

MINING, EXPLORATION & GEOSCIENCE ADVICE RESPONSE

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Dear Phillip

Project: Dubbo Project – Modification 1
Stage: Advice on Modification Report
Development Application: SSD-5251-Mod-1

I refer to your correspondence dated 24 March 2022 inviting the Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG) to provide comments on the Dubbo Project – Modification 1 (the Modification) submitted by Australian Strategic Materials (Holdings) Limited (the Proponent).

MEG notes that the proposed Modification is required to:

- permit additional processing and value adding activities to ensure the efficient production of metal oxide and raw feed products required to support the Applicant's integrated critical metals business
- maximise water recovery and minimise potential water supply constraints identified in the original development application for the Project
- optimise the Project Site layout to ensure efficient construction, processing, transportation and rehabilitation operations over the life of the Project
- accommodate critical Project deadlines and a revised Project schedule, including a two to three year construction and site establishment period and a 20 year mining period.

MEG has reviewed the Modification report and raises no issues at this time.

For further advice on this matter, please contact the Industry Advisory & Mining Concierge unit - Industry Development branch on 02 4063 6860 or mining.concierge@regional.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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