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Our ref: 10/16005-11

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Dear Mr Favell

**North Wambo Underground Mine
Extraction Plan Approval
Longwalls 9 and 10**

I refer to the Extraction Plan, dated February 2014 and as revised in June 2014, for Longwalls 7-10 at the North Wambo Underground Mine, submitted in accordance with condition 22C of Schedule 4 of the Wambo Coal Mine consent (DA 305-7-2003). I note that Longwalls 7 and 8 were previously approved by the Department on 16 May 2013 and 24 September 2013 respectively, and that the submitted Extraction Plan has been updated to include Longwalls 9 and 10.

The updated Extraction Plan includes the following components:

- Water Management Plan;
- Biodiversity Management Plan;
- Land Management Plan;
- Heritage Management Plan;
- Built Features Management Plan;
- Public Safety Management Plan;
- Subsidence Monitoring Program;
- Coal Resource Recovery Plan; and
- revised Rehabilitation Management Plan.

I note that under condition 22C(g) of Schedule 4 of the consent, the last five of these components must be prepared to the satisfaction of the Division of Resources and Energy (DRE) of the Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services.

The Department notes that the Rehabilitation Management Plan component of the Extraction Plan is currently being finalised, in consultation with the Environmental Sustainability Unit within DRE, with an expected lodgement date of September 2014.

Nevertheless, the Department has reviewed the Extraction Plan and has consulted with a number of other relevant agencies regarding its content and does not believe there are adequate reasons to delay the second workings in this mining domain.

Consequently, I would like to advise you that the Secretary grants approval for the Extraction Plan as revised in June 2014.

Please note the requirement under condition 12 of Schedule 6 to make copies of all approved plans, programs and strategies publicly available. If you require any more information, please call Jessie Evans on 9228 6419.

Yours sincerely



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As nominee for the Secretary