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Dear Mr Sprott

**Mt Arthur Open Cut Mine Modification (09_0062 Mod 1)
Environmental Assessment Review**

I refer to your email of 24 April 2013 regarding the Hunter Valley Energy Coal Pty Ltd application to modify the consent for the Mt Arthur Coal Mine for the expansion of the open cut mining and duplication of the existing rail loop. NSW Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services, Division of Resources & Energy (DRE) has reviewed the *Mt Arthur Coal Open Cut Modification Environmental Assessment* (EA) and has no objections to the proposal.

DRE recommends that the following conditions be incorporated into the planning approval, if granted:

Rehabilitation Plan

1. The Proponent must prepare and implement a Rehabilitation Plan to the satisfaction of the Director General of Department of Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services. The Rehabilitation Plan must:
 - a. be prepared in accordance with DRE guidelines and in consultation with relevant agencies and stakeholders;
 - b. be submitted and approved by the Director General of Department of Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services prior to the commencement of construction;
 - c. address all aspects of rehabilitation and mine closure, including final landuse assessment, rehabilitation objectives, domain objectives, completion criteria and rehabilitation monitoring.

The Proponent should liaise with DRE in developing the above documents for the proposed modification.

Should you have any enquires regarding this matter please contact Julie Moloney, Principal Adviser, Industry Coordination on (02) 4931 6549.

Yours sincerely

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Adrian Delany
Acting Director, Industry Coordination

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