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Attention: Ms Caitlin Elliot

Dear Ms Elliot

RAVENSWORTH OPERATIONS – MODIFICATION 2

Reference is made to your email to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), dated 14 October 2014, seeking comments on the Ravensworth Operations Project – Modification 2 (09_0176 MOD 2), which is applied for by Ravensworth Operations Pty Limited under section 75W of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

The modification involves changes to the final landform to incorporate micro-relief to achieve a more natural landform.

The EPA has reviewed the modification as detailed in the report titled '*FINAL LANDFORM MODIFICATION Environmental Assessment*' October 2014, (the EA) and provides the following comments.

As described in the EA, due to the minor nature of the modification no environmental aspects provided a critical or high risk. Air quality and acoustic impacts were determined to be of moderate risk with all remaining environmental and socio-economic issues deemed to be low risk. The EA also notes that no increase above the approved production levels, life of mining or areas of disturbance is sought as part of the modification.

The EPA has no objection to the project proceeding as described in the EA. The EPA is satisfied that the current conditions on Environment Protection Licence 2652 can accommodate the modification.

Please contact Kurt Sorensen on (02) 4908 6827 if you require any further information regarding this matter.



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