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Dear Ms Hollis

BENGALLA CONTINUATION PROJECT SSD 5170 MODIFICATION 3

I refer to your email to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on 30 September 2016 requesting comments on the Bengalla Continuation Project Modification 3 SSD 5170. The application is detailed in the document titled "*Bengalla Mine Development Consent Modification 3 - Statement of Environmental Effects*" (SEE) dated September 2016, prepared by Hansen Bailey.

The EPA understands the Modification seeks to remove the limitations on the following matters such that these activities can occur anywhere within the disturbance boundary:

- the fixed location of the explosives and reload facility as the current location will be impacted by the Mt Pleasant rail spur, noting that the new location would be in accordance with the Explosives Australian Standard;
- the location of the pipeline that extracts water from the Hunter River for mine use; and
- the location of soil stockpiles.

The EPA advises that Bengalla Mining Company Pty Limited (Bengalla) hold Environment Protection Licence 6538 (the licence) for the premises and that the licence would not require any variation should Modification 3 be approved. The EPA has no further comments in relation to the proposed Modification 3 as any environmental impacts of the proposed changes would be minor and sufficiently addressed by the current conditions on the licence.

If you require any further information regarding this matter please contact Natasha Ryan on (02) 4908 6833.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Howat'.

24/10/16

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