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Dear Mr Peart

**South Bates Underground Mine  
Extraction Plan Longwalls 11 to 16 - Approval**

I refer to your correspondence of 21 July 2017 submitting a revised Extraction Plan (dated July 2017) and sub-plans for Longwalls 11 to 16 at the South Bates Underground Mine, submitted in accordance with conditions 22C and 22D of Schedule 4 of the Wambo Coal Mine development consent (DA 305-7-2003). I note that the Extraction Plan has been revised to address the issues raised in the Department's conditional approval of 16 May 2017.

The Department notes that this revised Extraction Plan includes a modified layout for Longwalls 14 to 16 compared to the original Extraction Plan and the layout presented in the *South Bates (Wambo Seam) Underground Mine Modification Environmental Assessment (EA)*, dated August 2015 for Modification 15, due to geological and operational constraints. The Department and the Division of Resources and Geoscience (DRG) have reviewed the modified layout and are satisfied that the changes are appropriate considering the constraints. The impacts would result in similar or lessened subsidence-related impacts than those assessed and can be characterised as being "generally in accordance" with the EA and the development consent.

The Department has also reviewed the revised Extraction Plan and its sub-plans and is satisfied that they generally meet the requirements of the development consent, with the exception of the site-wide water management sub-plans (WMPs) in Appendix A that were also prepared to address conditions 32 to 35 of Schedule 4. These WMPs are unable to be approved until they are updated following consultation with DPI-Water. In the interim, Wambo Coal must continue to operate under its currently approved WMPs (dated October 2015).

The Department also acknowledges that DRG has confirmed it is satisfied with the revised Extraction Plan in accordance with condition 22C(g) of Schedule 4. Accordingly, the Secretary approves the revised Extraction Plan, including the modified layout, under conditions 22C and 22D of Schedule 4 and the site-wide Biodiversity Management Plan in Appendix C under condition 44 of Schedule 4, but excluding the WMPs in Appendix A.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Megan Dawson at the details listed above.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Megan

**Wambo South Bates Revised Extraction Plan Longwalls 11 to 16 - Condition 22C(g) Schedule 4 of Development Consent No. 305-7-2003 (MOD12)**

Wambo Mine requires the Division of Resources & Geoscience's (DRG) satisfaction consistent with Condition 22C(g) of Schedule 4 of Development Consent No. 305-7-2003.

Peabody Energy submitted the document Wambo Coal Pty. Ltd, South Bates Underground Extraction Plan, Longwalls 11 to 16 dated July 2017, to the Division of Resources & Geoscience (DRG) on 21 July 2017. DRG assessed the following plans within that document in relation to Longwalls 11-16:

1. Coal Resource Recovery Plan;
2. Subsidence Monitoring Program;
3. Built Features Management Plan;
4. Public Safety Management Plan; and
5. Appropriate revisions to the Rehabilitation Management Plan.

DRG consider that the proposed resource recovery is appropriate given the geological and operational constraints of the project.

Documents 2, 3 & 4 above meet the requirement of Condition 22C(g) of Schedule 4 of the of Development Consent No. 305-7-2003 subject to the mine operators compliance with the WHS Law\*. Please note that this comment is relevant only to health and safety matters that may arise from subsidence due to extraction of the proposed Longwalls 11 to 16 at South Bates (Wambo Seam) Underground Mine.

DRG regulates the rehabilitation of subsidence effects through the mine's Mining Operations Plan (MOP). The changes described in the revised Extraction Plan are addressed in the Wambo Mine Complex Mining Operations Plan.

Should you have any further questions in relation to this matter contact Mr Alex Love, Project Coordinator on (02) 9842 8582.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zane West', written over a vertical line.

**Zane West**  
**Manager Royalty & Advisory Services**

Dated September 2017

\*According to the NSW code of practice "Safety management systems in mines", the WHS laws, as defined under section 5 of the *Work Health and Safety (Mines & Petroleum Sites) Act 2013*, means:

- WHS Act;
- WHS (*Mines & Petroleum Sites*) Act;
- WHS Regulations, and
- WHS (*mines & Petroleum sites*) Regulations.