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Attention: Ms Elle Donnelley

11 July 2014

Dear Mr Reed

**MODIFICATION TO THE CADIA EAST PROJECT (PA 06_0295 MOD 5)
EPA COMMENT – SURFACE BLASTHOLE PRECONDITIONING PROGRAM**

I refer to an email from Ms Elle Donnelley of the Department of Planning & Environment (DP&E) to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) dated 09 July 2014 seeking comment on any significant issues or otherwise in regards to the proposed modification.

The EPA has reviewed the "Cadia East Surface Blasthole Preconditioning Program, Environmental Assessment" (July 2014) and has not identified any significant issues relevant to the EPA's area of statutory responsibility or interest given that the preconditioning program of the overlying host rock by underground blasting is not expected to result in any non-compliances of the noise and blasting limits stipulated by environment protection licence 5590 (the licence).

Non-compliances, were they to occur, would be regulated against the condition of the licence.

Should you have any further enquiries in relation to this matter please contact Mr Matthew Corradin at the EPA's Central West Office (Bathurst) by telephoning (02) 6332 7603.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darryl Clift', written over a light blue horizontal line.

DARRYL CLIFT
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