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Attention: Mr Jarrod Blane

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EPA Advice on Modification Report – SSD-5144 – Mandalong Mine Extension (Mod 10)

Dear Mr Blane

Thank you for the request for advice from Public Authority Consultation (PAE-30260965), requesting the review by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) review the *Mandalong Mine – Modification Report for Modification to Development Consent SSD-5144* – EMM Consulting – 7 October 2021 (MR) for the proposed Mandalong Mine Extension Project (Application SSD 5144) at Kerry Anderson Drive, Gladwells Road and Rutleys Road, Mandalong, Wyee and Dora Creek.

The EPA understands the proposal is for the addition of longwall 34 (LW34) within the Mandalong Southern Extension Area. There are no proposed changes to the surface footprint of the mining operations.

Since the approval of SSD-5144 Modification 9 in April 2021, the proponent has reviewed the progression of underground mining within the Mandalong Southern Extension Area and identified that longwall 30 (LW30) is to be shorted and longwall 33 (LW33) is to be removed from the mine plan. The shortening of LW30 and the removal of LW33 is estimated to result in the loss of 2 Mt of coal extraction. The proposed LW34 would result in the extraction of 1.3 Mt from this additional longwall. There is no proposed change to the approved life of mining operations or increase to the approved extraction rate of 6.5 Mtpa.

Mandalong Mine is subject to Environment Protection Licence No. 365 (EPL) issued under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act) which authorises mining for coal and the carrying out of coal works under clause 28 and clause 10 of Schedule 1 of the POEO Act. If approved, no changes to the EPL would be required as a result of the proposal.

Based on the information provided, the EPA has no objection to the proposed modification of the development consent as outlined and assessed. The impacts of the modification can be managed by the current EPL and consent conditions with respect to noise, air and water quality impacts.

If you have any queries about this matter, please contact Emily Rindfleish on 4908 6852.

Yours sincerely

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