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Dear Ms Donnelley

**Ravensworth Operations Project
Narama West (PA 09_0176 Mod 1)
Environmental Assessment Review**

I refer to your email of 26 March 2013 regarding the Xstrata Coal Pty Limited application to modify its consent for the Ravensworth Operations Project, Narama West under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

NSW Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services, Division of Resources & Energy (DRE) has reviewed the *Narama West Modification Environmental Assessment* (EA) dated April 2013 and provides the following comments which are directed at specific areas of DRE responsibility for this proposal.

MINING TITLE

Under the *Mining Act 1992*, the proponent is required to hold appropriate mining titles from DRE in order to mine this mineral. DRE understand that the proposed modification is within existing mining titles held by the Proponent.

Under the *Mining Act 1992*, mining and rehabilitation are regulated by conditions included in the mining lease, including requirements for the submission of a Mining Operations Plan (MOP) prior to the commencement of operations, and subsequent Annual Environmental Management Reports (AEMR).

DRE has no objections to this proposed Modification to recovery of approximately 2.7 million tonnes of ROM coal by open cut mining methods over a period of two years.

If approved, the proponent should submit a revised MOP to incorporate this modification.

REHABILITATION PLAN

DRE recommends that the following condition be incorporated into any planning approval:

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 including Forests NSW;
- 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, landscape, final void management, rehabilitation objectives, domain objectives, completion criteria and rehabilitation monitoring.

DRE is available to meet with the Proponent to assist in developing the above documents for their operation.

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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