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**Draft Notice of Modifications – Proposed Modifications to
Rix's Creek Open Cut Mine (DA 49/94 Mod 9) and Rix's Creek North (DA 08_0102 Mod 7)**

I refer to your email to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), dated 24 August 2017, providing the draft notice of modifications for the Rix's Creek Open Cut Mod 9 and the Rix's Creek North Mod 7. Also provided with your email was the proponents Response to Submissions (RTS) report.

The matters previously raised by the EPA in our letter of 20 July 2017 related to confirmation of the specific locations of the exploration drilling. Specifically, if these works were within the current licence boundary defined under Environment Protection Licence No. 3391 for the Rix's Creek Coal Mine.

As confirmed in the RTS report the proposed exploration works will occur wholly within the existing licence boundary for Rix's Creek Coal Mine, and as such the RTS report sufficiently addresses our previous comments on the modifications.

The draft notices of modification do not include any conditions or requirements that the EPA wishes to make submission on. If approved, the modifications are not expected to result in any significant increase in environmental impact from the operations, and there does not appear to be any licencing matters to be addressed through these modifications.

If you require any further information regarding this matter please contact me on 4908 6819 or by email to hunter.region@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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