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Dear Ms Evans

Hunter Valley Operations South - Modification 5 (MP 06 0261)

I refer to your e-mail dated 8 February 2017 seeking advice from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on the proposed modification of the Hunter Valley Operations South coal mine (MP 06 0261 MOD 5). OEH understands that this modification involves:

- increasing the depth of mining in the Riverview and South Lemington Pit 2 open pits
- increasing the mining and extraction rate of Run Of Mine coal from 16 to 20 million tonnes during peak production
- increasing the height of selected overburden emplacement areas
- amending the Statement of Commitments.

OEH has reviewed the Environmental Assessment prepared for this modification and notes that the deeper mining operations are to occur in existing open pits and will not result in any additional area of disturbance. It is therefore unlikely that this modification will have any additional impacts on Aboriginal cultural heritage, flooding or threatened species.

OEH acknowledges that if the modification is approved the date (i.e. March 2013) for the 'Long Term Security of Offset' in Schedule 3, Condition 29A will need to be updated.

If you require any further information regarding this matter please contact Robert Gibson, Regional Biodiversity Conservation Officer, on 4927 3154.

Yours sincerely

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