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Dear Mr Lees

Ulan Coal Continued Operations Project Extraction Plan Approval – North 1 Mining Area

I refer to the Extraction Plan submitted in September 2011.

The Department notes that the Extraction Plan dealt with two longwall (LW) mining domains within the Ulan No. 3 and the North 1 mine areas. At this stage, the Department has restricted its review of the Extraction Plan to the North 1 mine area. A separate approval will be required for any second workings in the Ulan No. 3 mining areas.

The Department notes that LW G within the North 1 mine area is no longer being mined. In reviewing the Extraction Plan for the remaining North 1 mine areas (ie. LW C, E and F), the Department has considered a range of information, including the:


- approved management plans for the complex;
- draft Heritage Management Plan (August 2011);
- Division of Resources & Energy's advice dated 16 December 2011 and draft Subsidence Management Plan Approval; and
- supplementary information in relation to the North 1 Mining Area dated 16 December 2011.

Based on consideration of this information, the Director-General is satisfied that the Extraction Plan has adequately addressed the requirements in Condition 26 of Schedule 3 of the project approval, and consequently approved the plan.

On a related matter, I refer to the Department's comments on the draft Heritage Management Plan (HMP) dated 9 December 2011. It is requested that a revised HMP which addresses these comments is submitted to the Department by the end of February 2012.

Please feel free to call Sara Wilson on (02) 9228 6583 if you have any enquiries in relation to this matter.

Yours sincerely

 20/12/11

David Kitto
Director
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As delegate for the Director-General