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Dear Tony

### **Abel Mine Area 1 Subsidence Management Plan Variation**

With reference to your application dated 22 May 2013 I have approved the Abel Mine Area 1 Subsidence Management Plan Variation as the delegate of the Director General, Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services NSW (delegation dated 17 November 2010).

The conditions of approval for Abel Area 1, dated 26 May 2010 continue with the following additions:-

Pursuant to Condition 4 of the Abel Mine Area 1 Subsidence Management Plan (SMP) Approval dated 26 May 2010 I, the delegate of the Director General have included the following additional conditions:

#### **Operation Management**

23 The Leaseholder must ensure that the proposed mining be controlled to meet the mine design specifications as documented in the SMP. An audit program of the mine layout must be developed to the satisfaction of the Principal Subsidence Engineer. The results of the audit must be reported to the Inspector of Coal Mines and the Principal Subsidence Engineer within three months of completion of each panel.

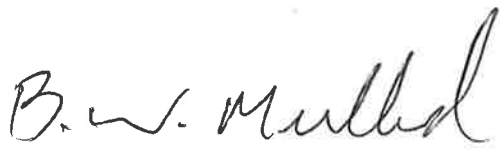
24 The Leaseholder shall immediately review the mine layout if any adverse conditions, as defined in the subsidence monitoring program as per Condition 12, are observed. The review shall consider options to mitigate subsidence impacts on surface features and on this basis make recommendations to the Director of Mine Safety Operations. Such recommended mitigation measures, if approved by the Director of Mine Safety Operations, shall be complied with by the Leaseholder.

The approved plan is now DWG a6a1000.dwg Revision D: 17/05/13 titled "Abel Mine SMP Application – Area 1 – Variation Approved Plan" signed by the Manager of Mining Engineering on 21 May 2013.

It should be noted that this Approval does not constitute an approval under the previous Section 138 of the Coal Mines Regulation Act 1982 or current Clause 88 of the Coal Mines Health and Safety Regulation 2006. Operators must comply with the requirements of Section 138 or Clause 88 before extracting any pillars from first workings or longwall or other extraction systems.

If you have any further enquiries do not hesitate to contact Mr Paul Langley, Subsidence Executive Officer on 02 4931 6448 or email [paul.langley@industry.nsw.gov.au](mailto:paul.langley@industry.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely



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