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Attention: Elle Donelly (elle.donelly@planning.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Mr Kitto

## Cadia East Gold/Copper project – proposed modification (PA 06\_0295 Mod 6)

I refer to the email of 31 March 2015 inviting a submission from the Department of Trade and Investment, Division of Resources and Energy (DRE) regarding an application from Cadia Holdings Pty Limited (MCO) to modify its approval.

DRE has reviewed the application documentation, *Cadia Valley Operations Processing Rate Modification EA*, dated March 2015 for an increase in ore production from 27 Mtpa to 32 Mtpa. It is understood that the Modification makes no change to the approved disturbance footprint, or the mining methods.

Subject to the approval of development consent for this proposal, DRE requires the Proponent to submit an amendment to the Mining Operations Plan (MOP) consistent with the modified Project Approval. The MOP must be submitted prior to the commencement of surface disturbing activities associated with the new modification.

Progress against the new MOP will be required to be reported in the Annual Environmental Management Report.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Steve Cozens, Senior Project Officer, Industry Coordination on 9842 8573.

Yours sincerely

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