 should you wish to discuss this submission.

Yours sincerely

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**Rod Henderson**

Chief Operating Officer  
Australian Operations