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**Re: This submission supports the application for the Glendell Continued Operations Project**

Thiess is proud to be working with Glencore to deliver contract mining services at the Mount Owen Complex in the Hunter Valley, New South Wales.

The Mt Owen Complex consists of Mt Owen, Glendell and the previously mined Ravensworth East open cut coal mines.

Thiess has been operating at the complex since 1994, applying industry best practice mining operations, with uncompromising environmental and safety standards. Thiess has developed industry-leading, specialised mining techniques, leading to higher resource recovery, increasing plant efficiency and achieving material movement for the mine.

Our operations are carried out while maintaining a strong focus on environmental management, particularly in the areas of dust and noise management and mine rehabilitation, while working with the community to ensure all stakeholder expectations are met.

To date, more than 500 hectares of mined land has been rehabilitated to an industry-leading standard that supports a mix of native forest, open woodland and pasture.

Through the development of Glendell Continued Operations Project, Glencore and Thiess will continue to create and deliver significant long-term social and community benefits through local employment and training, local procurement and community engagement opportunities. This underpins stronger community relationships and delivers a more cost-effective sustainable workforce.

An example of this is Thiess' current partnership with the Clontarf Foundation, which aims to improve the education, discipline, life skills and self-esteem of young Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander men. This year, Thiess' Mt Owen operations welcomed two apprentices and three work placement students from the Clontarf Singleton Academy to its team.

Additionally, the operations 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 Glendell Continued Operations Project will see the Mt Owen Complex 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 Mt Owen Complex.

Kind regards

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