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Dear Matthew Sprott

By email: Submission by Major Project Website

Northern Coal Logistics Project Modification 2 (SSD-5145-Mod-2)

I refer to the email dated 20 July 2020 inviting the Resources Regulator to provide advice regarding the Modification 2 Northern Coal Logistics Project MOD 2 (SSD-5145-Mod-2).

Development Details

The Proposed Modification includes changes in coal handling and blending at the Myuna Colliery and Mandalong Mine Cooranbong Entry Site (CES) as follows:

- Allow up to 1 Mtpa of coal to be transported from Myuna Colliery to CES via truck;
- Blending of coal at the CES site before transfer to Eraring Power Station by conveyor;
- Increase total volume of coal that can be received at the Middlings stockpile at CES from 0.5 Mtpa to 1.5 Mtpa;
- Allow backload of 0.2 Mtpa of Mandalong Mine coal from CES to Myuna Colliery before transfer to Eraring Power Station by conveyor;
- Allow trucks to access CES via Awaba Colliery and private haul road network; and
- Extend project consent boundary to include the existing Awaba Private Haul Road.

The proposed modification is required to allow coal blending to meet coal supply and quality contractual obligations to Eraring Power Station. It is understood this is required due to fluctuating coal quality at Myuna Colliery.

The modification will not result in any increase to the mine disturbance footprints at Myuna Colliery and CES. The increase in total volume of coal to be received at the Middlings Stockpile at CES will not change the current extent of the stockpile area.

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. Based on the review of the modification report, the Mining Act Inspectorate advises the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment that it has no specific comments.

It should be noted that rehabilitation are required to be addressed 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 the site specific risk assessments conducted by an authority holder. An authority holder may also be directed by the Resources Regulator to implement further risk control measures that may be required to achieve effective rehabilitation outcomes.

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

If you require additional information, please contact the Resources Regulator on 1300 814 609 or via email at nswresourcesregulator@service-now.com.

Yours sincerely,

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