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Dear Mandana

Re: Hera Gold Project – Modification 5 – Review of Statement of Environmental Effects Dev Ref: SSD 4384 MOD5

I refer to your email dated 18 March 2019 inviting the Division of Resources & Geoscience (the Division) to provide comments on the *Hera Gold Project – Modification 5* (the Project) review of Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE).

The relevant units internal to the Division have been consulted where required in generating this advice. Further, the Department of Planning and Environment - Planning Services Division and the Proponent should be aware that matters pertaining to rehabilitation, final landform, mine operator and safety are not currently assessed by the Division and advice should be sought from the Resources Regulator.

The Division has reviewed the information supplied in relation to the abovementioned Project and acknowledges that there are no proposed changes to the approved mining areas, ore processing rate, mine life or mining methods. There is also no change to the Hera Gold Mine ore resource/reserve.

Accordingly, the Division has no resource recovery/utilisation or resource sterilisation issues in relation to the Project, and no recommended conditions of consent.

The Division has determined that identified risks or opportunities can be effectively regulated through the conditions of mining authorities issued under the *Mining Act 1992* therefore has no further comments at this time.

Other Advice

Please note Exploration License Application 5733 (Act 1992) (ELA 5733), held by Network Designers Australia Pty Ltd, exists over a broad regional area that includes a portion of the Chelsea Biodiversity Offset area. Identification of the title is to make the consent authority aware that there are other stakeholders with interests in the region.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. W. Banister', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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