

Mr Kane Winwood
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Re: Application 07_0018, Broken Hill Operations Pty Ltd (BHOP)

Dear Mr Winwood,

I am writing in relation to the above application currently under consideration by your Department. It is understood that Broken Hill Operations Pty Ltd proposes to:

- Establish an underground mine at the Rasp Mine to extract 8.45 million tonnes of lead-zinc-silver ore;
- Process 750,000 tonnes of ore per year at the surface for up to 12 years;
- Construct and extend associated infrastructure, plant, equipment and activities; and
- Transport concentrate by rail to a smelter and/or port.

I am the Managing Director of Macquarie Drilling Pty Ltd. Our company provides exploration and production drilling services to a range of clients throughout Australia. Broken Hill is a key location for our business, representing a thriving and reinvigorated mining centre. Broken Hill Operations Pty Ltd is a key client for our Broken Hill business.

Between November 2009 and June 2010, Macquarie Drilling completed a drilling programme for BHOP at the Rasp Mine. During this period our staff worked closely with BHOP personnel. I am pleased to advise you that the integrity and level of consideration for safety, community and environmental impact of the personnel at BHOP is of the highest standard. Minimising impacts on the community and conducting operations in a safe and responsible manner were key considerations.

I wish to formally advise you of my support for the application. I estimate that approval of the application would provide a minimum of six additional full time jobs in our Broken Hill operation through contracts to provide surface and underground drilling at the Rasp

Mine. In my opinion, this project is vital to the continued resurgence of mining and exploration in Broken Hill.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information or if you or your colleagues would like to visit our operation in Broken Hill. I can be contacted on 0411 888 086 or michael.petrozzi@macdrill.com.au. Thank you for considering this submission.

Yours faithfully,



Dr Michael Petrozzi
Managing Director