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Dear Phil,

**Subsidence Management Plan –
Upper Liddell Seam Longwalls 1 to 4**

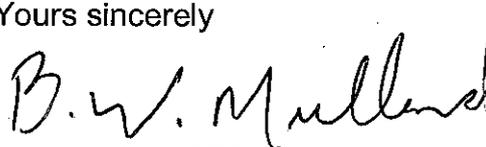
With reference to your application dated 2 March 2012, the Director General of the Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services, NSW has approved the SMP for Longwalls 1 to 4 only, in the Upper Liddell seam.

The conditions of approval and Approved Plan showing the extent of the approval are attached to this letter. The Approved Plan is Plan No. B-4002 Revision No.3 titled "Ashton Underground Mine LW 101 to LW 104 – Upper Liddell Seam Extraction Plan Area – Proposed – Approved Plan", signed by the Manager of Mining Engineering on 29 May 2012.

It should be noted that this Approval does not constitute an approval under the previous Section 138 Coal Mines Regulation Act 1982 or current Clause 88 of the Coal Mines Health and Safety Regulation 2006. Operators must comply with the requirements of Section 138 or Clause 88 before extracting any pillars from the first workings or longwall or other extraction systems.

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

Yours sincerely

 31.7.12

BRAD MULLARD
Executive Director, Mineral Resources
Under delegation to the Director General