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Dargues Reef Gold Mine – MOD 4: Review of Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE)

Dear Mandana,

I refer to the Department of Planning and Environment – Resources Assessments (DPE – Resources & Assessment) email dated 4 December 2018 inviting the Resources Regulator to provide advice regarding the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) for Project **Dargues Reef Gold Mine MOD 4**.

Development Details

The Dargues Gold Mine is an underground mine located at Majors Creek, approximately 13 kilometres south of Braidwood, NSW. The Dargues Reef Gold Mine MOD 4 proposes the following modifications:

- Relocation of the approved heavy vehicle crossing of Spring Creek approximately 400m upstream.
- Reinstatement of the previously approved road that from the Site Access Road to the Tailings Storage Facility.
- An update to the Project's approval conditions (Appendix 1 Schedule of Land) to reflect the purchase of Lot 210, DP 755934 by Dargues Gold Mine Pty Ltd from B & C James (see Section 2.4).

Environment and Rehabilitation

The Compliance Operations unit within the Resources Regulator has responsibility for providing strategic advice for environmental issues pertaining to the proposed project in so far as they relate to or affect rehabilitation.

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

The Mining Operations Plan for Dargues Gold Mine will need to be updated to incorporate changes associated with MOD 4 should it be approved.

For enquiries regarding this matter please contact Inspector Chris Hammersley on (02) 4276 7425 or <u>minres.environment@planning.nsw.gov.au</u>

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of Matthew Newton Director Compliance Operations Resources Regulator NSW Department of Planning and Environment

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