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The Manager
Mining Projects
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
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Attention: Ms Elle Donnelly

Dear Ms Donnelly

**PA07_0018 MOD 2: Exhibition of Environmental Assessment;
Rasp Silver, Lead, Zinc Mine Modification**

Thank you for your email on 6 February 2014 referring a modification to PA07_0018 to Roads and Maritime Services.

It is noted that the modification includes:

- Increasing the operating hours of the primary crusher to 24 hours per day, 7 days a week;
- Transportation of up to 60 000 tonnes per annum of crushed ore via road for off-site processing. The location of the off-site processing facility is not known at this time.

For safety reasons, Roads and Maritime's preference is that all mineral/ore transportation from the site is to be by rail. Roads and Maritime has previously agreed to material being transported by road prior to construction of an on-site processing facility being completed. Now that this facility has been completed, the current approval (PA07_0018) requires all material to be transported from the site by rail.

The submitted documentation does not demonstrate why weathered material is unable to be processed at the on-site facility. Further, the unknown location of the proposed off-site processing facility makes it impossible for Roads and Maritime to assess the traffic and safety impacts of the modification and consider a departure from the above-mentioned position.

Roads and Maritime must therefore, at this time, object to the proposed modification. So that Roads and Maritime may reconsider its objection to the modification application, please provide Roads and Maritime with additional information as follows:

- Amended documentation stating that all transportation of minerals (including weathered materials) from the mine site will be by rail; or

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- An explanation as to why weathered material cannot be processed on-site at the existing or an upgraded processing facility;
- An explanation as to why unprocessed materials cannot be transported from the site by rail;
- Details of the proposed off-site processing facility including the location and, should transportation to this site(s) still be proposed by road, an assessment of the impacts of road transportation including a road safety audit and transportation route constraints.

Please confirm with Roads and Maritime that the modification application will not be determined until such time as Roads and Maritime has had an opportunity to comprehensively assess the development application following provision of the additional information.

Roads and Maritime wishes to advise that Joe Sulicich, Senior Network and Safety Officer based at Broken Hill, has declared an interest in this application. Mr Sulicich has advised he is related to a senior officer at the mine and therefore has not taken, and will not be taking, any part in the assessment of this modification application.

Should you require further information please contact Andrew McIntyre on (02) 6861 1453.

Yours faithfully



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