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Attention: Joel Herbert

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EPA Advice on Statement of Environmental Effects

Dear Joel

Thank you for the request for advice from Public Authority Consultation (PAE-9978958), requesting the review by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) of the Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) for the proposed modification (MOD 4) for Haerses Road Quarry (Consent Application DA165-7-2005) at Haerses Road, Maroota NSW 2765 (premises).

The EPA has issued Environment Protection Licence No 12513 (EPL) under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (Act) to Dixon Sand Pty Ltd in respect of the premises. The EPL permits the following scheduled activities:

- extractive activities
- crushing, grinding, or separating activities (each permitted up to 500,000T tpa)
- receipt and processing of VENM and ENM (ancillary activity - up to 100,000T tpa combined)

The EPA has reviewed the following document:

- *Haerses Road Quarry Modification 4 Statement of Environmental Effects Final* - Umwelt (Australia) Pty Limited - September 2020

It is noted that Dixon Sand has reviewed the properties of the sand contained in the current A and B Extraction Areas of the Friable Hawkesbury Sandstone and determined that most of the more commercially marketable white sand occurs within Extraction Area B.

The EPA understand the proposal seeks to allow for a change to the previously approved sequence of extraction within the Friable Hawkesbury Sandstone extraction area, with the following proposed:

- Following completion of the current extraction area ‘Cell 1A’, extraction will commence in ‘Cell 1B’ (instead of ‘Cell 2A’);

- modify Conditions 31 and 32 of DA 165-7-2005 such that the biodiversity credits nominated in Condition 30 can be assigned against Cell 1B rather than Cell 2A.

Based on the information provided, the EPA has no comment on the proposal and believes that the current EPL will not require variation.

If the proposal is further modified by the applicant prior to the granting of consent or by DPIE as a result of the conditions proposed to be attached to the consent, the EPA requests that DPIE consult with the EPA about the changes before modifying the consent. This will enable EPA to determine whether licence conditions need to be modified in light of the changes.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Lisa Crambrook on (02) 8837 6079 or via email at lisa.crambrook@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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