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Dear Mr Sutherland

Subsidence Management Plan Abel Mine Area 2

With reference to your application dated 6 June 2011, the Director General of the Department of Trade & Investment, Regional Infrastructure & Services NSW has approved the Subsidence Management Plan for Area 2 at Abel Mine.

The conditions of approval and Approved Plan showing the extent of approval are attached to this letter. The Approved Plan is Plan No. a6a1020.dwg titled "Abel Mine SMP Application – Area 2 Approved Plan", signed by the Manager of Mining Engineering on 31 May 2011.

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

If you have any further enquiries do not hesitate to contact Mr Paul Langley Subsidence Executive Officer on 02 4931 6448.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael McFadyen'.

Michael McFadyen 7 DEC 11
Manager, Environmental Operations
Under delegation for the Director General