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Hera Gold MOD 5: Adequacy of the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE)

Dear Ms Duncan,

I refer to the Department of Planning and Environment – Resources Assessments (DPE – Resources & Assessment) email dated 18/03/2019 inviting the Resources Regulator to provide advice regarding the adequacy of the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) for Project Hera Gold MOD 5.

Development Details

The Hera Gold Mine is an underground gold mine located approximately 86 kilometres SE from Cobar, NSW. The Hera Gold MOD 5 proposes to:

- Increasing transportation rate of concentrate from 50 000t per calendar year to 60 000t per calendar year;
- Changes to the water management storage, including installation of a Water Management Dam, receipt water from dewatering of the Nymagee Copper Mine; and
- Increasing the approved maximum elevation of the Southern Waste Rock Emplacement from 10 m to 15 m above ground level, or approximately 350m AHD.

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.

That Resources Regulator advises the Department of Planning and Environment – Resources Assessments that rehabilitation have been adequately addressed in the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) for **Project Hera Gold MOD 5**, submitted to the Department on the 18 March 2019.

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

The Resources Regulator requests a review of the draft development consent conditions prior to finalisation and any granting of development consent.

For enquiries regarding this matter please contact me on 6360 9526 or minres.environment@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Buchan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Buchan
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On behalf of
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