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Dear Mr Reed

**Rasp Mine Project
Environmental Assessment (07_0018)**

I refer to your letter dated 29 June 2010 seeking comments from Industry and Investment NSW (I&I NSW) on the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Rasp Mine Project, by Broken Hill Operations Pty Ltd.

Following the review of the EA, I&I NSW - Mineral Resources (MR) provides the following comments:

The EA generally addresses the Director General's Requirements for final land use and rehabilitation commitments. The EA also satisfactorily addresses the requirement for identification and discussion of opportunities to improve rehabilitation and environmental outcomes for existing disturbed areas within the project site.

The EA has broadly identified the post mining land use and landform and discusses closure criteria. While the general foundation of rehabilitation planning has been developed in the EA, I&I NSW - MR will require further detail to be provided in the Rehabilitation Environmental Management Plan (REMP).

I&I NSW - MR is satisfied that the proponent has presented a detailed assessment for the key environmental risks at the site.

RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

I&I NSW - MR recommends the following condition be incorporated into any planning approval that may be granted:

Rehabilitation Environmental Management Plan

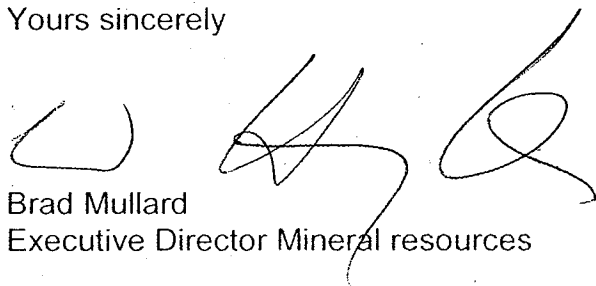
1. The proponent must prepare and implement a Rehabilitation Environmental Management Plan (REMP) to the satisfaction of the Director General of I&I NSW. The REMP must:

- a) Be prepared in accordance with I&I NSW guidelines and in consultation with relevant agencies and stakeholders;
- b) be submitted and approved by the Director General of I&I NSW prior to the commencement of the activity; and
- c) address all aspects of rehabilitation and mine closure, including final land use assessment and evaluation, rehabilitation objectives, domain objectives, completion criteria and rehabilitation monitoring.

For consistency, any planning approval for this proposal should not include the requirement for the preparation of separate plans such as Mine Closure Plans, Landscape Management Plans and Rehabilitation Management Plans but rather be replaced by a single plan called the Rehabilitation Environmental Management Plan (REMP).

I&I NSW – MR supports the proposed Rasp Mine Project as an appropriate utilisation of the State's mineral resources

Yours sincerely


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