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Dear Anthony

Subject: Hills of Gold Wind Farm (SSD 9679) – Advice on EIS

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on the above matter. This is a response from the NSW Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG).

MEG has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement for Hills of Gold Wind Farm and makes the following comments:

- On page 74, the proponent states a search of MinView was undertaken in July 2020. The search indicated an intersect with the exploration licence EL8692, held by PTR Resources Pty Ltd, located on the northern portion of the project area. Additionally, a new Exploration Licence Application (ELA6057) was submitted on August 12, 2020 by Sentinel Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd. MEG requests that the proponent contact PTR Resources Pty Ltd and Sentinel Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd to determine their levels of interest.
- The proponent states retirement of ecosystem and species credits are required to offset the residual impacts of the project. We request to be consulted in relation to the proposed location of any biodiversity offset areas (both on and off site) or any supplementary biodiversity measures to ensure there is no consequent reduction in access to prospective land for mineral exploration, or potential for sterilisation of mineral or extractive resources.

Queries regarding the above information should be directed to the GSNSW - Land Use team at landuse.minerals@geoscience.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

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