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Director-General,  
Environmental Sustainability Branch  
Department of Primary Industries – Minerals  
PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre NSW 2310  
Attn: Mr Michael Lloyd

**Subsidence Management Plan Application– Dendrobium Mine, Area 3A Longwalls 6-10**

Dear Mr Lloyd,

In accordance with the Schedule 'A' Subsidence Management conditions Consolidated Coal Lease 768, please find the Application for Subsidence Management Plan Approval for Area 3A Longwall 6-10 Dendrobium Mine.

This SMP application is submitted concurrently with an application made to the Department of Planning in accordance with s75W of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act to modify the Dendrobium Mine Area 3 footprint. The s75W application addresses the requirements of Staged Development Area C specified in the Dendrobium Mine development consent.

The surface over Area 3A is catchment for the Sydney Water Supply, Special Area. Area 3A lies between Sandy Creek, the Cordeaux Reservoir and Wongawilli Creek. There is no longwall extraction proposed beneath the Cordeaux Reservoir. No longwall extraction is proposed beneath Wongawilli Creek as approved in the Dendrobium Mine development consent.

As agreed with the Department of Planning and DPIM the SMP Application incorporates the Subsidence Environmental Management Plan for Area 1 and 2 which is a requirement of the Dendrobium Development Consent. The Written Report fulfils the SMP requirements for Longwalls 6-10. The SMP also meets the requirements of the SMP for Area 2 (Longwalls 3-5A) and the SEMP for Area 1 & 2.

The SMP has been prepared in accordance with the DPIM SMP Guidelines and the consent. An SMP Guideline and Consent checklist is included in Appendix B of the SMP and includes references to where specific requirements have been addressed in the documentation. The Application consists of the Written Report and the Proposed SMP, Plans and technical reports. Specific Management Plans for the DSC and the SCA will be provided to DPIM once they are finalised.

Subject to approval, longwall mining is scheduled to commence in Longwall 6 in 2010. Approval would be required by May 2008 to enable the development for Area 3A. In accordance with your instructions copies of the SMP application will be distributed to the following agencies.

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Position</b>
Department of Primary Industries – Mineral Resources	Mr Michael Lloyd	Subsidence Executive Officer
Sydney Catchment Authority	Mr Ian Landon-Jones	Executive Director Dam Safety
Department of Primary Industries - Fisheries	Mr Scott Carter	Senior Conservation Manager
Dams Safety Committee	Mr David Hilyard	Project Officer, Mining Regulation
Mine Subsidence Board	Mr Greg Cole-Clark	Chief Executive Officer
Department of Planning	Mr Howard Reed	A/Manager Mining and Extractive Industries, Major Development Assessments
Department of Natural Resources	Mr Mark Mignanelli	Manager Major Projects and Mining Assessment
Department of Environment and Conservation – Southern Coalfields	Mr William Dove	Head Regional Operations Unit

If you have any queries in relation to the SMP Application, please call Mr Gary Brassington (Manager Environment) on (02) 4255 3318.

Yours sincerely,



Richard Walsh  
Manager Approvals

**Attachments**

Subsidence Management Plan