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Matthew Sprout, Director Resource Assessments
Department of Planning, Industry & Environment
12 Darcy Street
Parramatta NSW 2124

Dear Matthew

Re: Supporting the application for the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project (SSD-10418)

Thiess is proud to be working with MACH Energy to deliver contract mining services at the Mount Pleasant Operation in the Hunter Valley, New South Wales.

Thiess has been operating in the Hunter Valley for 25 years, applying industry best practice mining operations, with uncompromising environmental and safety standards.

Working with MACH Energy, Thiess delivers industry-leading environmental management to ensure the project minimises impacts on local communities and surrounding landholders. We adopt a fluvial geomorphic landform design to ensure long-term stability against erosion, reducing noise and dust impacts and developing a more visually appealing, natural landscape for the community of Muswellbrook.

Since 2018, Thiess has progressively completed over 60 hectares of rehabilitation with more than 354 habitat features incorporated into the current landscape. The team delivered the mine's first rehabilitation two months before first coal was mined and seven months before the first coal train was loaded.

Through the development of the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project, MACH Energy and Thiess will continue to create and deliver significant, long-term social and community benefits through local employment and training, local procurement and community relations. More than 85 per cent of Mount Pleasant Operation's workforce lives locally. The mine has attracted a diverse workforce with female and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation.

This underpins our contribution to a strong, sustainable industry in the region that is focused on positively contributing to a diversified local economy.

A further example of this is Thiess' long-standing support of the Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service that provides vital emergency healthcare services to regional and farming families. In the 2019-2020 financial year, Thiess' workplace giving to the organisation exceeded \$37,000. Our partnership investment also supports the organisation to develop its volunteering program and implement key strategies that enable growth and sustainability in the Hunter Valley.

Additionally, the Operation will draw on local business for the provision of goods and services to support the mine, resulting in significant positive economic impacts on local communities.

The approval of the Mount Pleasant Optimisation Project will see the Mount Pleasant Operation set a new benchmark for industry leading, open-cut coal mining efficiency and world class environmental management.

Thiess is in full support of the application and looks forward to contributing to the long-term success of the Mount Pleasant Operation and the Hunter region.

Kind regards



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