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**Cadia Valley Operations
Cadia Hill Tailings Modification – Statement of Environmental Effects**

Dear David

I refer to the Department's email dated 29 March 2018 inviting the Resources Regulator to provide comments on the Cadia Hill Tailings Modification (the Project) Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) submitted by Cadia Holdings Pty Ltd (the Pronent).

The proposed Modification includes:

- deposition of Cadia Valley Operations tailings in the completed Cadia Hill open pit (i.e. in-pit deposition) commencing in 2018 and occurring up to a final elevation of 420m Australian Height Datum (AHD), once consolidated (i.e. approximately 30 million tonnes [Mt] tailings);
- associated upgrades to tailings distribution systems and water management infrastructure to facilitate transfer of tailings to the open pit, within the pit and associated decant water return; and
- supporting infrastructure (e.g. extensions to or duplication of on-site electrical distribution, access tracks, tailings and return water pump stations and pipelines) in support of the Modification.

The Resources Regulator has reviewed the SEE in the context of both mine safety and mine rehabilitation and do not have any specific issues to raise on the proposed modification.

Should you have any questions of the Resources Regulator over this matter, please don't hesitate to contact me on 4063 6444.

Yours sincerely



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