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Tahmoor South Development Application SSD 12\_5583 request for SEARs

Dear David,

I refer to our recent telephone discussion in relation to our Tahmoor South Development Application SSD12\_5583 and our decision to recommence studies to finalise the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project.

As you are aware, a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the Tahmoor Project dated August 2012 was previously submitted to the Department and formed the basis of Director General's Requirements (DGRs) for the supporting EIS. These DGRs were initially provided in November 2012 and subsequently amended in August 2013.

While an EIS was substantially completed for the project, it was decided in August 2015 to formally withdraw the application due to the downturn in the coal mining industry. This notification also noted that we would continue to review the viability of the project.

As discussed, we are formally seeking Secretary Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the project. As there have been no material changes to the project, you have advised that SEARs will be developed based on the existing PEA. The only notable change is that as a result of the takeover of Xstrata plc by Glencore plc in May 2013, Xstrata Coal has changed its name to Glencore Coal and therefore all references to Xstrata Coal in the PEA should be read as Glencore Coal.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely,

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