

Friday, 24 April 2015

Director  
Environmental Planning Officer  
Major Project Assessments  
Department of Planning and Environment  
23-33 Bridge Street  
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Attention: Ingrid Illias

**RE: INDEPENDENT ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT - 2014**

A review of the compliance status of the NCIG Coal Export Terminal activities during the November 2013 to November 2014 period has been undertaken by environmental management consultants Trevor Brown & Associates. These consultants were endorsed by the Director-General in accordance with Condition 5.2(a) of the Project Approval 06\_0009. This audit focussed on the compliance of both the operational and construction element of the project against the requirements of the Project Approval and meets the requirements of the following conditions:

- 5.1 *The Proponent shall develop and implement a Compliance Tracking Program to track compliance with the requirements of this approval. The Program shall include, but not necessarily limited to:*
- c) a program for independent environmental auditing at least annually, or as otherwise agreed by the Director-General, in accordance with ISO 19011:2002 - Guidelines for Quality and/ or Environmental Management Systems Auditing;*
- 5.2 *The independent environmental audit referred to in condition 5.1c) shall:*
- (a) be conducted by a suitable qualified, experienced and independent team of experts whose appointment has been endorsed by the Director-General;*
  - (b) include consultation with the relevant agencies;*
  - (c) assess the environmental performance of the project and assess whether it is complying with the requirements of this approval, and any other relevant approvals and relevant EPL/s;*
  - (d) review the adequacy of any approved strategy, plan or program required under the abovementioned approvals; and*
  - (e) recommend measures or actions to improve the environmental performance of the project, and/or any strategy, plan or program required under these approvals.*

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The outcome of the audit conducted by Trevor Brown & Associates of the NCIG compliance status is as follows:

*The independent audit findings indicate that the NCIG Coal Export Loader is being operated in compliance with the conditions of approval granted for the project.*

On this basis, NCIG continues operation of the Coal Export Terminal in accordance with the approved management plans, licences and permits.

Yours sincerely,

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**Nathan Juchau**  
**Manager – HSEC**  
**Newcastle Coal Export Terminal**