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### **EPA Advice on Modification Report**

Dear Mr Nevill

Thank you for the request for advice from Public Authority Consultation (PAE-10264830), requesting the review by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) of the Modification Report (MR) for the proposed modification to the Cowal Gold Mine (DA 14/98) Modification 16 – Surface changes to support Cowal Gold Operations Underground Development (SSD 10367) at Lake Cowal 38 kilometres north east of West Wyalong.

The EPA has reviewed the following document and its Appendices:

- Cowal Gold Operations, Modification 16, Modification Report – EMM Consulting – October 2020.

The EPA understands the proposal is for:

- Supporting future proposed underground mining.
- Increased truck movement from underground to the ROM pad.
- Modification to the configuration of the processing plant.
- Transport of waste rock from underground to the existing waste rock emplacements.
- Increasing the height of the tailing's facility by 1 metre.
- Extending the life of the mine.

Based on the information provided, the proposal does not change existing activities at the mine and if the modified consent is granted, no variations will be required to any conditions of Environment Protection Licence No 11912 held by the applicant for activities at the mine.

If you have any further enquiries about this matter please contact Jason Price by telephoning 02 6969 0700 or via email at [riverina.farwest@epa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:riverina.farwest@epa.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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