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**Bulga Optimisation Project Modification 3 and Bulga Underground Modification 7  
Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE)**

Dear Joel,

I refer to the email dated 30 September 2019 inviting the Resources Regulator to provide advice regarding the adequacy of the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) for Project Bulga Optimisation Project Modification 3 and Bulga Underground Modification 7.

**Development Details**

Bulga Coal Management Pty Ltd (BCM) is proposing a modification to maximise resource recovery within the approved Bulga Coal Complex (BCC) project area through an extension of the open cut operations to the south east. The Proposed Modification involves the progressive re-disturbance of approximately 200 ha of mine rehabilitation of the in-pit emplacement area and an additional disturbance of 20.2 hectares (ha).

The Proposed Modification will enable the extraction of an additional 63 Mt of coal and will extend the life of the development consent by approximately four years until 2039. The proposal requires modification to both SSD 4960 and the Bulga Underground Operations development consent DA 376-8-2003.

The Proposed Modification will result in the re-location of the void approximately 1 km to the south east of the current approved location.

**Environment and Rehabilitation**

The Mining Act Inspectorate within the Resources Regulator has responsibility for providing strategic advice for environmental issues pertaining to the proposed project in so far as they relate to or affect rehabilitation.

The Resources Regulator advises the Department of Planning and Environment – Resources Assessments that SEARs for rehabilitation have been adequately addressed in

the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) for Bulga Optimisation Project Modification 3 and Bulga Underground Modification 7, dated September 2019.

The Resource Regulator has determined that sustainable rehabilitation outcomes can be achieved as a result of the project and that any identified risks or opportunities can be effectively regulated through the conditions of mining authorities issued under the *Mining Act 1992*.

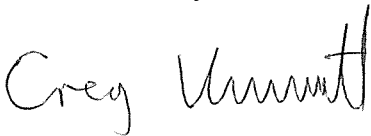
The Resources Regulator requests a review of the draft development consent conditions prior to finalisation and any granting of development consent.

### **Mine Safety**

Mine Safety Operations within the Resource Regulator is responsible for ensuring mine operators manage the risk to worker health and safety through compliance with the *Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Act 2013* and the subordinate mining legislation. In particular the effective management of risk associated with the principal hazards as specified in the *Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2014*.

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Yours sincerely



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