

Brittany Golding  
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Via: Major Project Portal

Dear Ms Golding

**Re. Ginko Mine MOD 14 (DA251-09-01-Mod-14)**

I refer to your request of 27 November 2020 for advice regarding the Ginko Mine extension (MOD 14). The Resources Regulator has reviewed the request.

**Assessment**

Based on the review of the modification report and supporting documents, the Resources Regulator advises that it has not identified any specific concerns regarding mine safety or mine rehabilitation matters in relation to the proposal.

The Regulator reminds the proponent of the need for an updated Mining Operations Plan if the modification is approved.

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

**Limitations**

It should be noted that the Resources Regulator does not provide any endorsement of the proposed rehabilitation methodologies presented in the proposal. Under the conditions of a mining authority granted under the *Mining Act 1992*, the Resources Regulator requires an authority holder to adopt a risk-based approach to achieving the required rehabilitation outcomes.

The applicability of the controls to achieve effective and sustainable rehabilitation is to be determined based on site-specific risk assessments conducted by the authority holder. An authority holder may also be directed by the Resources Regulator to implement further risk control measures required to achieve effective rehabilitation outcomes during the life of the mine.

**Regulatory requirements if approved**

The proponent will be required to submit a revised Mining Operations Plan for approval by the Resources Regulator prior to the commencement of the works associated with the proposed modification.

The Resources Regulator may undertake assessments of the mine operators' proposed mining activities under the *Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Act 2013* and Regulation as well as other WHS regulatory obligations.

**Background**

The Mining Act Inspectorate within the Resources Regulator has responsibility for providing strategic advice on environmental issues as they relate to or affect mine rehabilitation.

The Mine Safety Inspectorate within the Resources Regulator is responsible for ensuring the mine operators' compliance with the Work Health and Safety (WHS) legislation, in particular the effective management of risks associated with the principal hazards as specified in the *Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2014*.

**Contact**

Should you require any further information or clarification, please contact the Office of the Executive Director ([ED.ResourcesRegulator@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ED.ResourcesRegulator@planning.nsw.gov.au))

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alex Tutt-Branco', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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