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Your Reference: MP 07\_0020  
Our Reference: OUT17/33304

Dear Ms Seed,

**Re: Blakebrook Quarry – Modification 1 (MP 07\_0020)**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Environmental Assessment for the Modification Application submitted by Lismore City Council (the proponent, trading as Northern Rivers Quarry and Asphalt) for the Blakebrook Quarry (MP 07\_0020). This is a response from NSW Department of Planning & Environment – Division of Resources & Geoscience, Geological Survey of New South Wales (GSNSW).

The proponent is seeking to expand the mine operation area at the Blakebrook Quarry to permit extraction of up to 10,000 tonnes of the basalt cap rock in the South Pit, to a maximum depth of ten (10) metres. The resources extracted will be used for local road maintenance and significant construction projects in the North Coast region including the Coffs Harbour Breakwall Project.

GSNSW notes that the project area is currently subject to an Order issued by the Department of Planning & Environment (DPE) due to a breach of approved conditions (ie. submission of a detailed groundwater assessment) in relation to MP 07\_0020.

**General Information**

The building and construction industries in NSW require ongoing replacement of supplies as sources are exhausted. The expansion of existing quarries, subject to environmental assessment, helps to ensure a continued supply of material for a range of building and construction uses in NSW. The resource in the subject area represents a regionally significant source of basalt for the Lismore region.

DRG collects data on the quantity of construction materials produced annually throughout the State. Forms are sent to all operating quarries at the end of each financial year for this purpose. The statistical data collected is of great value to Government and industry in planning and resource management, particularly as a basis for analysing trends in production and for estimating future demand for particular commodities or particular regions.

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GSNSW notes that under Condition 44 (a) of the current project consent (MP 07\_00200), the proponent is required to provide annual production data to the Department using the standard form for that purpose.

GSNSW has no concerns regarding the proposal, however in order to assist in the collection of construction material production data, the proponent should be required to provide annual production data for the subject site to DRG as a condition of any new or amended development consent. Should biodiversity offsets be considered for the project GSNSW requests consultation to ensure that there are no potential sterilisation impacts to resources.

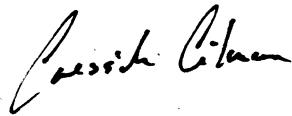
### **Geoscience Information Services**

The GSNSW has a range of online data related to mineral exploration, land use and general geoscience topics: <http://www.resources.nsw.gov.au/geological/online-services>

The location of current exploration and mining titles in NSW, explanations of mining and production titles and the roles of community and government in the decision making process for mining/resource projects may be accessed by the general public using the following online utilities: <http://www.commonground.nsw.gov.au/#/>

Queries regarding the above information, and future requests for advice in relation to this matter, should be directed to the Division of Resources & Geoscience - Land Use team at [landuse.minerals@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.minerals@industry.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cressida Gilmore', written in a cursive style.

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