



14 September 2012

Mr Sam Haddad
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Dear Mr Haddad

**Determination of the Proposed Modification to the Shoalhaven Starches Expansion Project
(MP06_0228 Mod 2)**

I refer to the Deputy Director General's letter dated 13 September 2012 referring the above modification application to the Planning Assessment Commission for determination under Ministerial delegation.

I noted the key concerns raised by Shoalhaven City Council were the increased visual impact, and compliance with the original project approval in relation to landscaping works. The compliance issue was clarified and additional landscaping works will be included as a condition of approval to minimise visual impact.

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) raised concern about the air assessment, particularly odour. In response to these concerns, the proponent undertook additional odour assessment and the EPA is now satisfied that the proposed modification would not increase odour emissions. Notwithstanding, the EPA requested additional conditions to be included to ensure on-going independent Odour Audits of the site. I noted that the Department agreed and relevant conditions have been recommended. In this regard, I also noted that there are a number of existing conditions to ensure effective management of impacts on air quality including "not cause or permitting emission of offensive odours from the site".

I have carefully considered the submissions from the Council, the EPA and the Department's assessment report and the recommendation. I agree with the Department's conclusion that the proposed modification will have minimal impact beyond the factory site and will improve the operational and energy efficiency of the factory.

I consider the Department's recommendation that the application should be approved subject to the recommended conditions is reasonable. The application is approved with conditions.

The signed instrument of approval and file are returned herewith.

Yours sincerely

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