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Dear Mr Moore

**Ashton Underground Mine Subsidence Management Plan Variation Longwalls 1 to 4 in the ULD seam – amend condition 22**

With reference to your application dated 10 May 2013, I have approved the Ashton Underground Mine Subsidence Management Plan Variation for ULD Seam Longwalls 1 to 4, as the delegate of the Director General, Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services NSW (delegation dated 17 November 2010).

Conditions of approval for the "Ashton Underground Mine Subsidence Management Plan ULD Seam Longwalls 1 to 4" approved on 31 July 2012 continue with the following amendment:-

Pursuant to Condition 4 of the Ashton Underground Mine Subsidence Management Plan ULD Seam Longwalls 1 to 4 Approval dated 31 July 2012, I the delegate of the Director General have varied condition 22 to read as follows:

**Special Condition**

22 *The Leaseholder must convene management review meeting(s) with the Principal Subsidence Engineer and the NSW Office of Water in relation to the 'stacked' gateroad design of Maingate 4B and its impact on Bowmans Creek, immediately following the extraction of Upper Liddell Seam LW102.*

*The above-mentioned meeting(s) must review the adequacy of the mine design for Longwall 104B and impacts to Bowmans Creek based on the subsidence monitoring data obtained for multi seam mining in the preceding Upper Liddell seam longwalls and their comparison with predictions of subsidence impacts within the approved Extraction Plan.*

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

Yours sincerely

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