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Our ref: OUT17/35836

Attention: Belinda Treverrow

30 August 2017

Dear Belinda

Subject: Subsidence Management Plan Approval for Tahmoor Colliery Longwall 31, Condition 12, Environmental Management Plan – Interim Approval Extension to 800m Extraction

I refer to your letter dated 28 August 2017 requesting an extension to the interim approval of the Tahmoor Colliery Longwall 31 Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for up to 800m of extraction. The interim approval of "Tahmoor Colliery Longwalls 27 to 30 Environmental Management Plan Revision D" was requested to allow time for updates to be made to the new LW31 EMP in line with information and requirements nominated in the approval conditions.

The Interim Approval granted on the 26 June 2017 covered the first 200m of LW31 extraction. This approval requires that the EMP reflect the latest rehabilitation plans and methodologies as presented in the *Corrective Management Action Plan (Revision B)*. An extension to this interim approval was granted until 400m of extraction on the 26 July 2017. The letter from Tahmoor Colliery dated 28 August 2017 requests a further extension to 800m of extraction to provide the Department time to review the EMP and ensure the continuation of extraction during this period.

ESU is satisfied that no impacts on environmental features will occur within the first 800m of LW31 that are not covered by the "Tahmoor Colliery Longwalls 27 to 30 Environmental Management Plan Revision D" and hence an extension to the interim approval is supported.

Approval of the EMP is required to satisfy Condition 12 (Environmental Management Plan) of the Tahmoor Colliery Longwall 31 Subsidence Management Plan approval, issued by this Department on 3 May 2017, our reference OUT17/16896 (letter) and INT17/57494 (SMP Approval).

Specifically, Condition 12 requires that the leaseholder must not operate other than in accordance with an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) approved by the Director Environmental Sustainability Unit.

Pursuant to Condition 12 of the Subsidence Management Plan approval dated 3 May 2017, the EMP is approved on an interim basis, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions

- The interim approval extension covers the first 800m of LW31 extraction only.
- You are reminded that the leaseholder must not operate other than in accordance with an approved Environmental Management Plan (or equivalent). The leaseholder is also responsible for obtaining any additional licences or consents required by other agencies.

If you require further information please contact me on (02) 4931 6601.

Yours sincerely

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