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To whom it may concern,

SUBJECT: Glencore's Mangoola Coal Continued Operations Project (SSD-8642)

I am writing in support of Glencore's Mangoola Coal Continued Operations (MCCO) Project (SSD-8642), which is currently open for public submissions.

Ampcontrol is a leading Australian manufacturer of electrical and electronic equipment to coal and hard rock mining, infrastructure and renewables sectors.

We have proudly supported the mining industry within the NSW Coal Fields for over 40 years, with operations in the Hunter, Illawarra and Lithgow regions. Throughout this time, we have locally delivered and serviced market leading and competitive power distribution equipment, longwall and development electrical systems, monitoring and control systems and power cable statutory infrastructure.

I would like to take this opportunity to briefly outline how approval of Glencore's MCCO Project will have flow on benefits to suppliers such as us, the NSW mining industry as a whole, and the economy more broadly:

- **Local employment growth opportunity**

Extracting coal from proposed additional northern project area will provide ongoing work to around 400 operational staff through to 2030. A further 145 construction workforce will be required for the development of the new northern area. Of the \$153M paid in employee salaries in 2017/18 it was estimated \$47M went to the Shires of Muswellbrook and Upper Hunter, and \$129M to the Hunter region overall. Further investment in mining within the Hunter coal fields provides ongoing employment prospects to the myriad of suppliers directly involved in the mining sector, via manufacturing or other supply chain services. As highlighted in the EIS, Mangoola Open Cut spent \$102M with suppliers during 2018 of which \$70M was spent in the Hunter region. Approximately 56% of suppliers were from the Muswellbrook LGA, c.15% from the Singleton LGA, 11.5% were from Maitland LGA and a further 8.6% from the Newcastle LGA. The Minerals Council of Australia highlighted in 2018 that the industry directly employed 50,000, and indirectly a further 120,000 jobs supported the industry.

Across the board we are seeing the Australian mining industry continually improve the sectors social license to operate. Glencore has taken a thoughtful approach in considering, and where possible, removing potential negative impacts on Mangoola stakeholders within the region and environmental issues in line with the renewed focus on corporate social responsibility across the Australian business community. This corporate social responsibility is shown within the MCCO proposal through:

- **Mining method**

The Project proposal outlines the continued use of truck and excavator mining method of which staff at the mine are highly experienced in. Access to the proposed mining area will allow access to an additional 52Mt which will be extracted within the current 13.5Mtpa approved cap. Other options were considered to extract further coal from the west, east and deeper seams within the proposed area, but were not progressed due to economic and also increased environmental/social impacts.

- **Environmental Stewardship**

Through utilisation of existing mine infrastructure Mangoola Open Cut will not only minimise the required footprint for the expansion, it will minimise the impact on identified native flora, fauna and threatened species. As highlighted in the EIS when Mangoola Open Cut engaged local stakeholders asking how strongly they agree with the following statement *"I think Glencore is taking measures to address environmental issues"*, *"64% of the community, 80% of opinion leaders and 66% of landholders either agreed or strongly agreed to this statement"*.


- **Air Quality and Noise**

Air quality and noise are usually a concern to stakeholders living proximal to any mine. Using number of complaints as a proxy, air quality complaints have trended downwards since commencement of operations in 2010. This shows an ongoing commitment to minimising impacts on local stakeholders. The use of natural topographical barriers and constructed bunds will be used to minimise noise pollution to adjacent landholdings. Loud pieces of mobile equipment, such as mobile crushers, will be restricted to use within the day only and acoustic cladding used on fixed infrastructure where appropriate.

In summary, we confirm our support for the proposed Mangoola Coal Continued Operations Project as it represents significant opportunity for growing the regional economy. Through best practice mining techniques and ongoing committing to minimising disturbance on the local community and native flora and fauna within the area, we feel the project owners are making decisions which are in the best interests of the environment, the community and industry.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via my Executive Assistant Jennifer Ryan
Jennifer.Ryan@ampcontrolgroup.com should you wish to discuss this submission.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rod Henderson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rod Henderson
Managing Director & CEO