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Dear Blair

Wilpinjong Coal – 2013 Annual Review

Reference is made to the Wilpinjong Coal 2013 Annual Review inspection carried out on 3 June 2014 in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) and the Division of Resources and Energy (DRE). I wish to thank you for your staff's time in completing the 2013 Annual Review inspection.

The Department considers that the 2013 Annual Review report generally satisfies the requirements of Condition 3, Schedule 5 of Project Approval 05_0021.

Following a review of the document and the field inspection the Department offers the following comments:

1. ROM production limit

The Department notes that 15,068,286t of ROM coal was mined during the 2013 review period. The increase above the limit of 15mt (Schedule 2, Condition 6 a) was explained as being a result of a manual write up of a final stockpile survey at the end of the reporting year.

The Department has considered its regulatory response to the exceedance and will address it in separate correspondence.

2. ROM processing limits

The Department notes that 9,166,508t of ROM coal was processed during the reporting period, above the maximum limit of 8.5mt (Schedule 2, Condition 6b).

The Department has considered its regulatory response to the exceedances and will address it in separate correspondence.

3. Forecast ROM production 2014

The Department notes that the forecast ROM production for 2014 as per table

9 is 15,395,000. At the meeting it was explained that production would not exceed the production limit of 15mt. You are requested to ensure that the yearly ROM limit of 15mt is not exceeded.

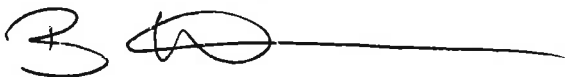
4. Odour Complaints

The Department notes that complaints relating to odour have more than doubled in the past year. Following a review of the complaints register it appears that complaints relate to odour associated with spontaneous combustion.

You are requested to review the procedures to minimise, identify and manage spontaneous combustion on site and include the findings of the review in the next Annual Review.

For further information, please contact me on 6575 3402 or by email to benjamin.harrison@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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