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Dear Megan

Integra Underground Coal Mine – Modification 8 (MP 08_0101 MOD8) Environmental Assessment Review

I refer to your email dated 6 December 2017 inviting the Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division) to provide comments on the Integra Underground Coal Mine – Modification 8 (the Project) Environmental Assessment (EA) submitted by HV Coking Coal Pty Ltd (the Proponent).

The Division has reviewed the EA and has assessed the project with regard to economic benefits, resource recovery and utilisation (Addendum A) and provides the following advice:

The Division has determined that sustainable rehabilitation outcomes can be achieved as a result of the project and that any identified risks or opportunities can be effectively regulated through the conditions of mining authorities issued under the Mining Act 1992.

The Division recommends a comprehensive review of the Underground Subsidence Assessment and Geotechnical assessment of Mount Owen highwall for Proposed Mining of Integra Underground Mine Longwall Panels is completed by the Resources Regulator – Subsidence Engineering Unit to determine whether the proposed mitigating measures and controls as proposed by the modification are appropriate.

The Division has reviewed the existing development consent conditions for Project Approval 08-0101 – Modification 7 with regard to rehabilitation and deem them to be adequate for the proposed Modification 8.

The Division notes that this modification will be overlain by the Mt Owen and Ravensworth East Open Cut mining operations. While the Division has no specific issues to raise, every effort should be made to ensure that the measures put in place to moderate associated interactions do not unnecessarily sterilise coal resources in the area.

The Division of Resources and Geoscience requests a review of the draft development consent conditions prior to finalisation and any granting of development consent.

Further enquiries regarding this matter please contact: Adam Banister, Senior Advisory Officer (02) 4931 6439 or industry.coordination@industry.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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