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Dear Mr Sutherland

**Abel Mine Area 3 Subsidence Management Plan  
Variation Approval**

With reference to your application dated 19 June 2014, I have approved the Abel Mine Subsidence Management Plan Variation for Area 3, as the delegate of the Secretary, Department of Trade and Investment, Regional Infrastructure and Services NSW (delegation dated 17 November 2010).

The conditions of approval are the same as those issued in the previous approval for Abel Mine Area 3 Subsidence Management Plan and are attached for your information.

The Approved Plan is now DWG No. a6a1040.dwg Revision B (19/06/14) titled "Abel Mine SMP Application Area 3 Approved Plan", signed by the Manager of Mining Engineering on 20 June 2014.

It should be noted that this Approval does not constitute an approval under the previous Section 138 of the 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 inquiries do not hesitate to contact Mr Paul Langley, Subsidence Executive Officer on 02 4931 6448.

Yours sincerely

**Rob Regan**  
**Director Mine Safety Operations**  
Under delegation for the Secretary

*30.07.2014*