

Date: 30 April 2013



Trade &
Investment
Mine Safety



cc: R. STONEY.

Mr. D. Clifford
General Manager
Ulan Coal Mines Limited
Private Mail Bag 3006
MUDGEE, NSW 2850

Our Ref: 013/1347

**Approval to create temporary tailings decant cells and a No. 2 tailings dam
within the East Pit central ramp - Ulan Coal Mine
SECTION 100 Coal Mine Health & Safety Act, 2002**

Dear Sir,

Reference is made to your letter dated 11 March 2013 wherein you seek approval to create temporary tailings decant cells and a No. 2 tailings dam within the East Pit central ramp at Ulan Coal Mine.

Please be advised that pursuant to Section 100 of the Coal Mine Health & Safety Act 2002, approval is hereby granted for the creation of the above mentioned emplacement areas, subject to the following conditions:-

- (a) That the establishment and operation of these reject emplacement areas at Ulan Surface Operations is completed in accordance with the recommendations and commitments made within the Section 100 application and conducted within the red edged areas shown on the plan listed below.

The application consists of:

- I. Letter of application, dated 11 March 2013.
- II. Application document "Ulan East Pit Central Ramp Section 100 – Tailings Emplacement Application, Revision 1", dated 13 February 2013.
- III. Plan
 - a. Proposed Tailings Strategy (East Pit), Drawing No – MP_USO_2013_013, dated 5 April 2013.
- (b) An independent engineering assessment shall be made every 12 months of the emplacement area and holding structures associated with the reject disposal. This report shall be kept at the mine for review by Departmental officers, at their discretion.
- (c) An assessment of the emplacement activities at the East Pit will be completed every six months, to ensure that the operation is being completed in accordance with design, and in line with reporting requirements. This will include performance of the water management strategies for the East Pit.
- (d) Accountabilities for inspection, monitoring and surveillance will be established, and listed within the emplacement management system.
- (e) Rehabilitation of the site will be commensurate with the objectives of the accepted Mining Operation Plan and developed in consultation with the Department's Environmental Section.
- (f) The mine shall keep relevant inspection reports of the emplacement facility and make them available for review to Departmental officers as requested.

- (g) Suitably qualified personnel are utilised to undertake inspections and assessments of the emplacement area. Open Cut Examiners or other competent persons receive relevant training to assist in determining the safe operation of the emplacement area.
- (h) The location of the emplacement area(s) are to be recorded on the Mine Working Plan, which is to be prepared in accordance with the "Survey and Drafting Directions for Mine Surveyors NSW Coal 2007", issued pursuant to part 4, Clause 139, of the Coal Mines Health and Safety Regulation 2006.
- (i) The date on which the emplacement area is commenced and completed in any particular emplacement is also to be recorded on the Mine Working Plan.
- (j) This approval expires on 1 May 2018.
- (k) By notice in writing the Chief Inspector of Coal Mines may vary or revoke this approval at any time

It is pointed out that notwithstanding this emplacement approval, your company is still required to obtain any consent, licence or approval which may be necessary from the relevant Shire Council or any other Government Department or Instrumentality.

Yours faithfully,



R. Regan
Chief Inspector of Coal Mines

29.04.2013

With delegated authority from the Minister of Mineral Resources.