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Dear Mr Wesley,

**DSL 89 (1901), ML 1157 (1906), ML 1283 (1906), MPL 23 (1906), MPL 204 (1906), MPL 217 (1906), MPL 233 (1906), MPL 269 (1906), MPL 1364 (1906), CCL 728 (1973), CCL 752 (1973), CML 2 (1992), ML 1345 (1992), ML 1388 (1992), ML 1550 (1992), ML 1661 (1992), ML 1666 (1992) and ML 1677 (1992), Approval of Mining Operations Plan**

## **NOTICE OF APPROVAL**

Pursuant to Condition 3 of Dam Site Lease 89 (*Mining Act 1901*), Condition 2 of Mining Lease 1157 (*Mining Act 1906*), Condition 2 of Mining Lease 1283 (*Mining Act 1906*), Condition 3 of Mining Purposes Lease 23 (*Mining Act 1906*), Condition 3.a of Mining Purposes Lease 204 (*Mining Act 1906*), Condition 3.a of Mining Purposes Lease 217 (*Mining Act 1906*), Condition 3.a of Mining Purposes Lease 233 (*Mining Act 1906*), Condition 2 of Mining Purposes Lease 269 (*Mining Act 1906*), Condition 3 of Mining Purposes Lease 1364 (*Mining Act 1906*), Condition 2 of Consolidated Coal Lease 728 (*Mining Act 1973*), Condition 2 of Consolidated Coal Lease 752 (*Mining Act 1973*), Condition 3 of Consolidated Mining Lease 2 (*Mining Act 1992*), Condition 2 of Mining Lease 1345 (*Mining Act 1992*), Condition 3.a of Mining Lease 1388 (*Mining Act 1992*), Condition 2 of Mining Lease 1550 (*Mining Act 1992*), Condition 3 of Mining Lease 1661 (*Mining Act 1992*), Condition 3 of Mining Lease 1666 (*Mining Act 1992*) and Condition 3 of Mining Lease 1677 (*Mining Act 1992*), the Mining Operations Plan (MOP) that was submitted to the Resources Regulator within the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment (Resources Regulator) on 27 June 2019 (Department Reference: DOC19/550779) is approved for the period from the date of this approval until 1 May 2026.

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 DSL 89 (1901), ML 1157 (1906), ML 1283 (1906), MPL 23 (1906), MPL 204 (1906), MPL 217 (1906), MPL 233 (1906), MPL 269 (1906), MPL 1364 (1906), CCL 728 (1973), CCL 752 (1973), CML 2 (1992), ML 1345 (1992), ML 1388 (1992), ML 1550 (1992), ML 1661 (1992), ML 1666 (1992) and ML 1677 (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.

**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 2019 –2026" prepared by Austar Coal Mine Pty Limited and dated 26 June 2019

If you have any questions about this Notice, please contact Neil McElhinney directly on 4063 6724.

Yours sincerely,



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**Manager Environmental Operations (Eastern)**

**Compliance Operations**

**Resources Regulator**

**NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment**

*Signed under delegation from the Minister for Resources.*

*Signed under delegation from the Secretary of the NSW Department of Planning, Industry & Environment.*