



9 September 2016

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Dear Gary,

Austar Coal Mine DSL89 (1901), ML1157, ML1283, MPL23, MPL204, MPL217, MPL233, MPL269, MPL1364 (1906), CCL728, CCL752 (1973), CML2, , ML1388, ML1550, ML1661, ML1666, ML1677 (1992) Approval of Mining Operations Plan

NOTICE OF APPROVAL

Pursuant to Condition 3 of DSL89 (1901), Condition 2 of ML1157, ML1283, Condition 3 of MPL23, Condition 2 of MPL204, Condition 2 of MPL217, Condition 2 of MPL233, Condition 2 of MPL269, Condition 3 of MPL1364 (1906), Condition 2 of CCL728, Condition 2 of CCL752 (1973), Condition 3 of CML2, Condition 2 of ML1388, Condition 2 of ML1550, Condition 3 of ML1661, Condition 3 of ML1666, Condition 3 of ML1677 (1992), the Mining Operations Plan (MOP) that was submitted to the Department on 31 August 2016 (DRE Reference: INW16/44832) is approved for the period from the date of this approval until 01/06/2023.

This MOP approved by DRE is limited to:

- the rehabilitation objectives and completion criteria; and,
- the schedule of rehabilitation activities proposed for the MOP period.

It is the responsibility of the Authorisation Holder to ensure that all mining and mining related operations described in this MOP are as approved within the relevant Project Approval or Development Consent and all necessary approvals, consents or permits required under the relevant NSW or Commonwealth regulations have been obtained prior to carrying out the operations.

It is the responsibility of the Authorisation Holder to fulfil their obligations and commitments to the rehabilitation outcomes and performance standards as approved by the relevant consent authority to ensure the rehabilitation outcomes identified are achieved.

ASSESSED DEPOSIT

Approval of this MOP has triggered a review of the assessment of the security deposit required to secure funding for the fulfilment of rehabilitation obligations under **Mining Authorisation Numbers DSL89 (1901), ML1157, ML1283, MPL23, MPL204,**

MPL217, MPL233, MPL269, MPL1364 (1906), CCL728, CCL752 (1973), CML2, , ML1550, ML1661, ML1666, ML1677 (1992).

Notice of the change in the security deposit condition related to this MOP approval will be provided separately.

DEFINITIONS

In this letter, words have the meaning given to those terms in the *Mining Act 1992*, unless otherwise specified below.

Department means NSW Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development.

Authorisation Holder means the holder of the relevant authorisation(s).

Mining Operations Plan means the project, mining and mining related operations described in the "Austar Coal Mine Mining Operations Plan 2016 –2023" prepared by Austar Coal Mine Pty Limited and dated 31 August 2016, as amended by:

If you have any questions about this Notice, please contact Neil McElhinney directly on 4931 6522.



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Signed under delegation from the Secretary of the Department of Industry, Skills and Regional Development.