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Meeting next week

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Hi Brad, Will

Jamie has asked for you to come in next week for a Mining Strategy meeting to plan the next 6 months.

- The Water Study at Carroona; our response, how to proceed
- The 11 small coal areas; where is this at
- Another round for the Ridgeland's release; issues around this
- Measures to assist regional coal mines. How to word and sell our regional assistance package. (this helps regional mines impacted by trspt levies etc)

Thanks

Damian

FW: Meeting Request - Brad Mullard and William Hughes

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As the Minister's schedule is tight this week, the Minister has suggested with 9.00 am, 10.00 am or 4.00 pm this Thursday, 28th for this meeting.

Cheers

Selina

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Hi Selina

Jamie has asked that we invite Brad and Will for a meeting next week with the Minister, Jamie, Llewellyn and myself to talk about:

- The Water Study at Caroona;
- The 11 small coal areas;
- Another round for the Ridgeland's release; and
- Measures to assist regional coal mines.

Thanks

Damian



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COAL RELEASE AREAS

EVALUATION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

JUNE 2009

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COAL RELEASE AREAS EVALUATION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Executive Summary

The Minister for Mineral Resources in August 2008 invited Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the awarding of exploration licences in respect of eleven (11) coal exploration areas, pursuant to the Mining Act 1992:

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| • Goonbri | Gunnedah Coalfield |
| • Vickery South | Gunnedah Coalfield |
| • Yarrawa | Hunter Coalfield |
| • Spur Hill | Hunter Coalfield |
| • Glendon Brook | Hunter Coalfield |
| • Mt Penny | Western Coalfield |
| • Long Mountain | Western Coalfield |
| • Ilford | Western Coalfield |
| • Cameron Road | Western Coalfield |
| • Melrose | Western Coalfield |
| • Ben Bullen | Western Coalfield |

In accordance with the Department's *Guidelines for Allocation of Future Coal Exploration Areas*, with respect to "small areas unrelated to existing mines", a limited form of expression of interest was undertaken for these eleven (11) areas.

Only companies invited to submit an Expression of Interest could apply. Expressions of Interest for more than one area could be submitted, however an individual application was required for each area of interest.

When Expressions of Interest (EOI) closed on Monday 16 February 2009, EOIs for the 11 coal exploration areas were submitted by the following companies:

Goonbri Area

1. Tianda Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd
2. Whitehaven Coal Limited
3. Bloomfield Collieries Pty Limited

Vickery South

1. Whitehaven Coal Limited
2. Kimba Resources Pty Ltd
3. Tianda Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd
4. Coalworks Limited

Yarrawa

1. Coalworks Limited
2. Monaro Mining NL
3. Endocoal Limited

Spur Hill

1. Spur Hill Joint Venture - JV of Novamin Pty Ltd & Morgan Resources Pty Ltd
2. Tianda Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd
3. Coalworks Limited
4. Breakspeare Coal Mines Ltd
5. Redman Mining Limited
6. Monaro Mining NL

Glendon Brook

1. Hydromining Coal Australia Pty Ltd
2. Cascade Coal Pty Limited
3. Monaro Mining NL

Mt Penny

1. Jain Group
2. Cascade Coal Pty Limited
3. Breakspeare Coal Mines Ltd
4. Monaro Mining NL

Long Mountain

1. Jain Group
2. Monaro Mining NL

Ilford

1. Jain Group
2. Resource Management International Pty Ltd
3. Enhance Place Pty Ltd
4. Centennial Coal
5. Coal Solutions Australia Pty Ltd
6. Kimba Resources Pty Ltd
7. Coalworks Limited
8. Monaro Mining NL

Cameron Road

1. Kimba Resources Pty Ltd
2. Centennial Coal
3. Enhance Place Pty Ltd
4. Jain Group
5. Monaro Mining NL

Melrose

1. Centennial Coal
2. Enhance Place Pty Ltd
3. Monaro Mining NL

Ben Bullen

1. Monaro Mining NL
2. Coalpac Pty Ltd

It should be noted however, that in a letter dated 9 June 2009, Monaro Mining NL (through its partner Loyal Coal Pty Limited) withdrew its Expressions of Interest over the Spur Hill, Glendon Brook and Mt Penny Coal Release Areas.

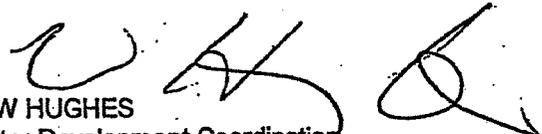
An evaluation team from experts on the staff of the Department of Primary Industries and elsewhere in government has evaluated the EOI's according to the evaluation criteria specified in the Coal Release Areas EOI Information booklet, and using a consistent process approved by an independent probity auditor.

The Evaluation Team has examined the EOI's in detail and has reached clear conclusions and recommendations in the presence of the independent probity auditor on 14 May 2009 (see attachment 3).

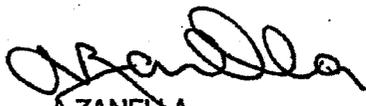
Conclusion and Recommendation

The Evaluation Team has concluded that the EOI's received from Bloomfield Collieries Pty Limited (Goonbri Area); Coalworks Limited (Vickery South); Monaro Mining NL (Yarrawa); Spur Hill Joint Venture (Spur Hill); Cascade Coal Pty Ltd (Glendon Brook); Cascade Coal Pty Ltd (Mt Penny); Monaro Mining NL (Long Mountain); Centennial Coal Company (Ilford); Centennial Coal Company (Cameron Road); Centennial Coal Company (Melrose) and Monaro Mining NL (Ben Bullen) are clearly superior to the other EOI's received in terms of the evaluation criteria.

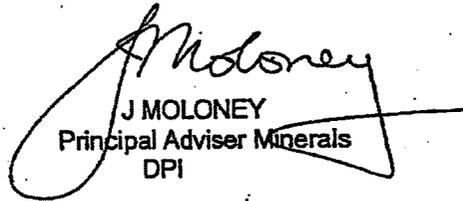
The Evaluation Team recommends to the Director-General of the Department of Primary Industries that the Minister for Mineral Resources selects the above mentioned companies as the successful EOI applicants for the awarding of new Exploration Licences over the coal release areas for which they lodged a successful EOI, for a period of up to five years, subject to special conditions.



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COAL RELEASE AREAS EVALUATION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Introduction

In August 2008, the Minister for Mineral Resources in New South Wales invited Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the awarding of exploration licences in respect of eleven (11) coal exploration areas, pursuant to the *Mining Act 1992*.

In accordance with the Department's *Guidelines for Allocation of Future Coal Exploration Areas*, with respect to "small areas unrelated to existing mines", a limited form of expression of interest was undertaken for these eleven (11) areas.

• Goonbri	Gunnedah Coalfield
• Vickery South	Gunnedah Coalfield
• Yarrawa	Hunter Coalfield
• Spur Hill	Hunter Coalfield
• Glendon Brook	Hunter Coalfield
• Mt Penny	Western Coalfield
• Long Mountain	Western Coalfield
• Ilford	Western Coalfield
• Cameron Road	Western Coalfield
• Melrose	Western Coalfield
• Ben Bullen	Western Coalfield

Only companies invited to submit an Expression of Interest could apply. Expressions of Interest for more than one area could be submitted, however an individual application was required for each area of interest.

When Expressions of Interest (EOI) closed on Monday 16 February 2009, EOI's for the 11 coal exploration areas were submitted by the following companies:

Goonbri Area

1. Tianda Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd
2. Whitehaven Coal Limited
3. Bloomfield Collieries Pty Limited

Vickery South

1. Whitehaven Coal Limited
2. Kimba Resources Pty Ltd
3. Tianda Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd
4. Coalworks Limited

Yarrowa

1. Coalworks Limited
2. Monaro Mining NL
3. Endocoal Limited

Spur Hill

1. Spur Hill Joint Venture - JV of Novamin Pty Ltd & Morgan Resources Pty Ltd
2. Tianda Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd
3. Coalworks Limited
4. Monaro Mining NL
5. Breakspeare Coal Mines Ltd
6. Redman Mining Limited

Glendon Brook

1. Hydromining Coal Australia Pty Ltd
2. Monaro Mining NL
3. Cascade Coal Pty Limited

Mt Penny

1. Jain Group
2. Monaro Mining NL
3. Cascade Coal Pty Limited
4. Breakspeare Coal Mines Ltd

Long Mountain

1. Jain Group
2. Monaro Mining NL

Ilford

1. Jain Group
2. Resource Management International Pty Ltd
3. Enhance Place Pty Ltd
4. Centennial Coal
5. Coal Solutions Australia Pty Ltd
6. Kimba Resources Pty Ltd
7. Coalworks Limited
8. Monaro Mining NL

Cameron Road

1. Kimba Resources Pty Ltd
2. Centennial Coal
3. Enhance Place Pty Ltd
4. Jain Group
5. Monaro Mining NL

Melrose

1. Centennial Coal
2. Enhance Place Pty Ltd
3. Monaro Mining NL

Ben Bullen

- 1. Monaro Mining NL
- 2. Coalpac Pty Ltd

It should be noted however, that in a letter dated 9 June 2009, Monaro Mining NL (through its partner Loyal Coal Pty Limited) withdrew its Expressions of Interest over the Spur Hill, Glendon Brook and Mt Penny Coal Release Areas.

Process for Evaluation

A competitive evaluation of the EOI's has been carried out by DPI through an evaluation team overseen by an external probity auditor to ensure the highest levels of consistency, fairness and probity are achieved.

The Department established the evaluation team from experts on its staff and elsewhere in government. The evaluation team comprised DPI officers: Mr W Hughes, A/Director Development Coordination, Ms J Moloney, Principal Adviser Minerals; and Mr A Zanella, Project Manager, Project Management Coordination Branch, Department of Planning.

The team evaluated the EOI's using a consistent process approved by the external, independent probity adviser, Mr K Fennell, FCPA. The auditor reviewed compliance with the evaluation process by the evaluation team (see *Attachment 3*).

The evaluation criteria, as specified in the EOI information booklet (see *Attachment 1*), provided the basis for evaluation and assessment of the EOI. Prior to commencing the evaluation of the EOI, the evaluation team agreed that it would apply the following *weighting* to the various evaluation criteria in assessing and evaluating the EOI. This was discussed with and agreed to by the external probity auditor as an appropriate method to assist with the assessment of this EOI.

<i>Evaluation Criteria</i>	<i>Weighting given (out of a total of 100)</i>
1. Exploration proposal	25
2. Mine Development proposal	25
3. Resource Recovery & Coal Utilisation	15
4. Infrastructure proposals	10
5. Financial Contributions*	20
<small>(*consideration of additional contributions, in excess of the minimum requirements in the EOI information booklet)</small>	
6. Other matters that would assist in assessing proposal	5

Evaluation Criteria

These were specified in the Coal Release Areas Expression of Interest Information booklet (see *Attachment 1*) and are reproduced in a table format that

was used by the evaluation team to evaluate and assess the relative merits of the EOI received (see *Attachment 2*).

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Evaluation of EOI Received

Goonbri

Three EOI's (Tianda Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd, Whitehaven Coal Limited and Bloomfield Collieries Pty Limited) were submitted for the Goonbri coal release area in the Gunnedah Coalfield. Both Bloomfield Collieries Pty Limited and Whitehaven Coal Limited submitted EOI's that were technically in advance of the other submission.

While the panel acknowledges that there may be significant synergies for Whitehaven in the Goonbri EOI area, particularly in terms of infrastructure provision, the submission by Bloomfield was considered superior in terms of the financial contributions offered.

Bloomfield has put forward a sound program of exploration, testing the whole area. Bloomfield's exploration program is proposed to extend over 5 years and is costed at \$10.39 million.

Bloomfield has made a strong commitment to open cut mining around the base of Goonbri Mountain. Bloomfield has estimated open cut economically minable coal resources at approximately 10 Million tonnes (Mt) Run of Mine (ROM). Technical issues have been thoroughly addressed, time frames are sound (5 year exploration program and lodgement of Part 3A major project application within 12 months of completion of exploration). Employment is expected to be equivalent to approximately 70 full time direct jobs and capital expenditure is estimated at \$62.1 million.

Resource recovery is considered to be sound – Bloomfield is committed to resource maximisation. Bloomfield is also committed to identifying the extent of the resource by undertaking a rigorous exploration program.

Additional financial contribution of \$2.125 million (ex gratia payment at the time of granting an Exploration Licence). These additional contributions exceeded those of other EOI proposals.

The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by Bloomfield Collieries Pty Limited to be superior to the other EOI applicants.

Vickery South

Four EOI's (Whitehaven Coal Limited, Kimba Resources Pty Ltd, Tianda Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd and Coalworks Limited) were submitted for the Vickery South coal release area in the Gunnedah Coalfield. Both Coalworks Limited and Whitehaven Coal Limited submitted EOI's that were technically in advance of the other submissions.

Whilst the panel acknowledges that there may be significant synergies for Whitehaven in the Vickery South EOI area, particularly in terms of infrastructure provision, the submission by Coalworks was considered superior in terms of the financial contributions offered.

Coalworks has put forward a sound program of exploration testing the whole area. Coalworks' three stage exploration program (more than 100 drill holes) is proposed to extend over 3 years and is costed at approximately \$5.5 million.

Coalworks has made a strong commitment to both open cut and underground mining. Coalworks has estimated coal resources at approximately 50-70 Million tonnes (Mt), with up to one third of the coal possibly suitable to open cut extraction. Technical issues have been thoroughly addressed, time frames are sound (3 year exploration program and commencement of mining within 6 years from grant of EL). Employment is expected to be equivalent to approximately 250 full time direct jobs and capital expenditure is estimated at up to \$360 million.

Resource recovery is considered sound – Coalworks is committed to resource maximisation. Coalworks is also committed to identifying the extent of the resource by undertaking a rigorous exploration program. Coalworks is planning open cut, highwall and underground mining operations producing both thermal and semi soft coking coals.

Additional financial contribution of \$250,000 (to DPI's Coal Development Fund) on grant of an exploration licence, over and above the minimum contribution to the Coal Development fund. This additional contribution exceeded those of other EOI proposals.

The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by Coalworks Limited to be superior to the other EOI applicants.

Yarrawa

Three EOI's (Coalworks Limited, Monaro Mining NL, and Endocoal Limited) were submitted for the Yarrawa coal release area in the Hunter Coalfield. The submissions by Coalworks Limited and Monaro Mining NL were considered technically superior to the other submission made (by Endocoal Limited).

However, Monaro Mining with its significantly higher additional financial contribution of \$2 million on grant of an Exploration Licence was deemed to be the number one ranked submission.

Monaro Mining has put forward a sound program of exploration with testing of the whole area. Monaro's three stage exploration program (more than 130 drill holes) is proposed to extend over 2 years and is costed at approximately \$6.6 million, with an additional \$732,000 for environmental and community studies.

Monaro Mining has made a commitment to investigate both open cut and underground mining techniques. Monaro has estimated coal resources at up to 85 Million tonnes (Mt) ROM. Technical issues have been thoroughly addressed and time frames are sound (2 year exploration program).

Resource recovery is considered sound – Monaro is committed to resource maximisation. Monaro is also committed to identifying the extent of the resource by undertaking a rigorous exploration program. Monaro is considering both open cut and underground mining operations producing a washed thermal coal product.

Additional financial contribution of \$2 million on grant of an Exploration Licence. This additional contribution exceeded those of other EOI proposals.

The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by Monaro Mining NL to be superior to the other EOI applicants.

Spur Hill

Six EOI's (Spur Hill Joint Venture - JV of Novamin Pty Ltd & Morgan Resources Pty Ltd, Tianda Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd, Coalworks Limited, Monaro Mining NL, Breakspeare Coal Mines Ltd and Redman Mining Limited) were submitted for the Spur Hill coal release area in the Hunter Coalfield. Although it should be noted however, that in a letter dated 9 June 2009, Monaro Mining NL (through its partner Loyal Coal Pty Limited) withdrew its Expression of Interest over the Spur Hill Coal Release Area.

The submission by the Spur Hill Joint Venture (SHJV) was considered technically superior to the other submissions made (by Tianda Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd, Coalworks Limited, Breakspeare Coal Mines Ltd and Redman Mining Limited) and was considered the number one ranked submission.

The SHJV has put forward a sound program of exploration testing the whole area. The SHJV's two stage exploration program proposes to investigate both open cut and underground coal resources. The Company is also proposing a seismic survey over the underground resource areas. The exploration program is proposed to extend over 2 years and is costed at approximately \$7.7 million.

The SHJV has made a commitment to investigate both open cut and underground mining techniques, including longwall mining. The SHJV has estimated coal resources at more than 80 Mt. Possible production rate of 5-6 Mt per annum from underground operations and 0.6 Mt per annum from open cut operations. Technical issues have been addressed and time frames are sound (2 year exploration program).

Resource recovery sound - SHJV committed to resource maximisation. The SHJV is committed to identifying the extent of the resource by undertaking a rigorous exploration program. The SHJV is considering both open cut and underground mining operations producing coals with both thermal and semi soft coking properties.

The SHJV has also indicated that it would investigate rail transportation options as the preferred method of coal transportation, including the possibility of sharing rail load out facilities with adjacent mines.

The SHJV has also indicated that it will establish a community trust fund for local infrastructure and social projects and initiate scholarships to local school aged students, after the grant of an EL. Amongst other things, the SHJV has committed itself to creating a Community Information Exchange Forum.

In terms of additional financial contributions, the SHJV has stated that *"the Spur Hill JV anticipate that on the granting of Development Approval and a Mining Lease for the area for open cut and underground operations, an additional sum could be made available to the state government under circumstances that would improve the overall risk profile of the project. The additional sum could be the subject of discussions with the Dept prior to the granting of the Exploration Licence"*.

The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by the Spur Hill Joint Venture to be superior to the other EOI applicants.

Glendon Brook

Three EOI's (Hydromining Coal Australia Pty Ltd, Monaro Mining NL and Cascade Coal Pty Limited) were submitted for the Glendon Brook coal release area in the Hunter Valley. Although it should be noted however, that in a letter dated 9 June 2009, Monaro Mining NL (through its partner Loyal Coal Pty Limited) withdrew its Expression of Interest over the Glendon Brook Coal Release Area.

The submissions by Hydromining Coal and Cascade Coal both adequately addressed the technical selection criteria for the EOI.

However, the submission made by Cascade Coal was considered superior in terms of its proposed mine development and resource recovery and coal utilisation.

Cascade Coal has put forward a sound program of exploration with testing of the whole area. Cascade's one stage exploration program (approximately 70 boreholes) is proposed to extend over 2 years and is costed at approximately \$2.8 million.

Cascade Coal has made a commitment to investigate the open cut coal resources. Cascade Coal has estimated inferred open cut coal resources of up to 50 Million tonnes (Mt) ROM. Technical issues have been addressed and time frames are sound (2 year exploration program).

Resource recovery is considered to be sound – Cascade Coal is committed to resource maximisation. Cascade Coal is also committed to identifying the extent of the resource by undertaking a rigorous exploration program. Given the steeply dipping seam structure, Cascade Coal is focusing on open cut opportunities.

Cascade Coal has identified rail transportation as the most likely option for transport of coal to Port. However, the company has also indicated that there are a number of constraints in relation to existing railway and road transport options. The Company has committed to investigate the installation of a "Railveyor" system as a stand alone method of transporting coal from Glendon Brook to the nearest rail head.

The Company has also indicated that from the grant of an Exploration Licence it will establish a project office in the area and commence a community liaison program.

The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by Cascade Coal Pty Limited to be superior to the other EOI applicant.

Mt Penny

Four EOI's were submitted (by The Jain Group, Monaro Mining NL, Cascade Coal Pty Limited and Breakspeare Coal Mines Ltd) for the Mt Penny coal release area in the Western Coalfield. Although it should be noted however, that in a letter dated 9 June 2009, Monaro Mining NL (through its partner Loyal Coal Pty Limited) withdrew its Expression of Interest over the Mt Penny Coal Release Area.

The submission made by Cascade Coal was considered superior in terms of its proposed technical program and resource recovery and coal utilisation.

Cascade Coal has put forward a sound program of exploration with testing of the whole area. Cascade's two stage exploration program (about 300 drill holes) is proposed to extend over 4 years and is costed at approximately \$5.5 million.

Cascade Coal's conceptual mine development proposal is superior to other submissions made. Cascade has made a commitment to investigate both open cut and underground coal resources. Cascade has estimated that it could extract up to 6-7 Mt per annum of coal with 2 Mt per annum coming from underground operations. Technical issues have been addressed and time frames are sound (5-6 year development timeframe).

Details on proposed coal utilisation and resource recovery were considered sound – Cascade is committed to resource maximisation and is investigating both export and domestic supply options. Cascade is also committed to identifying the extent of the resource by undertaking a rigorous exploration program investigating both open cut and underground coal resources.

Cascade has identified rail transportation as the most likely option for transport of coal to Port and has committed to the construction of a 1.5km long rail loop with a turn out onto the Sandy Hollow Rail Line.

Some consideration given in the submission by Cascade Coal to a community consultative program. The Company will on the grant of an exploration licence establish a project office in the area and commence a community liaison program.

The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by Cascade Coal Pty Limited to be superior to the other EOI applicants.

Long Mountain

The Long Mountain coal release area in the Western Coalfield has had no previous exploration activity and therefore the true resource potential is unknown.

Given this scenario both submissions made (by the Jain Group and Monaro Mining NL) adequately addressed most of the selection criteria. However the EOI lodged by Monaro Mining was deemed superior due to its proposed greater additional financial contributions of \$300,000 on grant of a exploration licence.

Monaro Mining has put forward a sound program of exploration testing the whole area. Monaro's three stage exploration program is proposed to extend over 2 years and is costed at approximately \$1.33 million, with an additional \$600,000 for environmental and community studies.

Monaro has made a commitment to investigate the potential underground coal resources of the area. While it has not ruled out open cut mining, it believes that it may not be economically viable due to the depth and thickness of the coal seams. Monaro has estimated that up to 10 Mt of ROM coal could potentially be recovered. Technical issues have been thoroughly addressed and time frames are sound (2 year exploration program and 5-6 year development timeframe).

While details on proposed coal utilisation were limited, resource recovery was considered sound – Monaro is committed to resource maximisation. Monaro is also committed to identifying the extent of the resource by undertaking a rigorous exploration program.

While details on transport and infrastructure related issues were limited, Monaro has identified rail transportation as the most likely option for transport of coal to Port. However, the company has also indicated that there are a number of constraints in relation to existing railway and road transport options.

Some consideration is given in the submission by Monaro Mining to a community consultative program.

Additional financial contribution of \$300,000 on grant of an Exploration Licence. This additional contribution exceeded those of other EOI proposals.

The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by Monaro Mining NL to be superior to the other EOI applicant.

Iford

EOI's for the Iford coal release area in the Western Coalfield were submitted by eight companies (Jain Group, Resource Management International Pty Ltd, Enhance Place Pty Ltd, Centennial Coal Company, Coal Solutions Australia Pty Ltd, Kimba Resources Pty Ltd, Coalworks Limited and Monaro Mining NL).

The EOI lodged by Centennial Coal Company was considered the superior submission on technical grounds, in particular in relation to the proposed exploration program and mine development.

Centennial's proposed program of exploration was far superior to the other submissions lodged. Centennial has put forward a sound program of exploration testing the whole area. Centennial's two stage exploration program is proposed to extend over 5 years and is costed at approximately \$5.3 million, with an additional \$3.35 million for environmental and mine planning studies.

Centennial's conceptual mine development proposal was considered to be well in advance of other EOI's submitted. Centennial plans to fully investigate both open cut and underground mining opportunities and its proposed capital expenditure of \$122 million ranked it the preferred proposal. While it has not ruled out open cut mining, Centennial considers the most appropriate method of coal extraction to be underground bord and pillar so as to reduce subsidence impacts on sensitive cliff lines. Centennial has estimated that the Iford EOI area may contain up to 92 Mt of resources and 32.6 Mt of reserves. Technical issues have been thoroughly addressed and time frames are sound (5 year exploration program and 6-7 year development timeframe).

Centennial's infrastructure proposals, with its greater synergies to the Company's existing projects/mines in the area, offered far greater certainty of infrastructure delivery than other submissions made. Given the smallish size of the resource and the significant infrastructure costs involved, other submissions could not provide the same degree of certainty in infrastructure delivery.

Some consideration is given in the submission by Centennial Coal to a community liaison program. Centennial has also committed to a land acquisition program which is costed at \$5 million.

Additional financial contribution of \$750,000 on grant of an Exploration Licence. While Centennial proposed a smaller upfront financial contribution than Resource Management International Pty Ltd, overall their proposal is technically superior and the Evaluation Panel considers that this proposal provides greater certainty to development.

It should also be noted that the Iford coal release area is in close proximity to Centennial Coal's existing mining operations and exploration licences and thereby provides synergies for development and opportunities for maximising existing infrastructure and provides a better overall outcome to the region and the State.

The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by Centennial Coal Company to be superior to the other EOI applicants.

Cameron Road

EOI's for the Cameron Road coal release area in the Western Coalfield were submitted by five companies (Kimba Resources Pty Ltd, Centennial Coal Company, Enhance Place Pty Ltd, Jain Group and Monaro Mining NL).

The EOI lodged by Centennial Coal Company was considered the superior submission on technical grounds, in particular in relation to the proposed exploration program and mine development.

Centennial's proposed program of exploration was far superior to the other submissions lodged. Centennial has put forward a sound program of exploration testing the whole area. Centennial's two stage exploration program is proposed to extend over 5 years and is costed at approximately \$4.8 million, with an additional \$3.35 million for environmental and mine planning studies.

Centennial's conceptual mine development proposal was considered to be well in advance of other EOI's submitted. Centennial plans to fully investigate both open cut and underground mining opportunities and its proposed capital expenditure of \$122 million ranked it the preferred proposal. While it has not ruled out open cut mining, Centennial considers the most appropriate method of coal extraction to be underground bord and pillar so as to reduce subsidence impacts on sensitive cliff lines. Centennial has estimated that the Cameron Road EOI area may contain up to 26 Mt of resources and 16 Mt of reserves. Technical issues have been thoroughly addressed and time frames are sound (5 year exploration program and 6-7 year development timeframe).

Centennial's infrastructure proposals, with its greater synergies to the Company's existing projects/mines in the area, offered far greater certainty of infrastructure delivery than other submissions made. Given the smallish size of the resource and the significant infrastructure costs involved, other submissions could not provide the same degree of certainty in infrastructure delivery.

Some consideration is given in the submission by Centennial Coal to a community liaison program.

Additional financial contribution of \$250,000 on grant of an Exploration Licence. While Centennial proposed a smaller upfront financial contribution than Monaro Mining NL, overall their proposal is technically superior and the Evaluation Panel considers that this proposal provides greater certainty to development.

It should also be noted that the Cameron Road coal release area is in close proximity to Centennial Coal's existing mining operations and exploration licences and thereby provides synergies for development and opportunities for maximising existing infrastructure and provides a better overall outcome to the region and the State.

The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by Centennial Coal Company to be superior to the other EOI applicants.

Melrose

EOI's for the Melrose coal release area in the Western Coalfield were submitted by three companies (Centennial Coal Company, Enhance Place Pty Ltd and Monaro Mining NL).

The EOI lodged by Centennial Coal Company was considered the superior submission on technical grounds, in particular in relation to the proposed exploration program and mine development.

Centennial's proposed program of exploration was far superior to the other submissions lodged. Centennial has put forward a sound program of exploration testing the whole area. Centennial's two stage exploration program is proposed to extend over 5 years and is costed at approximately \$2.55 million, with an additional \$3.35 million for environmental and mine planning studies.

Centennial's conceptual mine development proposal was considered to be well in advance of other EOI's submitted. Centennial plans to fully investigate both open cut and underground mining opportunities and its proposed capital expenditure of over \$112 million ranked it the preferred proposal. While it has not ruled out open cut mining, Centennial considers the most appropriate method of coal extraction to be underground bord and pillar so as to reduce subsidence impacts on sensitive cliff lines and to reduce the potential for community objection. Centennial has estimated that the Melrose EOI area may contain up to 35 Mt of resources and 18.4 Mt of reserves. Technical issues have been thoroughly addressed and time frames are sound (5 year exploration program and 6-7 year development timeframe).

Centennial's infrastructure proposals, with its greater synergies to the Company's existing projects/mines in the area, offered far greater certainty of infrastructure delivery than other submissions made. Given the smallish size of the resource and the significant infrastructure costs involved, other submissions could not provide the same degree of certainty in infrastructure delivery.

Some consideration is given in the submission by Centennial Coal to a community liaison program.

Centennial committed to an additional financial contribution of \$100,000 on grant of an Exploration licence. While Centennial proposed a smaller upfront financial contribution than other bidders, overall their proposal is technically superior and the Evaluation Panel considers that this proposal provides greater certainty to development.

It should also be noted that the Melrose coal release area is in close proximity to Centennial Coal's existing mining operations and exploration licences and thereby provides synergies for development and opportunities for maximising existing infrastructure and provides a better overall outcome to the region and the State.

The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by Centennial Coal Company to be superior to the other EOI applicants.

Ben Bullen

EOI's for the Ben Bullen coal release area in the Western Coalfield were submitted by two companies (Coalpac Pty Ltd and Monaro Mining NL).

The EOI lodged by Monaro Mining was considered the superior submission on both technical grounds, in particular in relation to the proposed exploration program and mine development and in terms of additional financial contributions.

Monaro Mining's proposed program of exploration was considered superior to the other submission lodged. Monaro has put forward a sound program of exploration testing the whole area. Monaro's two year exploration program is costed at approximately \$2.39 million.

Monaro has made a commitment to investigate the potential underground coal resources of the area. While it has not ruled out open cut mining, it believes that it may not be economically viable due to the depth and thickness of the coal seams. Monaro has estimated that up to 15 Mt of ROM coal could potentially be recovered. Technical issues have been thoroughly addressed and time frames are sound (2 year exploration program and 5-6 year development timeframe).

While details on proposed coal utilisation were limited, it did however indicate the resource may have both domestic and export properties. Resource recovery was considered sound – Monaro committed to resource maximisation. Monaro is committed to identifying the extent of the resource by undertaking a rigorous exploration program.

While details on transport and infrastructure related issues were limited, Monaro has identified rail transportation as the most likely option for transport of coal to Port. However, the company has also indicated that there are a number of constraints in relation to existing railway and road transport options. The submission by Coalpac did indicate some potential infrastructure synergies with its existing operations in the region.

Some consideration given in the submission by Monaro Mining to a community consultative program.

Monaro Mining indicated it would provide an additional financial contribution of \$150,000 on grant of an Exploration Licence. Coalpac in its submission did not provide detail of any additional financial contributions. The Evaluation Panel was also concerned that there was some question as to whether Coalpac was prepared to meet the compulsory financial contributions required for this release area.

The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by Monaro Mining NL to be superior to the other EOI applicant.

COAL RELEASE AREAS

Gunnedah Coalfield

Hunter Coalfield

Western Coalfield

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST INFORMATION

NEW SOUTH WALES

January 2009



**NSW DEPARTMENT OF
PRIMARY INDUSTRIES**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Call for Expression of Interest

The Minister for Mineral Resources in New South Wales, Australia, invites Expressions of Interest for the awarding of an exploration licence in respect of the following eleven (11) coal exploration areas (Figure 1), pursuant to the Mining Act 1992:

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| • Goonbri | Gunnedah Coalfield | (Figure 2) |
| • Vickery South | Gunnedah Coalfield | (Figure 3) |
| • Yarrowa | Hunter Coalfield | (Figure 4) |
| • Spur Hill | Hunter Coalfield | (Figure 5) |
| • Glendon Brook | Hunter Coalfield | (Figure 6) |
| • Mt Penny | Western Coalfield | (Figure 7) |
| • Long Mountain | Western Coalfield | (Figure 8) |
| • Ilford | Western Coalfield | (Figure 9) |
| • Cameron Road | Western Coalfield | (Figure 10) |
| • Melrose | Western Coalfield | (Figure 11) |
| • Ben Bullen | Western Coalfield | (Figure 12) |

A number of companies have approached the Department of Primary Industries, seeking access to potential coal resources in these areas. The eleven (11) coal exploration areas may contain open cut and/or underground coal resources of domestic and possible export quality thermal coal.

In accordance with the Department's *Guidelines for Allocation of Future Coal Exploration Areas*, with respect to "small areas unrelated to existing mines", a limited form of expression of interest will be undertaken for these eleven (11) areas.

The initial Expression of Interest for these eleven (11) areas closed at 12:00 noon on 24 November 2008 and Declarations of Expressions of Interest were opened at 1:00pm on 24 November 2008 as outlined in the original Expression of Interest Information Package dated August 2008.

Prior to the closure of the original Expression of Interest process the Government and Department of Primary Industries had been approached by additional small to medium companies that had not previously contacted the Department of Primary Industries.

As a result the Government has made a change in policy relating to this current Coal Release Areas Expression of Interest and has decided to reopen the Expression of Interest to allow additional small to medium companies who have written to the Department of Primary Industries or the Minister to lodge an Expression of Interest for any of these eleven areas.

Interested parties are required to submit an Expression of Interest/s to the Department of Primary Industries with details of an exploration and development program. Closing time and date for Expressions of Interest is 12 noon on Monday 16 February 2009.

In the event that other small to medium companies seek to be included during the Expression of Interest period they will be able to lodge an Expression of Interest subject to the Expression of Interest being received prior to 12:00 noon on Monday 16 February 2009.

Expressions of Interest for more than one area may be submitted. An individual application must be made for each area of interest.

The Department of Primary Industries will establish an evaluation team from experts on its staff and elsewhere in government. The team will evaluate the Expressions of Interest using a consistent process approved by an independent probity auditor.

The successful applicant/s will be awarded a coal exploration licence over the area(s) for an initial period up to 5 years, pursuant to the Mining Act 1992.

Interested parties are required to submit an Expression of Interest/s to the Department of Primary Industries with details of an exploration and development program. Closing time and date for Expressions of Interest is 12 noon on Monday 16 February 2009.

The Expressions of Interest are open to an individual company or companies or a consortium. Any proposed foreign investment in Australian resource projects is subject to the Australian Government's Foreign Investment Review Board guidelines and approvals.

Exploration rights over these areas will be awarded by part transfer of the existing titles held by the Crown where applicable or the grant of a new exploration title. The continued tenure of the exploration licence during the initial period and any subsequent renewal period will be subject to compliance with agreed commitments and title conditions. The Department of Primary Industries is not bound to accept any of the proposals.

1.2 Previously Submitted Expressions of Interest

The following options are available for consideration by all companies/parties who previously submitted an Expression of Interest prior to 12:00 noon on 24 November 2008:

- (a) maintain their original Expression of Interest for competitive evaluation
- (b) revise/replace their original Expression of Interest with no additional lodgement fee required
- (c) recall their original Expression of Interest with full refund of lodgement fee.

After consideration of the above options companies which have previously submitted an Expression of Interest for any of the 11 areas should nominate their preferred option by writing to:

Julie Moloney, Principal Adviser, Development Coordination
Phone: (02) 4931 6549
Email: julie.moloney@dpi.nsw.gov.au
Department of Primary Industries
PO Box 344, Hunter Regional Mail Centre NSW 2310

If no written advice has been received prior to 12:00 noon on Monday 16 February 2009 the original Expression of Interest submitted by a company/parties will be included for competitive evaluation.

2. TIMEFRAME FOR RESOURCE EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS

Each expression of interest area requires detailed exploration to identify any mineable reserves. The successful applicant/s will be required to complete the nominated exploration program and have lodged a Major Project Application under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* within 6 years of the grant of any exploration licence.

3. PREREQUISITES TO FUTURE MINE DEVELOPMENT

The exploration licence will be subject to renewal in the normal manner, based on satisfactory performance during the initial period and an agreed program of work for the renewal period. The continued tenure of the exploration licence during the initial period and any subsequent renewal periods will be subject to compliance with Expression of Interest commitments and title conditions.

The successful applicant/s will be required to fully explore the area/s to determine the coal resource potential. Any progress beyond exploration licence tenure will be subject to all normal processes of obtaining development approval and a mining lease. The development assessment and approval process under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* would involve the preparation and public display of a comprehensive Environmental Assessment report. Any application for development approval and a mining lease would not be progressed until the Department Primary Industries - Mineral Resource Division approved a "conceptual project development plan" in accordance with current guidelines (www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/titles/policies/development_plans).

4. INFORMATION

4.1 General Enquiries

Request for further information should be addressed to:
Julie Moloney, Principal Adviser, Development Coordination
Phone: (02) 4931 6549
Email: julie.moloney@dpi.nsw.gov.au
Department Of Primary Industries
PO Box 344, Hunter Regional Mail Centre NSW 2310

Any formal questions/enquiries should be made in writing after discussion with the nominated contact officer above.

4.2 Available Data

The Coal Release Areas Data Package has been compiled from previous geological and coal quality investigations.

The data are divided into two (2) parts:

4.2.1 Geological Data

Available geological data varies for each release area. A summary of geological data available for each release area is shown on Table 1.

4.2.2 Reports

- The Hunter Coalfield – Notes to accompany the 1:100,000 Hunter Coalfield Geological Map – Beckett J 1988
- Hunter Coalfield Regional Geology 1:100 000, 2nd edition – Glen R.A. and Beckett J., 1993
- The Gunnedah Coalfield – Notes to accompany the 1:100,000 Gunnedah Coalfield Geological (North and South) Map, Pratt W. 1998
- Gunnedah Coalfield (Southern Part) Geological Series 1:100 000, Pratt W. 1996
- Gunnedah Coalfield (Northern Part) Geological Series 1:100 000, Pratt W. 1998
- The Western Coalfield – Notes to accompany the 1:100,000 Western Coalfield Geological Maps, Yoo E.K, Tadros N.Z and Bayly K.W. 2001
- Western Coalfield (Southern Part) Geological Series 1:100 000, Yoo E.K 1992
- Western Coalfield (Northern Part) Geological Series 1:100 000, Yoo E.K 1998

A variety of other general geological reports can be found on the Department's website, www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals using the DIGS reporting system.

For more information on available geological data contact:

Leslie Wiles, Manager Coal Advice
 Phone: (02) 4931 6555
 Email: coal.geology@dpi.nsw.gov.au
 Department Of Primary Industries
 PO Box 344, Hunter Regional Mail Centre NSW 2310

4.3 Purchase of Geological Data Package

Cost of Geological Data Package (available on DVD): \$550 (includes GST)

The geological data package can be purchased from:

Lee Main, Geological Administrator, Coal Advice
 Phone: (02) 4931 6689
 Email: coal.geology @dpi.nsw.gov.au
 Department Of Primary Industries
 PO Box 344, Hunter Regional Mail Centre NSW 2310

Table 1. Summary of geological data available for each release area.

Area	No. of Boreholes	Available Borehole Information
Goonbri	14	Summaries, lithological logs, graphic logs, limited coal analysis and geophysics
Vickery South	10	Summaries, lithological logs and limited coal analysis
Yarrowa	21	Majority of lithological logs, limited summaries, graphics logs, geophysics and coal analysis
Spur Hill	39	Lithological logs, and limited graphics logs, geophysics and coal analysis
Glendon Brook	12	Summaries and lithological logs
Mt Penny	22	English and graphic logs and coal analysis
Long Mountain	0	No boreholes in area
Ilford	19	Summaries, majority of lithological logs and limited coal analysis
Cameron Rd	11	Summaries, lithological logs and coal analysis
Melrose	12	Summaries, lithological logs and limited coal analysis
Ben Bullen	27	Summaries and lithological logs, graphics and limited coal analysis

5. SUBMISSION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

5.1 Closing Date

Closing time and date for Expressions of Interest is **12 noon on Monday 16 February 2009.**

Expressions of Interest for more than one area may be submitted. An individual application must be made for each area of interest.

5.2 Lodgement

Each Expression of Interest must be enclosed in a sealed envelope or parcel and be clearly marked "Expression of Interest – Coal Release Areas" and identify which area the expression of interest is for (i.e. Goonbri, Vickery South, Yarrowa, Glendon Brook, Mt Penny, Spur Hill, Long Mountain, Ilford, Cameron Road, Melrose or Ben Bullen). In addition a cover letter should be included in a separate standard size envelope and be attached to the outside of the main envelope or parcel containing the Expression of Interest. *The covering letter should identify the area for which the Expression of Interest is lodged and state the name of the company/companies or consortium involved in submitting the Expression of Interest and any company equity involved.*

Applications should be delivered to **Development Coordination, Department of Primary Industries, 516 High Street, Maitland NSW 2320, prior to 12 noon on Monday 16 February 2009.** Three copies of the main Expression of Interest document(s) are required. One copy of any detailed appendix material is sufficient.

Each application for each individual area is to be accompanied by a non-refundable Expression of Interest lodgement fee of \$1,000. A receipt will be issued for this fee.

As outlined in Section 1.2 all companies/parties who previously submitted an Expression of Interest prior to 12:00 noon on 24 November 2008 may revise/replace their original Expression of Interest with no additional lodgement fee required.

5.3 Declaration of Expressions of Interest Received

Expressions of Interest will be opened at **1:00pm on Monday 16 February 2009** in the Conference Room, Level 1, 516 High Street, Maitland NSW 2320. Declaration of Expressions of Interest will be open to the public. Only the area of interest, the name of the company/companies or consortium and any company equity involved will be made public.

6. EVALUATION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

6.1 Evaluation Process

The Director-General of the Department of Primary Industries will make recommendations to the Minister in relation to the awarding of exploration licences following completion of the evaluation process for the eleven (11) release areas.

The Department of Primary Industries will establish an evaluation team from experts on its staff and elsewhere in government. The team will evaluate the Expressions of Interest using a consistent process approved by an independent probity auditor. The auditor will review compliance of the evaluation process by the evaluation team prior to the submission of recommendations to the Director-General. This process will ensure the highest levels of consistency, fairness and probity are achieved.

The evaluation team's assessment will be based on the Evaluation Criteria outlined in Section 6.2.

6.2 Evaluation Criteria

6.2.1 Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution

(a) Exploration

The exploration program must involve a commitment to test the resource potential of the whole area. Method, cost and timing of exploration should be included.

(b) Mine Development

A conceptual mine development proposal should be included. Conceptual mine planning should be based on current knowledge and address technical issues associated with developing the area/s.

The conceptual mine development plan should include the timeframe for evaluation and development.

(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation

Based on current knowledge of an area the proponent should provide conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation.

(d) Infrastructure

The proponent should provide details of any proposed infrastructure development based on the existing rail infrastructure and port constraints. In any future potential mine development, all long term transport of coal is expected to be off public roads. Cost and timing of any proposal should be included.

(e) Financial Contributions

The successful Expression of Interest applicant/s will be required to meet the financial obligations for an exploration licence listed in Section 7.

Expression of Interest applicants may nominate additional financial contributions to those listed in Section 7 to be considered as part of the evaluation process.

Financial contributions in Section 8 will be payable if the release area proceeds to, and is granted development approval under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

6.2.2 Overall Benefits

A summary of any overall benefits of the proposal to the region and the State of New South Wales should be provided. These may include:

- Employment
- Benefits to local and regional communities
- Capital expenditure
- Infrastructure benefits
- Any other benefits

6.2.3 Programs of Work

A commitment to implementing sound work programs should include:

- The exploration program to bring the resources to measured reserves status
- Conceptual mine feasibility studies
- Environmental studies
- Community liaison program, which includes individual landholders, local, regional and indigenous communities.

The above programs should include indicative schedules and costing for major phases and be set out in clear terms with positive, realistic objectives.

6.2.4 Indicative Timeframe

A timetable for the implementation of the above work programs and any proposed subsequent mine developments. The timeframe outlined in Section 2 of this document is considered reasonable for the assessment and development of any deposit.

6.2.5 Technical Competence

Demonstrated technical ability to implement the nominated programs, subsequent infrastructure and project development, ongoing mining, coal marketing and utilisation, and environmental management.

6.2.6 Financial Qualifications

Demonstrated financial ability to fund work programs and subsequent mine and infrastructure development.

6.2.7 Other

Any other matters which the company/companies or consortium believes would assist in assessing its proposal.

7. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT FOR AN EXPLORATION LICENCE

As part of the Expression of Interest commitments, for each release area the successful applicant/s, will within 30 days from the date of a registration of part transfer of the current exploration licence or within 30 days of the Minister granting consent to apply for a new exploration licence, be required to pay:

(Note: the figures below include GST where applicable)

- (a) an assessment fee of \$10,000 to cover Department of Primary Industries' Expression of Interest administration, advertising and evaluation costs;
- (b) a one off payment by the successful applicant/s for the allocation of each area listed below as a contribution towards the Department's Coal Development Fund for continued coal exploration as follows:
 - Goonbri \$250,000
 - Vickery South \$250,000
 - Yarrawa \$150,000
 - Spur Hill \$1,500,000
 - Glendon Brook \$300,000
 - Mt Penny \$1,000,000
 - Long Mountain \$100,000
 - Ilford \$250,000
 - Cameron Road \$250,000
 - Melrose \$150,000
 - Ben Bullen \$300,000

These amounts include all required refund of public monies.

- (c) Additional financial contributions may be included as part of an applicant's Expression of Interest.

The successful applicant/s will be required to pay the standard Application for an Exploration Licence fee for Group 9 (coal) of \$600 + \$600 per square kilometre (www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/titles/fees/mining_act_fees)

An environmental security deposit to be calculated based on the successful applicant's proposed work program is payable at the time of awarding the exploration licence.

8. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT UPON GRANTING OF DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL FOR ANY FUTURE MINE PROPOSAL

The exploration licence holder of any area which proceeds to, and is granted development approval for a future mine proposal under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* will be required to pay financial contributions for coal allocation area/s as per the Department of Primary Industries *Guidelines for Allocation of Future Coal Exploration Areas* (www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/minerals/titles/policies).

Financial contributions will be payable in instalments:

- 20% of required financial contribution at grant of Major Project Approval under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*
- Balance payable in five equal payments at yearly intervals.

The required financial contributions are based on the type of deposit (open cut or underground), quality (export or domestic) and saleable coal tonnage as outlined in Table 2.

Table 2: Financial contributions as per the Department's *Guidelines for Allocation of Future Coal Exploration Areas*

I. OPEN CUT

Saleable Tonnes (Mt)	Export Coal		Domestic Coal	
	Cents/Tonne	Minimum Contribution \$ million	Cents/Tonne	Minimum Contribution \$ million
>100	Tender or Negotiation or 20 + negotiation	>20	Tender or Negotiation or 10 + negotiation	>10
50-100	15+ negotiation	>7.5	7.5 + negotiation	>3.75
5-50	10	>0.5	5	>0.25
<5	5	<0.25	2.5	<0.125

II. UNDERGROUND

Saleable Tonnes (Mt)	Export Coal		Domestic Coal	
	Cents/Tonne	Minimum Contribution \$ million	Cents/Tonne	Minimum Contribution \$ million
>100	Tender or Negotiation or 15 + negotiation	>15	Tender or Negotiation or 7.5 + negotiation	>7.5
50-100	10	>5	5	>2.5
<50	5	<2.5	2.5	<1.25

9. CONSIDERATION OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Department of Primary Industries is not bound to accept any Expression of Interest. The decision in relation to the selection of the successful Expression of Interest applicants to be awarded any exploration licence will be final.

10. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH COMMITMENTS

- (a) If the successful applicant/s, who was subsequently awarded the exploration licence/s, does not substantially meet its commitments as per its Expression of Interest or fails to comply with the title conditions, then any title in place at that time may be cancelled.
- (b) If the successful applicant/s fails to commence and carry out the work program commitments, then any title in place at that time may be cancelled.
- (c) If coal exploration rights in the area are reallocated to another party within 3 years of such cancellation, then the incoming party may be required to refund reasonable exploration costs (as determined by the Minister) to the original party plus any monies paid to the Government by the original party subsequent to the grant of any Mining Lease.
- (d) Money paid under parts a, b and c of Section 7 Financial Obligations of Successful Applicant for an Exploration Licence will not be refunded.

Figure 1: General location of the Coal Release areas.

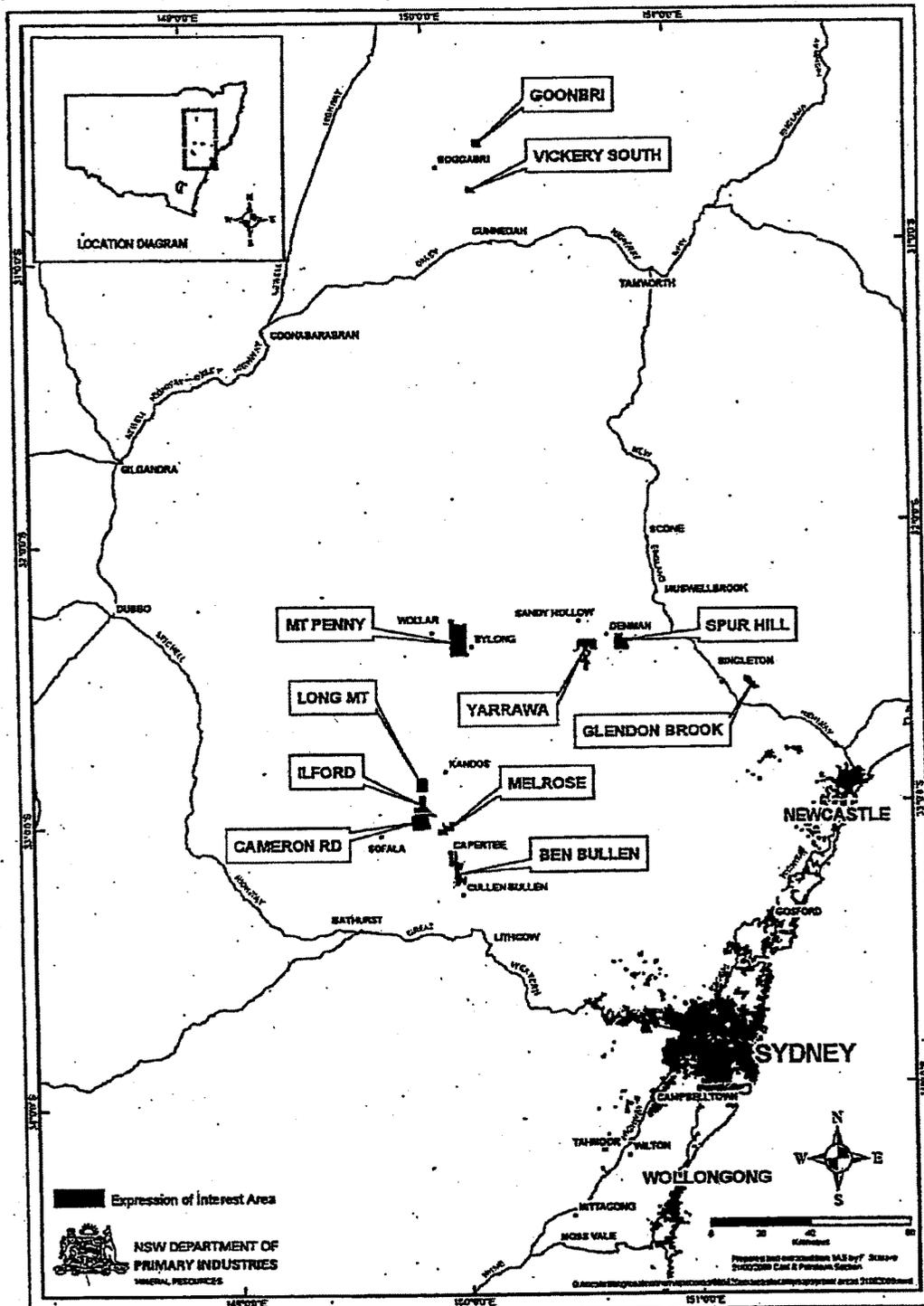


Figure 2: Location of the Goonbri Expression of Interest Area.

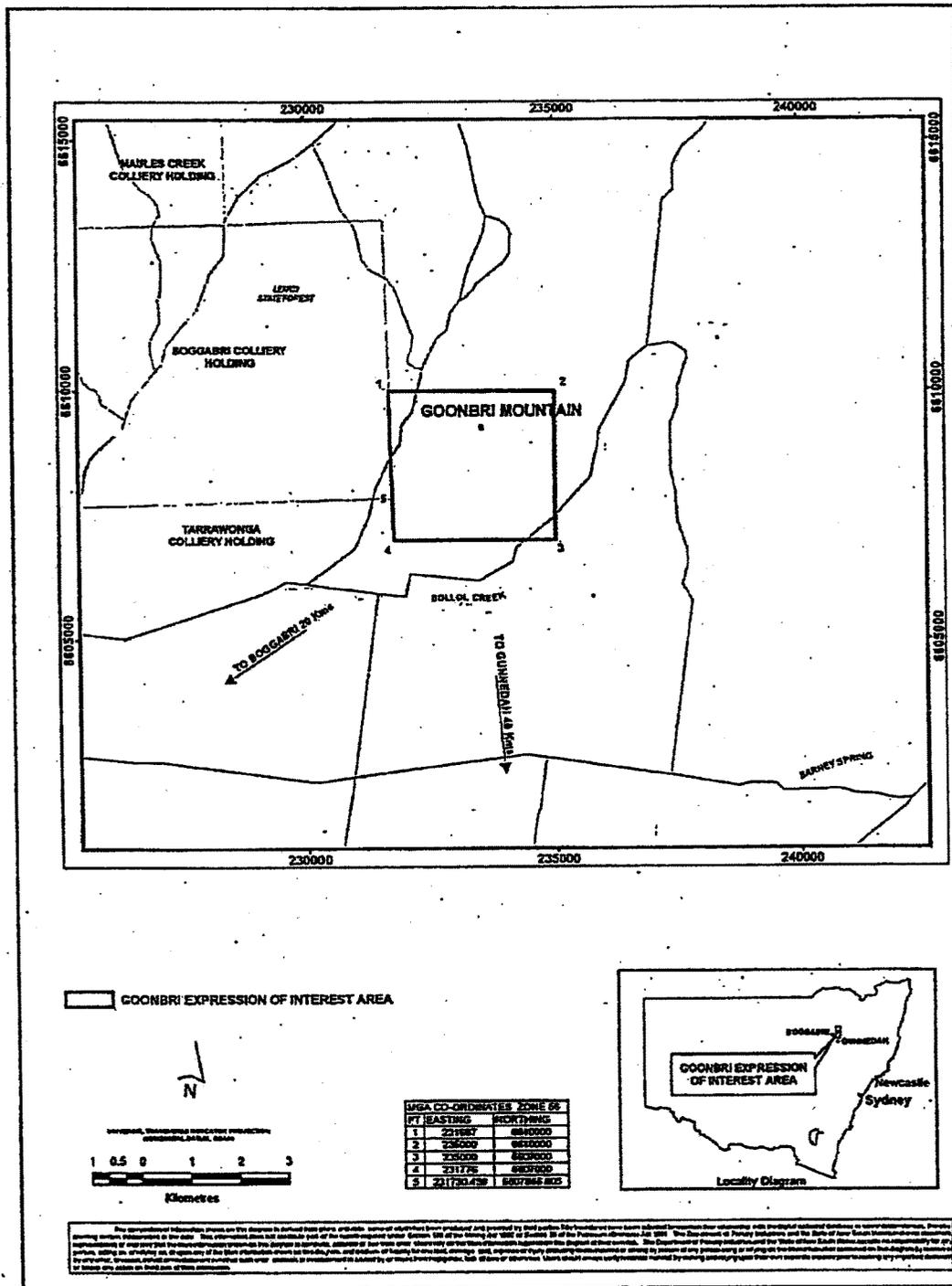


Figure 3: Location of the Vickery South Expression of Interest Area.

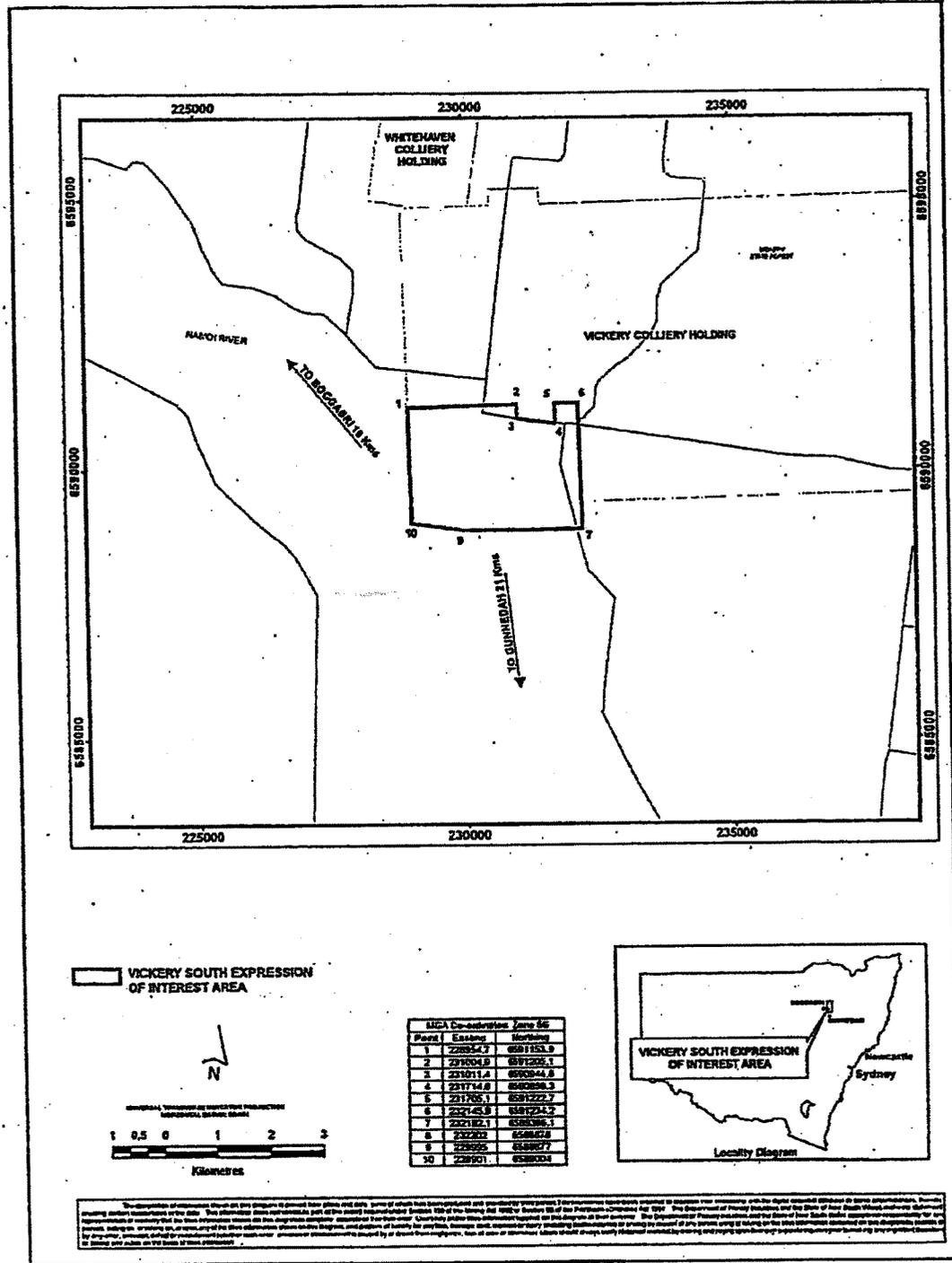


Figure 4: Location of the Yarrawa Expression of Interest Area.

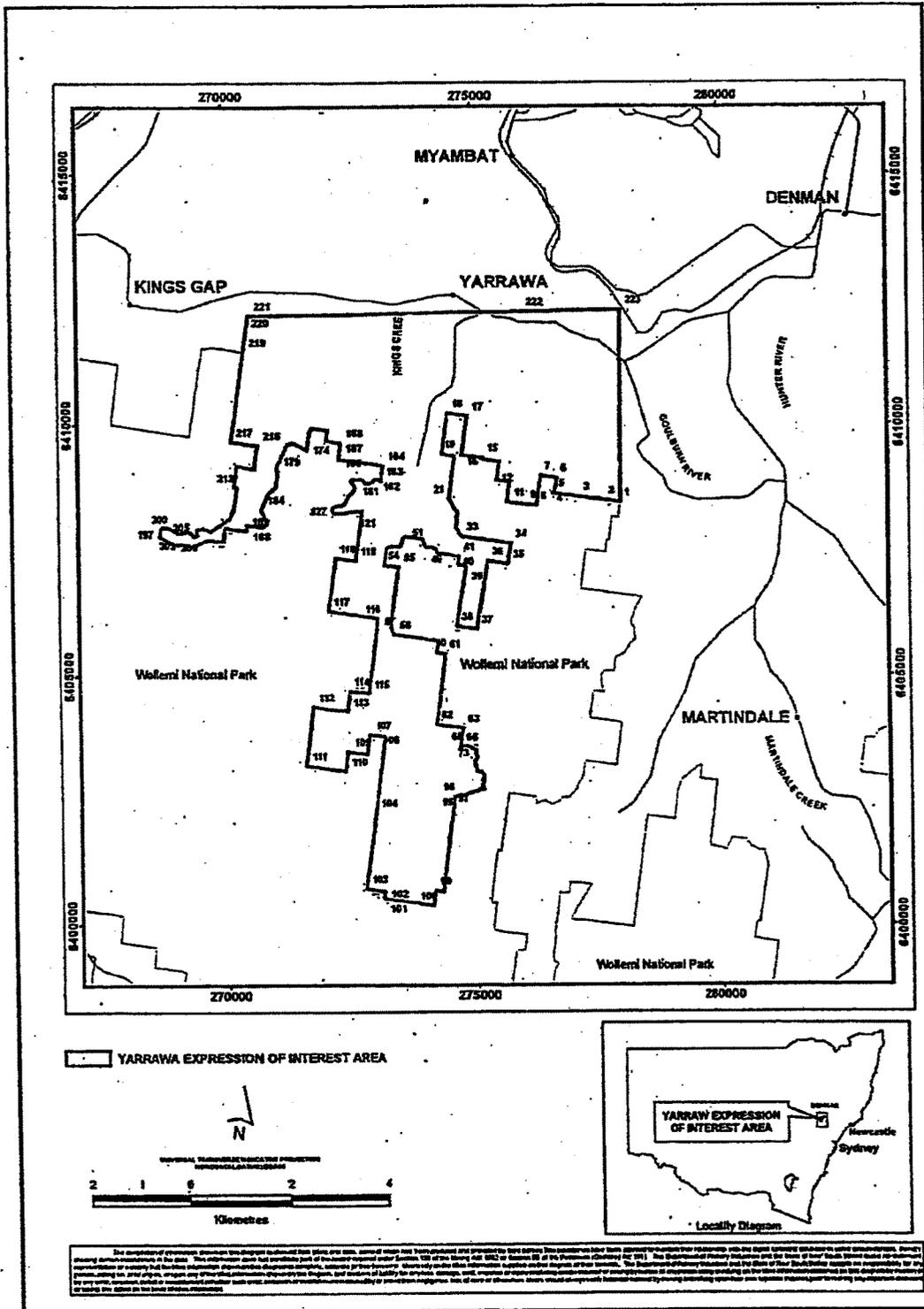


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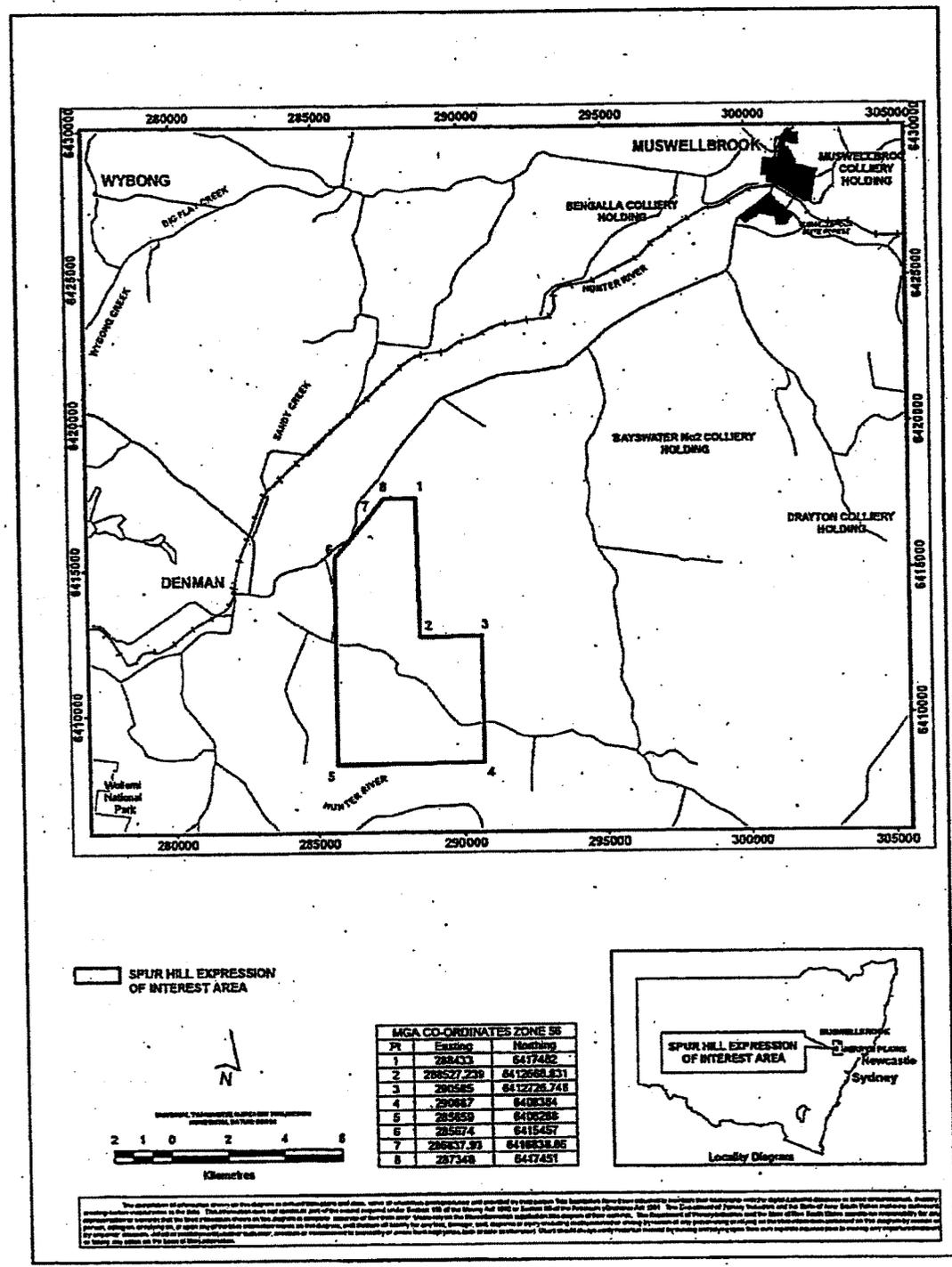


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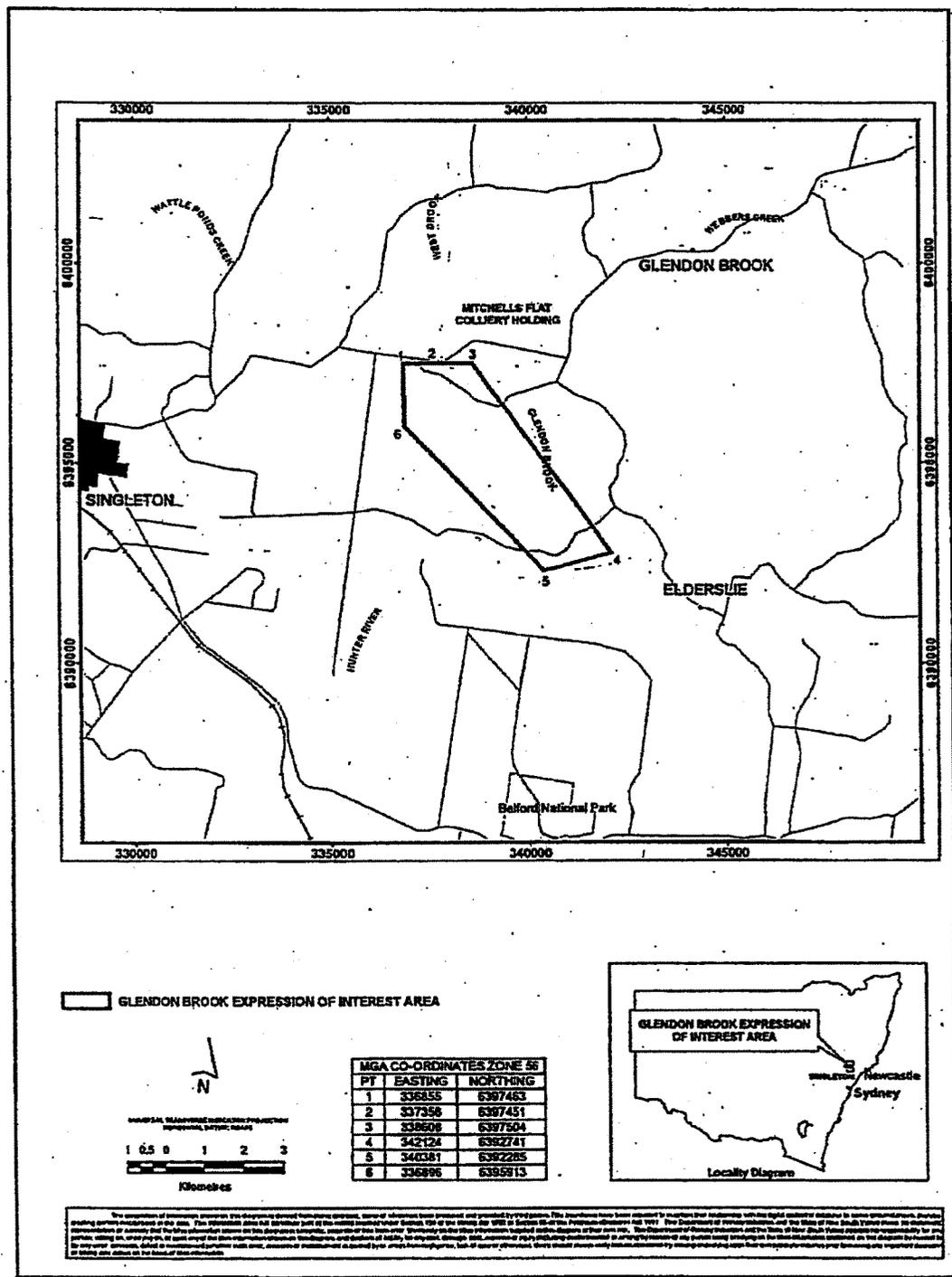


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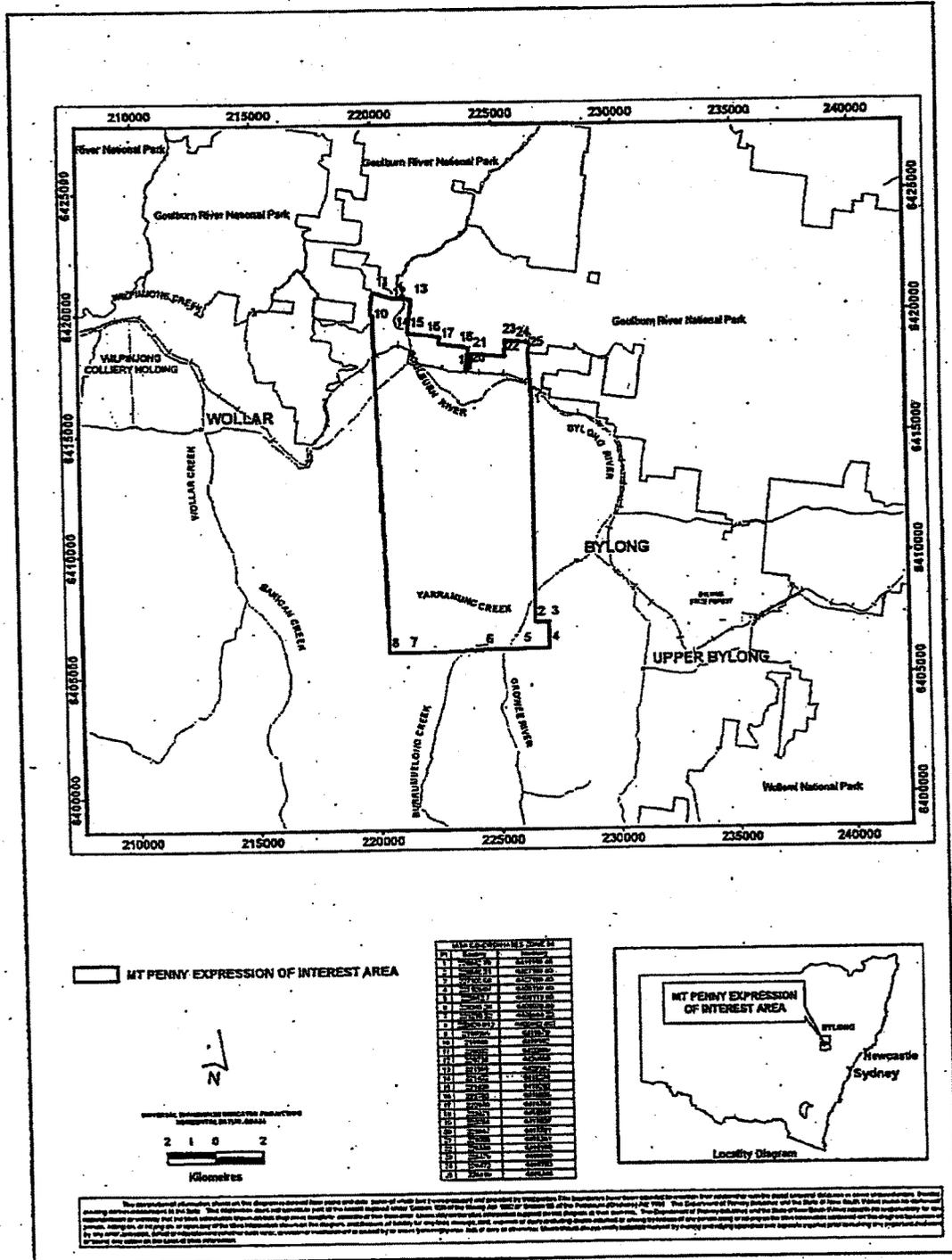


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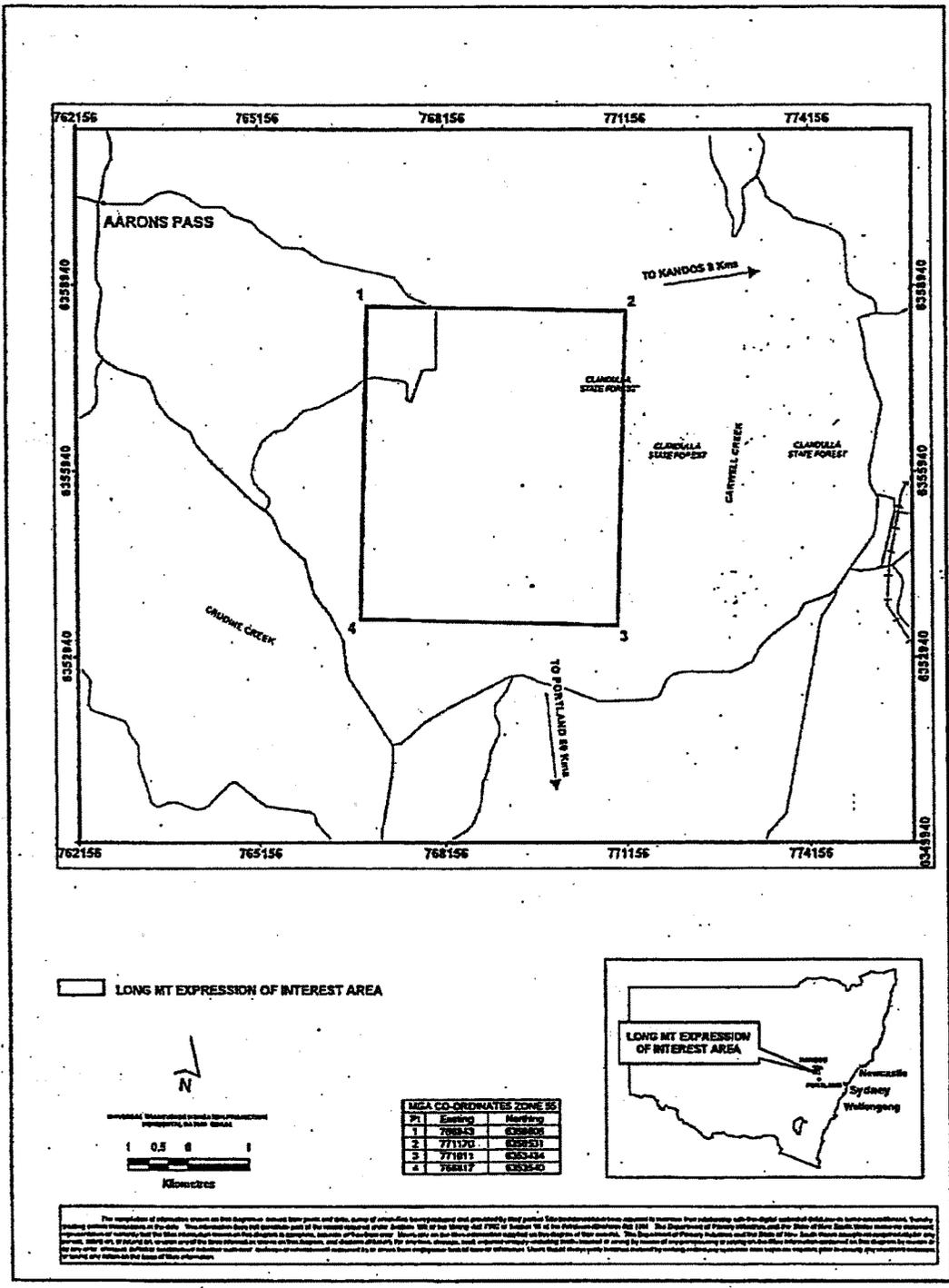


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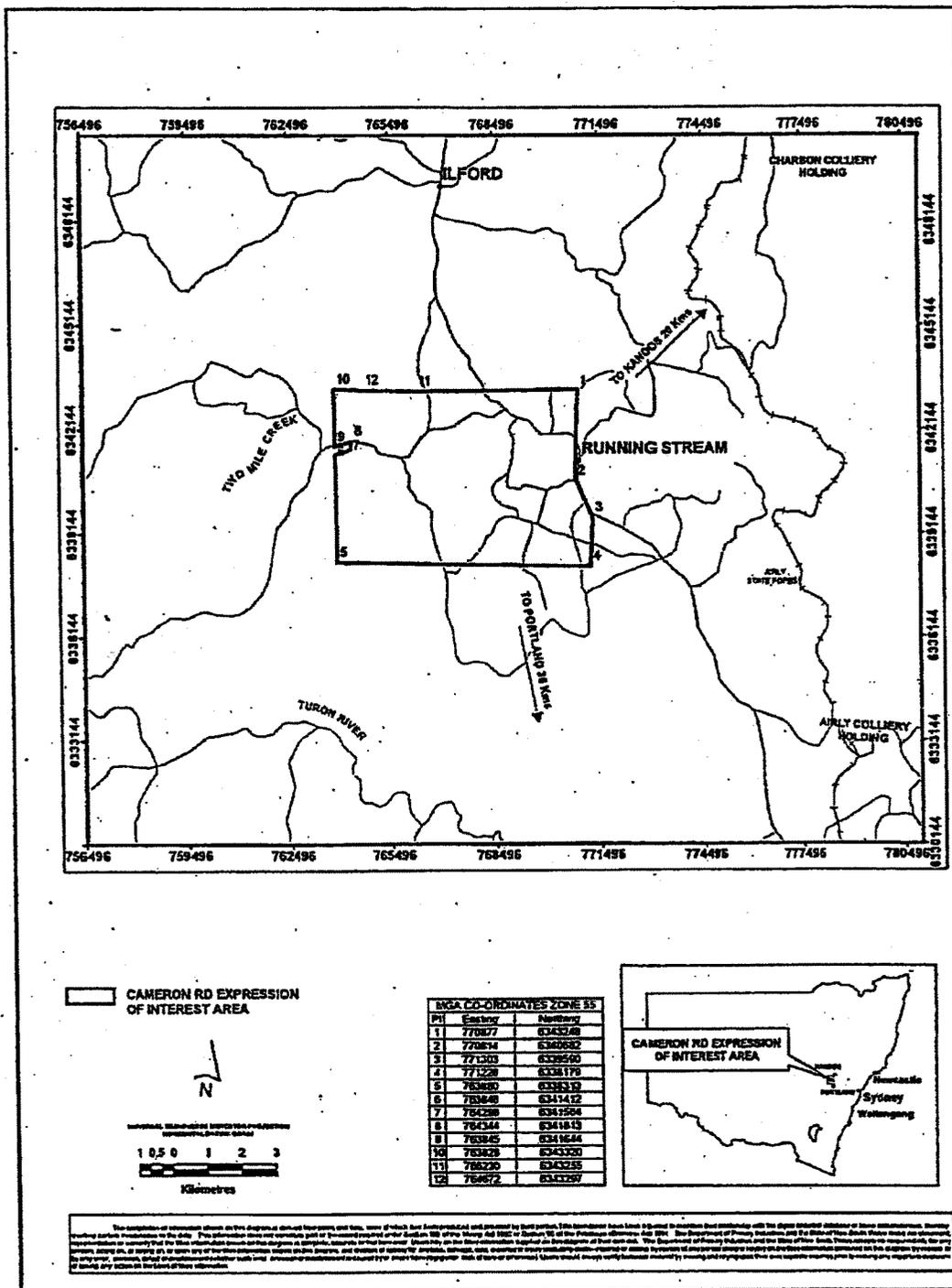


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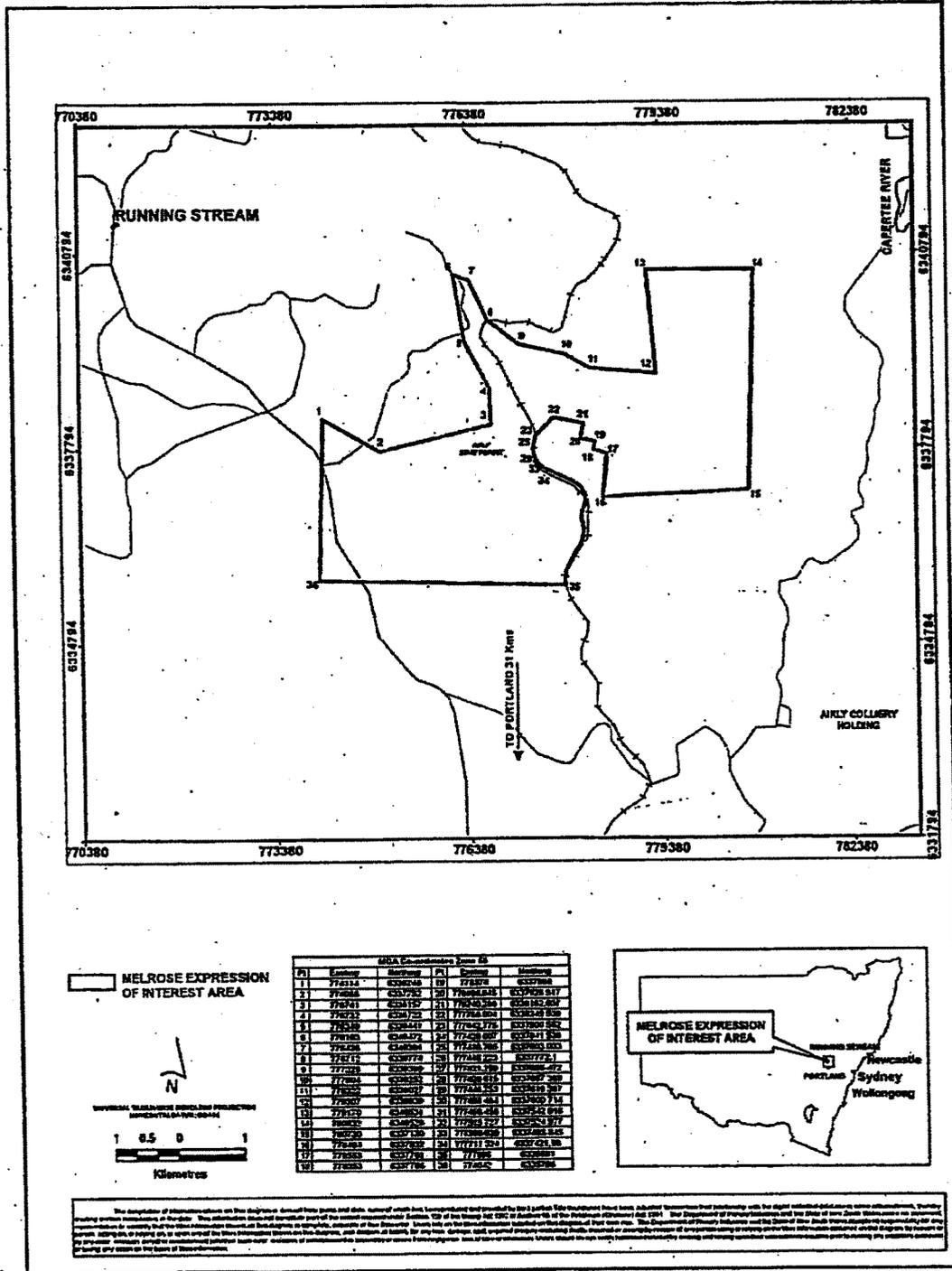
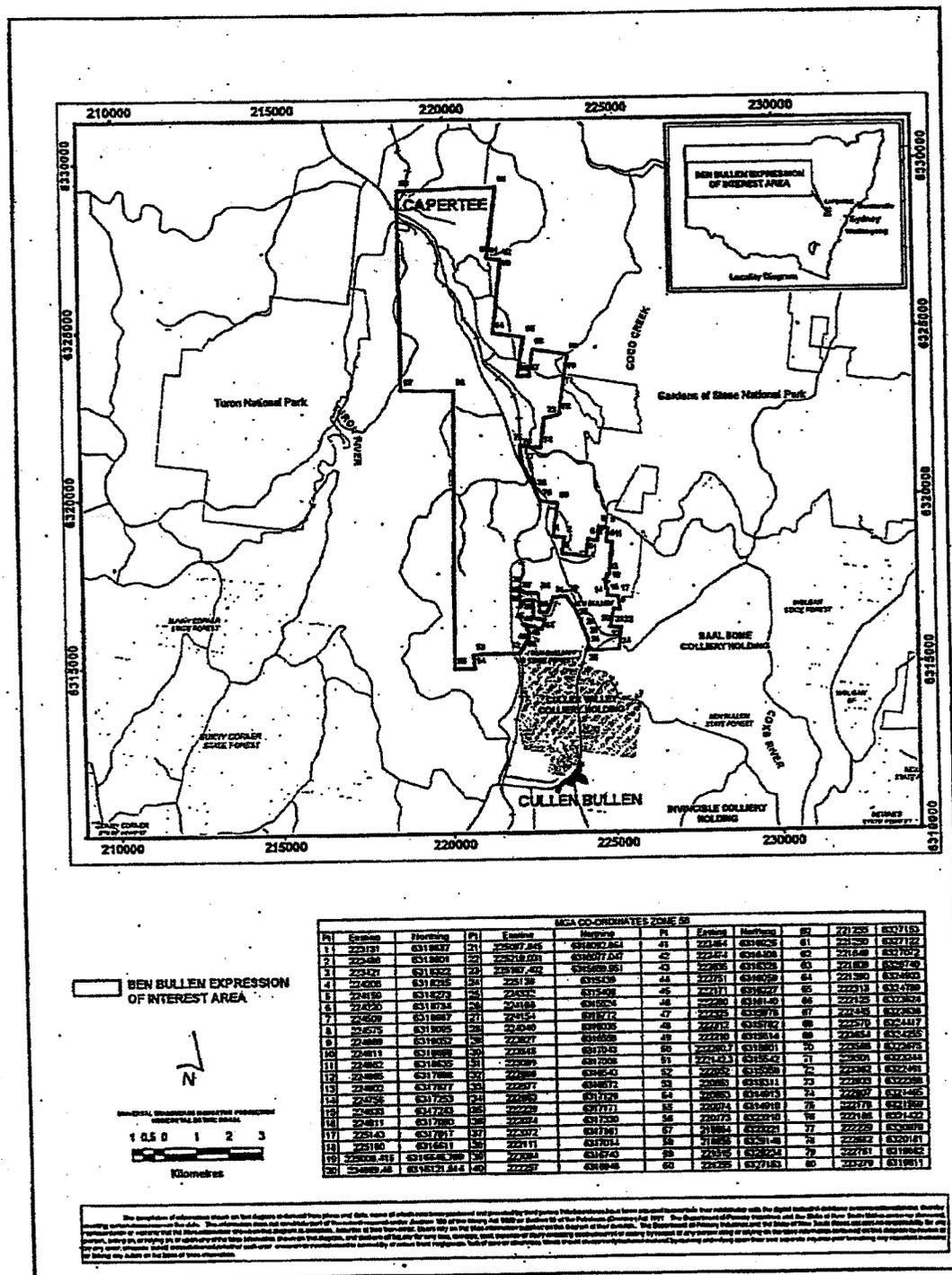
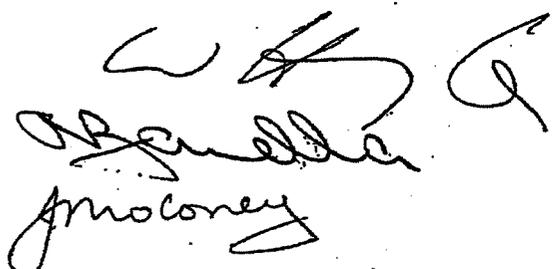
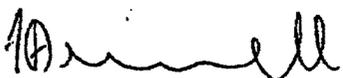
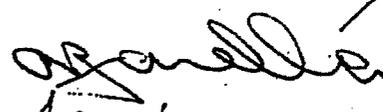
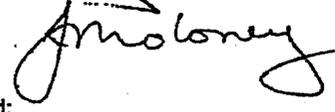
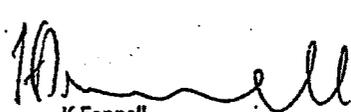
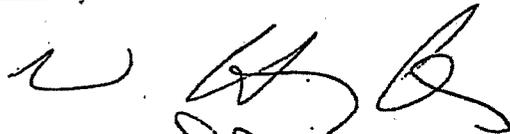
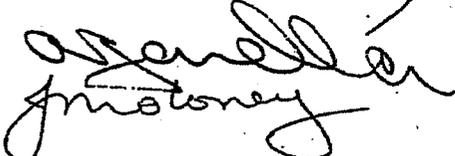
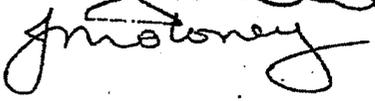
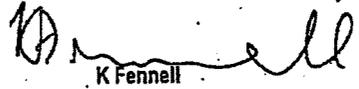


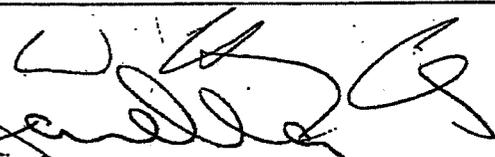
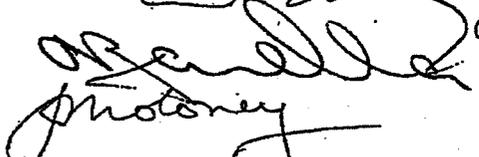
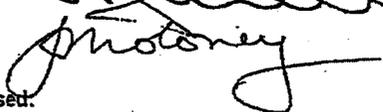
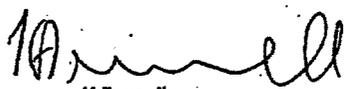
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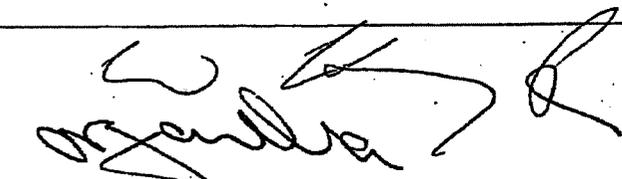
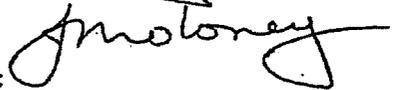


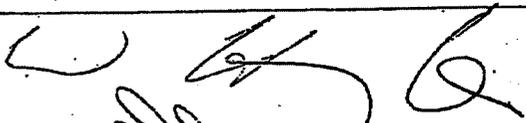
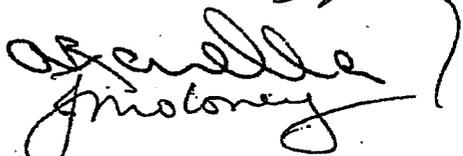
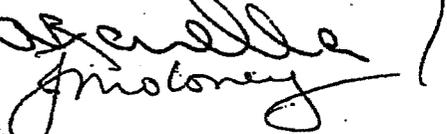
COAL RELEASE AREAS - GOONBRI COAL EXPLORATION AREA		
ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Re EVALUATION CRITERIA		
COMPANY: Bloomfield Collieries Pty Limited	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		21 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		18 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		9 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		5 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		20 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		0 (out of 5)
Assessment: Comments:		73
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		Rank One
Recommendation: <i>The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by Bloomfield Collieries Pty Limited to be superior to the other EOI applicants.</i>		
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Witnessed:		 K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

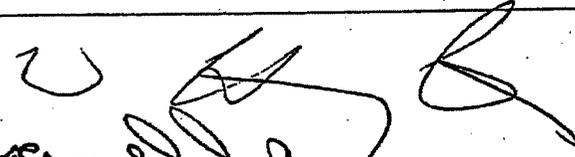
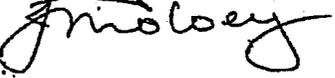
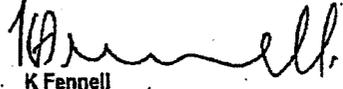
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COMPANY: Whitehaven Coal Limited	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1: Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		21 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		16 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		8 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		9 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		0 (out of 20)
2: Other:		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		0 (out of 5)
Assessment:		54
Comments:		
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		Rank Two
Recommendation:		
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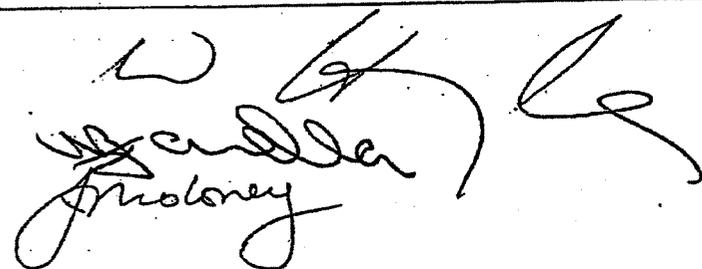
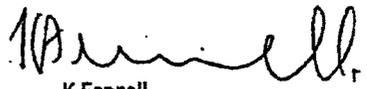
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COMPANY: Tianda Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1: Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		16 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		13 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		12 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		2 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		0 (out of 20)
2: Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		0 (out of 5)
Assessment: Comments:		43
Competitive Evaluation as this EO:		Rank Three
Recommendation:		
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Witnessed:		K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

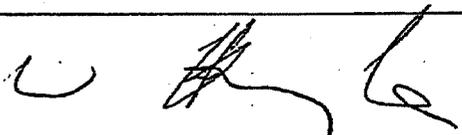
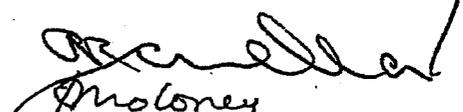
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COMPANY: Coalworks Limited	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		21 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		21 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		11 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		7 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		20 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		1 (out of 5)
Assessment:		81
Comments:		
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI: Rank One		
Recommendation: <i>The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by Coalworks Limited to be superior to the other EOI applicants.</i>		
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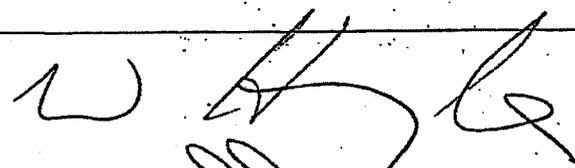
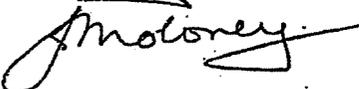
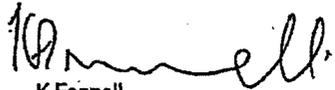
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COMPANY: Whitehaven Coal Limited	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1: Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		20 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		20 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		11 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		9 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		9 (out of 20)
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Comments:		69
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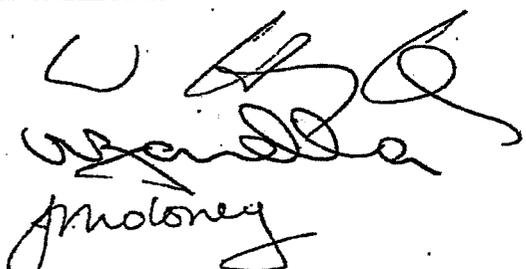
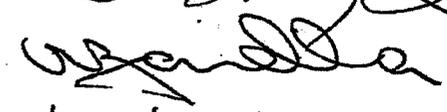
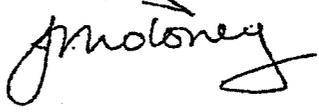
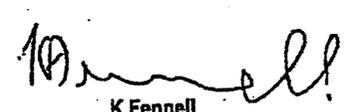
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1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		17 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		19 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		10 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		6 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		7 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		2 (out of 5)
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Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		Rank Three
Recommendation:		
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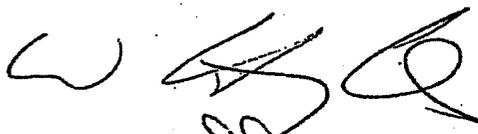
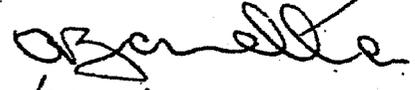
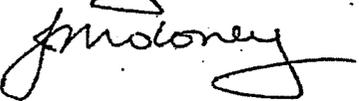
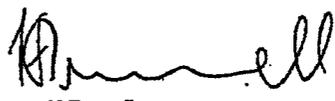
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COMPANY: Tianda Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		16 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		13 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		12 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		2 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		0 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		0 (out of 5)
Assessment:		
Comments:		43
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		Rank Four
Recommendation:		
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Witnessed:		J Moloney
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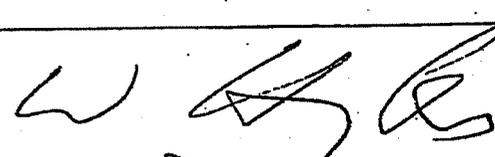
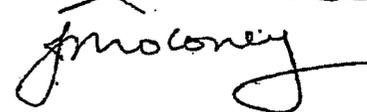
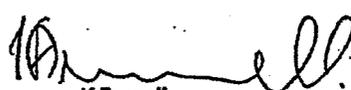
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COMPANY: Monaro Mining NL	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		19 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		15 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		8 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		7 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		20 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		2 (out of 5)
Assessment: Comments:		71
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		Rank One
Recommendation: <i>The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by Monaro Mining NL to be superior to the other EOI applicants.</i>		
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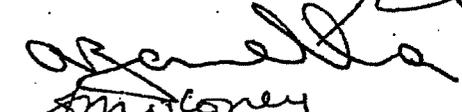
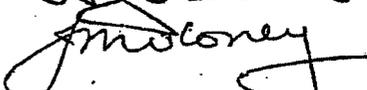
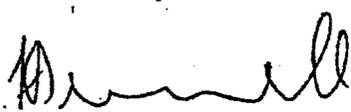
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COMPANY: Coalworks Limited	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1: Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		20 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		15 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		9 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		8 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		10 (out of 20)
2: Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		2 (out of 5)
Assessment: Comments:		64
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		Rank Two
Recommendation:		
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Witnessed:		K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

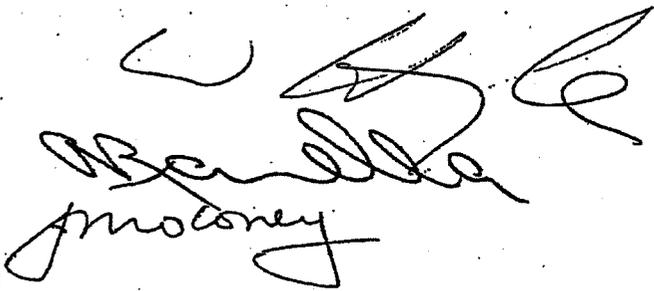
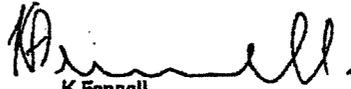
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1: Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		13 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		14 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		8 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		7 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		10 (out of 20)
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Assessment:		
Comments:		53
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		Rank Three
Recommendation:		
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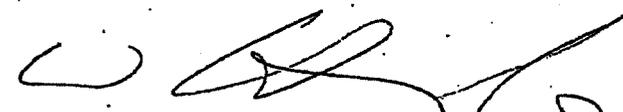
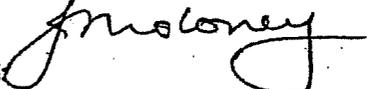
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COMPANY: Spur Hill Joint Venture	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		18 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		22 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		12 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		6 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		0 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		3 (out of 5)
Assessment:		61
Comments:		
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI: RANK ONE		
Recommendation: <i>The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by the Spur Hill JV to be superior to the other EOI applicants.</i>		
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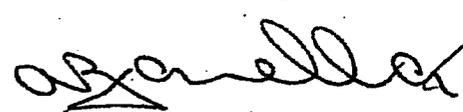
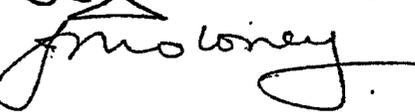
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ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Re EVALUATION CRITERIA		
COMPANY: Coalworks Limited	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		18 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		13 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		8 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		7 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		0.5 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		2.5 (out of 5)
Assessment:		
Comments:		49
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		RANK TWO
Recommendation:		
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Witnessed:		K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

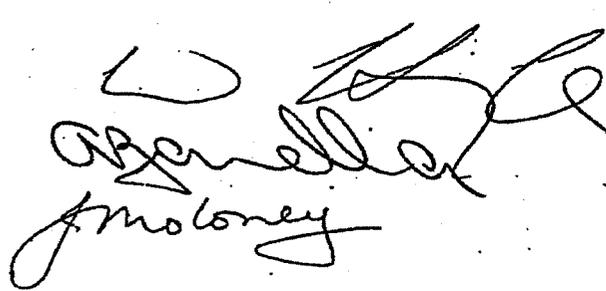
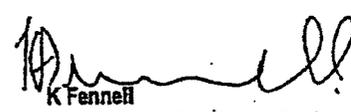
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COMPANY: Tianda Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		18 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		13 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		7 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		7 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		3 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		0 (out of 5)
Assessment:		48
Comments:		
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		RANK THREE
Recommendation:		
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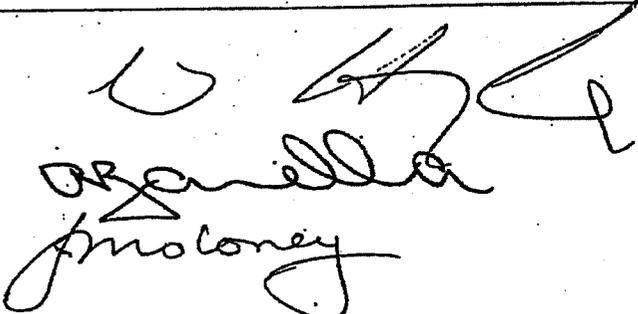
COAL RELEASE AREAS - <u>SPUR HILL</u> COAL EXPLORATION AREA ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Re EVALUATION CRITERIA		
COMPANY: Breakspeare Coal Mines Ltd	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		10 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		10 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		6 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		6 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		5 (out of 20)
2. Other:		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		1 (out of 5)
Assessment: Comments:		38
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		RANK FOUR
Recommendation:		
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Witnessed:		K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

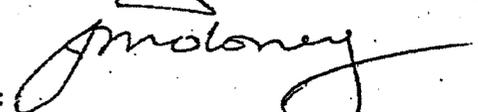
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COMPANY: Redman Mining Limited	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		5 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal. - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		5 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		3 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		2 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		1 (out of 20)
2. Other:		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		0 (out of 5)
Assessment:		
Comments:		16
Competitive Evaluation as this EO:		RANK FIVE
Recommendation:		
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Witnessed:		K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

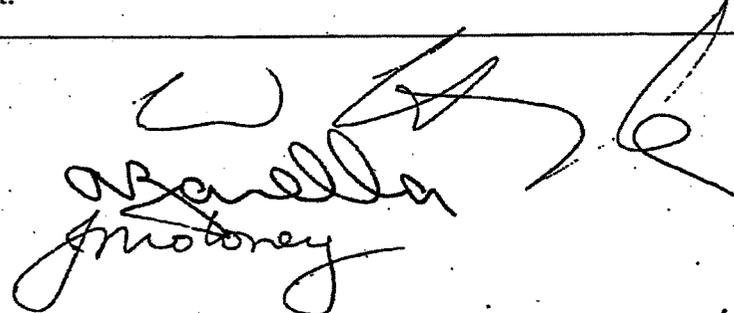
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COMPANY: Cascade Coal Pty Limited	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1: Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		18 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		18 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		12 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		8 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		0 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		2 (out of 5)
Assessment:		
Comments:		58
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		RANK ONE
Recommendation:		
<i>The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by Cascade Coal to be superior to the other EOI applicant.</i>		
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Witnessed:		K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

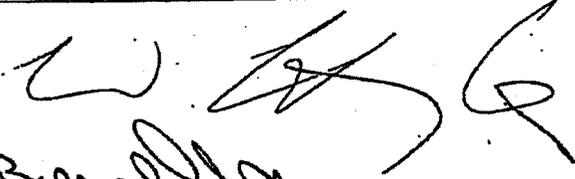
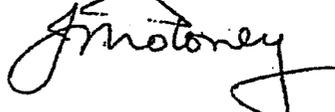
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COMPANY: Hydromining Coal Australia Pty Ltd	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		18 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		15 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		8 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		8 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		0 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		3 (out of 5)
Assessment:		
Comments:		52
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		RANK TWO
Recommendation:		
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Witnessed:		K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

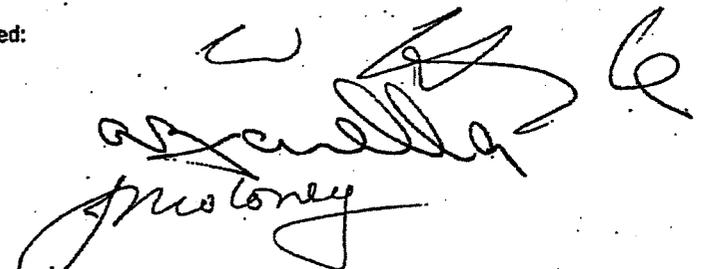
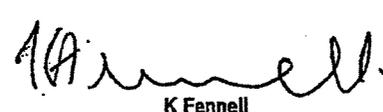
COAL RELEASE AREAS - MT PENNY COAL EXPLORATION AREA		
ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Re EVALUATION CRITERIA		
COMPANY: Cascade Coal Pty Limited	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		16 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		18 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		13 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		7 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		0 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		3 (out of 5)
Assessment:		
Comments:		57
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		RANK ONE
<p>Recommendation: <i>The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by Cascade Coal to be superior to the other EOI applicants.</i></p>		
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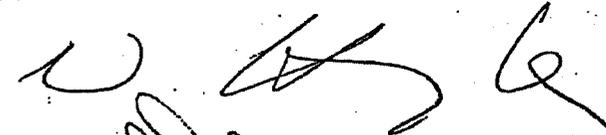
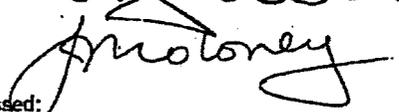
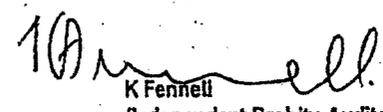
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ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Re EVALUATION CRITERIA		
COMPANY: Breakspeare Coal Mines Ltd	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		14 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		11 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		5 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		3 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		5 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		2 (out of 5)
Assessment:		40
Comments:		
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:	RANK TWO	
Recommendation:		
Signed:		
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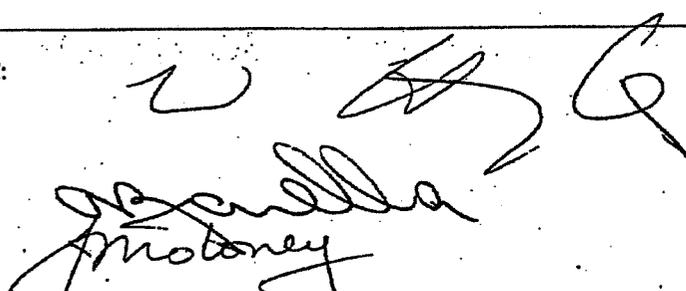
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COMPANY: The Jain Group	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		13 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		11 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		8 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		5 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		2 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		0 (out of 5)
Assessment:		39
Comments:		
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		RANK THREE
Recommendation:		
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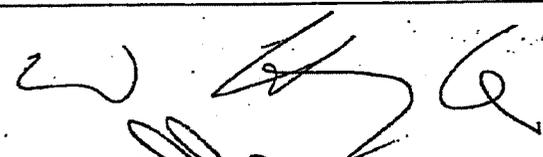
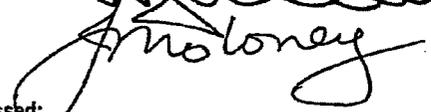
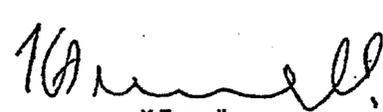
COAL RELEASE AREAS - <u>LONG MOUNTAIN</u> COAL EXPLORATION AREA		
ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Re EVALUATION CRITERIA		
COMPANY: Monaro Mining NL	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1: Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		18 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		20 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		10 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		5 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		20 (out of 20)
2: Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		1 (out of 5)
Assessment:		74
Comments:		
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI: RANK ONE		
Recommendation: <i>The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by Monaro Mining NL to be superior to the other EOI applicant.</i>		
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Witnessed:		K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

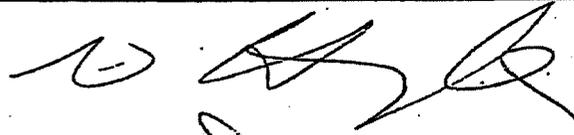
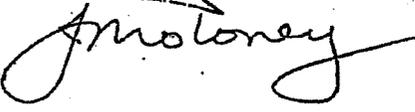
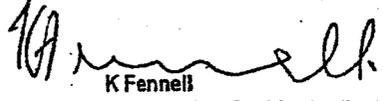
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COMPANY: The Jain Group	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		19 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		17 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		8 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		5 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		13 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		0 (out of 5)
Assessment:		62
Comments:		
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		RANK TWO
Recommendation:		
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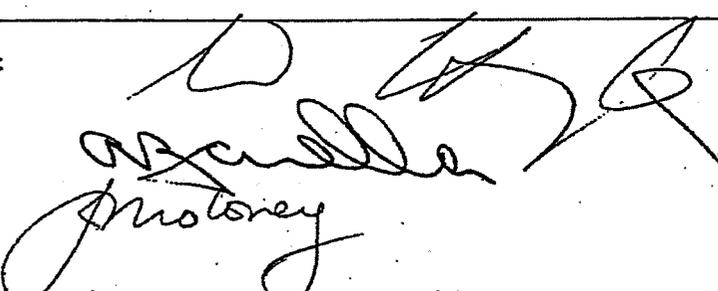
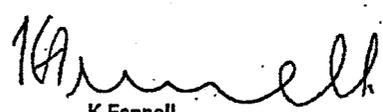
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COMPANY: Centennial Coal Company	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		23 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		23 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		14 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		9 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		2 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		3 (out of 5)
Assessment:		74
Comments:		
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI: RANK ONE		
Recommendation: <i>The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by Centennial Coal Company to be superior to the other EOI applicants.</i>		
Signed:		
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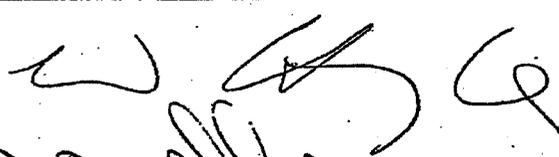
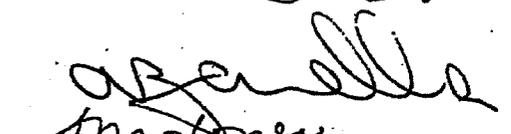
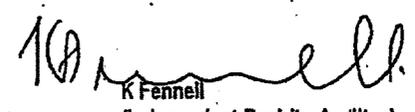
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ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Re EVALUATION CRITERIA		
COMPANY: Monaro Mining NL	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1: Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		18 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		18 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		9 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		6 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		20 (out of 20)
2: Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		1 (out of 5)
Assessment:		
Comments:		72
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		RANK TWO
Recommendation:		
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Witnessed:		K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

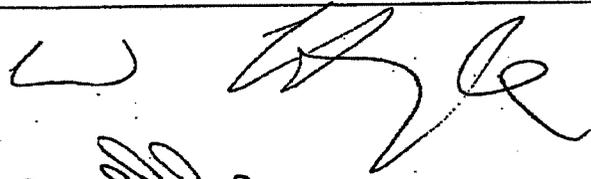
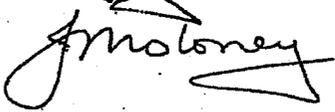
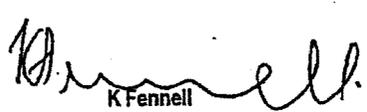
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COMPANY: Kimba Resources Pty Ltd	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1: Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		18 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		14 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		9 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		6 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		0 (out of 20)
2: Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		3 (out of 5)
Assessment:		
Comments:		50
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		RANK THREE
Recommendation:		
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Witnessed:		K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

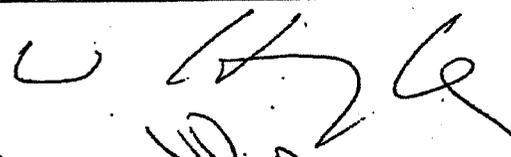
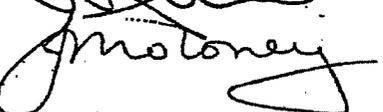
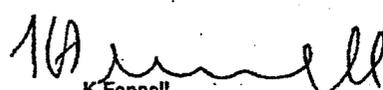
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COMPANY: The Jain Group	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1: Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		15 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		13 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		8 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		5 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		4 (out of 20)
2: Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		0 (out of 5)
Assessment:		
Comments:		45
Competitive Evaluation as this EO:		RANK FOUR
Recommendation:		
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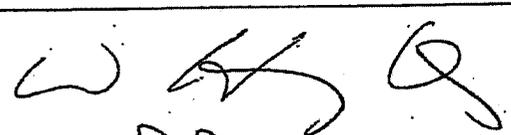
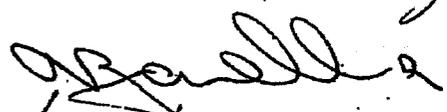
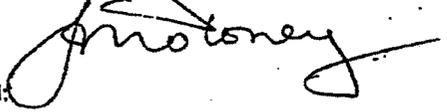
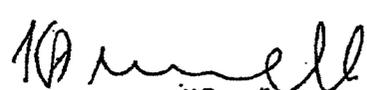
COAL RELEASE AREAS - CAMERON ROAD COAL EXPLORATION AREA ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Re EVALUATION CRITERIA		
COMPANY: Enhance Place Pty Ltd	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration; Mine Development; Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		13 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		8 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		5 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		2 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		0.5 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		1 (out of 5)
Assessment: Comments:		29.5
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		RANK FIVE
Recommendation:		
Signed:		W Hughes
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Witnessed		K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

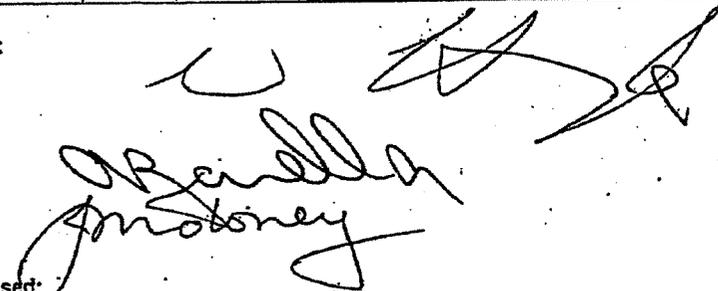
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ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Re EVALUATION CRITERIA		
COMPANY: Centennial Coal Company	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		23 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		23 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		14 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		9 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		3 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		3 (out of 5)
Assessment:		
Comments:		75
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI: RANK ONE		
<p>Recommendation: <i>The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by Centennial Coal Company to be superior to the other EOI applicants.</i></p>		
Signed:		<p>W Hughes</p> <p>A Zanella</p> <p>J Moloney</p>
Witnessed:		 <p>K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)</p>

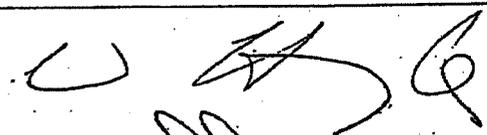
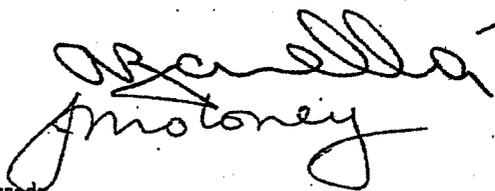
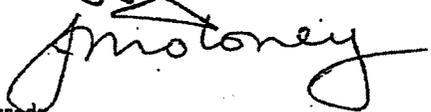
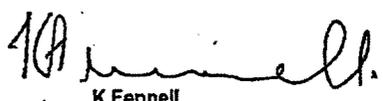
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ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Re EVALUATION CRITERIA		
COMPANY: Resource Management International Pty Ltd	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1: Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		19 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		13 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		8 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		4 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		20 (out of 20)
2: Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		0 (out of 5)
Assessment:		
Comments:		64
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		RANK TWO
Recommendation:		
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Witnessed:		K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

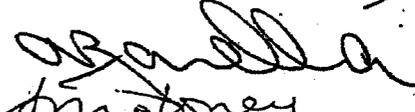
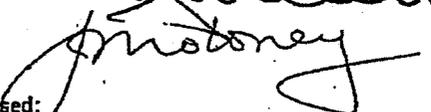
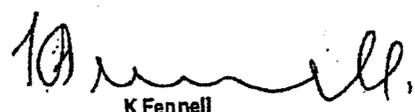
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ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Re EVALUATION CRITERIA		
COMPANY: Monaro Mining NL	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		18 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		18 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		11 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		6 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		6 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		2.5 (out of 5)
Assessment:		
Comments:		61.5
Competitive Evaluation as this EO:		RANK THREE
Recommendation:		
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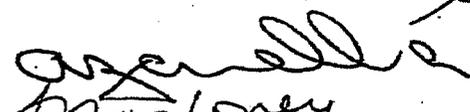
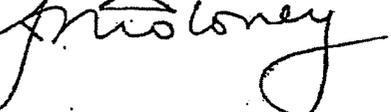
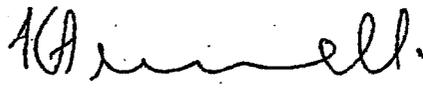
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COMPANY: Kimba Resources Pty Ltd	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		16 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		16 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		10 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		5 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		0 (out of 20)
2. Other:		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		1 (out of 5)
Assessment:		
Comments:		48
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		RANK FOUR
Recommendation:		
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Witnessed:		K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

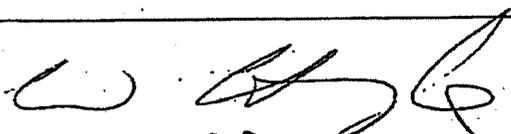
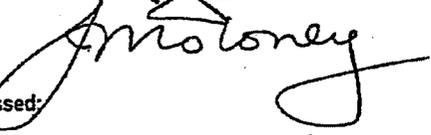
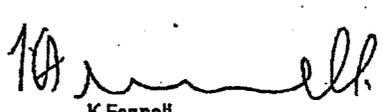
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COMPANY: Coal Solutions Australia Pty Ltd	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1: Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		13 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		13 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		12 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		5 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		0 (out of 20)
2: Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		1 (out of 5)
Assessment: Comments:		44
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		RANK FIVE
Recommendation:		
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Witnessed:		K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

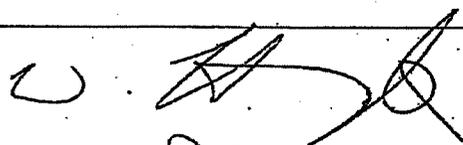
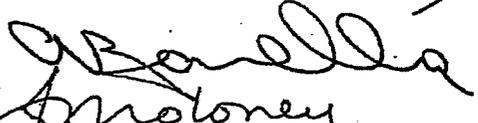
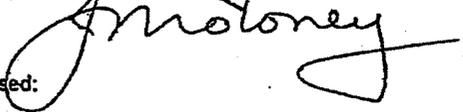
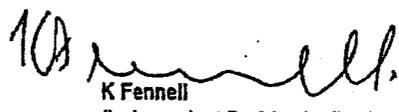
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ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Re EVALUATION CRITERIA		
COMPANY: Coalworks Limited	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		15 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		14 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		6 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		6 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		0.5 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		1 (out of 5)
Assessment:		
Comments:		42.5
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		RANK SIXTH
Recommendation:		
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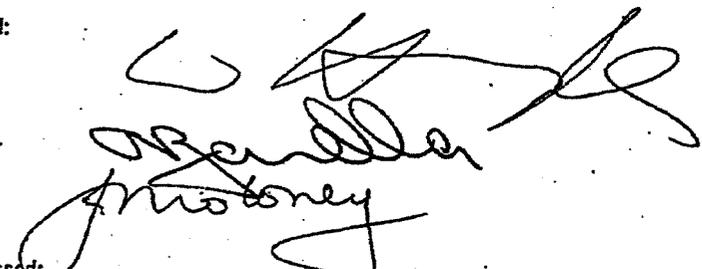
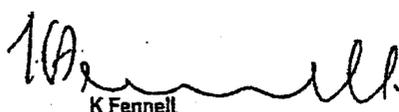
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ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Re EVALUATION CRITERIA		
COMPANY: The Jain Group	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1: Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		14 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		11 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		6 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		5 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		1 (out of 20)
2: Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		0 (out of 5)
Assessment:		37
Comments:		
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		RANK SEVENTH
Recommendation:		
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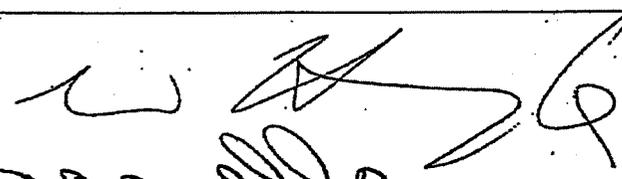
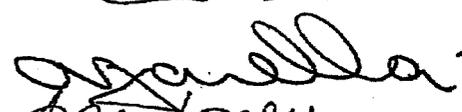
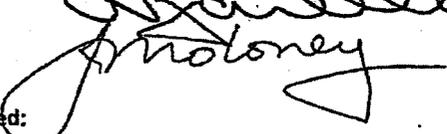
COAL RELEASE AREAS – ILFORD COAL EXPLORATION AREA		
ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Re EVALUATION CRITERIA		
COMPANY: Enhance Place Pty Ltd	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		10 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		7 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		5 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		2 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		0 (out of 20)
2. Other:		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		1 (out of 5)
Assessment:		25
Comments:		
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		RANK EIGHTH
Recommendation:		
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Witnessed:		K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

COAL RELEASE AREAS - MELROSE COAL EXPLORATION AREA ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Re EVALUATION CRITERIA		
COMPANY: Centennial Coal Company	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		23 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		21 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		13 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		9 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		1 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		3 (out of 5)
Assessment: Comments:		70
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		RANK ONE
Recommendation: <i>The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by Centennial Coal Company to be superior to the other EOI applicants.</i>		
Signed:		W Hughes
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		J Moloney
Witnessed:		K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

COAL RELEASE AREAS - MELROSE COAL EXPLORATION AREA ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Re EVALUATION CRITERIA		
COMPANY: Monaro Mining NL	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		17 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		18 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		8 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		4 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		20 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		1 (out of 5)
Assessment: Comments:		68
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		RANK TWO
Recommendation:		
Signed:		W Hughes
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		J Moloney
Witnessed:		K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

COAL RELEASE AREAS - <u>MELROSE</u> COAL EXPLORATION AREA		
ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Re EVALUATION CRITERIA		
COMPANY: Enhance Place Pty Ltd	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		10 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		8 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		5 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		2 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		4 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		1 (out of 5)
Assessment: Comments:		30
Competitive Evaluation as this EO:		RANK THREE
Recommendation:		
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		J Moloney
Witnessed:		K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

COAL RELEASE AREAS - BEN BULLEN COAL EXPLORATION AREA ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Re EVALUATION CRITERIA		
COMPANY: Monaro Mining NL	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1 : Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		18 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		18 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		12 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		4 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		20 (out of 20)
2 : Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		1 (out of 5)
Assessment:		
Comments:		73
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		
		RANK ONE
Recommendation: <i>The Evaluation Team considers that this EOI submitted by Monaro Mining NL to be superior to the other EOI applicant.</i>		
Signed:		W Hughes A Zanella J Moloney
Witnessed:		K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

COAL RELEASE AREAS - BEN BULLEN COAL EXPLORATION AREA ASSESSMENT OF EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Re EVALUATION CRITERIA		
COMPANY: Coalpac Pty Ltd	Satisfactory	Assessment (as per weighting)
1. Exploration, Mine Development, Infrastructure and Financial Contribution		
(a) Exploration - Test resource potential of whole area to allow concept mine planning - Method, cost and timing of exploration		14 (out of 25)
(b) Mine Development - Conceptual mine development proposal - Address technical issues associated with developing resource - Timeframe for evaluation and development		13 (out of 25)
(c) Resource Recovery and Coal Utilisation - Conceptual mine development plans to maximise resource recovery and coal utilisation		8 (out of 15)
(d) Infrastructure - Details of any proposal infrastructure development, including cost and timing		6 (out of 10)
(e) Financial Contributions - Additional contributions to the required financial obligations		0 (out of 20)
2. Other		
- Other matters that would assist Government in assessing proposal		0 (out of 5)
Assessment:		
Comments:		41
Competitive Evaluation as this EOI:		RANK TWO
Recommendation:		
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Witnessed:		K Fennell (Independent Probity Auditor)

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Director, Development Coordination
Mineral Resources
Department of Primary Industries, NSW

**Various Coal Exploration Areas
Expression of Interest (EOI) Process
Independent Probity Audit Report**

Appointment

In November 2008 I was appointed to provide probity audit services to Mineral Resources for the abovementioned Various Coal Exploration Areas project. It was agreed that the work should entail similar procedures applied by my firm to earlier coal exploration area projects.

Scope

The Evaluation Team established by the Department of Primary Industries is responsible for the assessment of each proponent's expression of interest and the framing of a report and recommendation for consideration by the minister. My objective was to perform sufficient work to allow me to form an opinion as to the efficacy, probity and even handedness of the procedures adopted by Mineral Resources Division and the Evaluation Team during the processing of the expressions of interest.

Methodology

The initial audit work involved discussion with the Director, Development Coordination and a review of the department's processes governing tenders and calls for expressions of interest generally. It was established that control over the opening of bids and security of expressions of interest (EOI) would equate with those applied to the Watermark Coal Exploration Area. Those procedures proved to be satisfactory.

The invitation for EOI closed on November 24, 2008. An early complication arose, however, caused by a change in government policy which required the opening up of the request for EOI to other interested companies, with a new closing date of February 16, 2009. This necessitated the

implementation of a revised set of procedures to cater for the interests of the initial invited proponents and those who submitted offers arising from the expansion of the call. A detailed audit review was followed by my probity advising dated November 28, 2008 and probity clearance issued on December 10, 2008.

Details of the opening of the EOI and security over their transfer from Maitland to the department's Sydney office were provided in a letter from the Director Geological Survey. My examination of the procedures proved them to be satisfactory.

My review of each EOI complemented meetings with the Evaluation Team at which the scoring of each one was considered in terms of the stated evaluation criteria. At the meetings I was able to procure evidence that each EOI had been judged on its merits strictly according to the evaluation criteria. There was a close correlation between the Team's scoring and my own views of the EOIs.

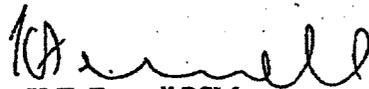
A final meeting with the Evaluation Team on May 14, 2009 comprised a review of the team's report and recommendation.

The opinion given hereunder is based on the work encompassed by the various audit procedures as indicated.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion the Evaluation Team followed approved procedures in its treatment of each expression of interest for the Various Coal Exploration Areas. Again, in my opinion each proponent's submission was treated in a fair, equitable and impartial manner before the framing of the Team's report and recommendation.

Sydney
May 15, 2009


K.T. Fennell PSM.



NSW DEPARTMENT OF
PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

**DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND NON-DISCLOSURE OF
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

**COAL RELEASE AREAS - 11 (ELEVEN) EXPLORATION AREAS
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, I do not have a conflict of interest in relation to decisions made on these Expressions of Interest.

In accordance with the Department's Code of Conduct, I will not disclose confidential information in relation to this Expression of Interest.

Kevin Fernell
(signature)

Feb 18 2004
(date)

Print:

Kevin Fernell
(Name)

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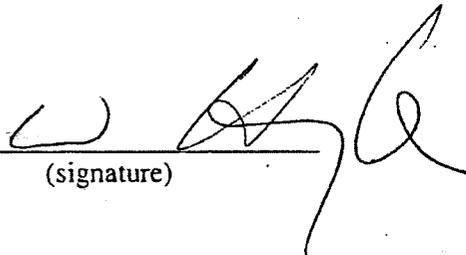
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Ado Zanella
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(signature)

18 Feb 2009
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Principal Adviser
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Notes of Meeting with Minister Macdonald

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Brad

Notes of meeting with the Minister as discussed

cheers

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Notes of Meeting with Minister Macdonald

Namoi Catchment Water Study

- Minister to contact Mr Mal Peters and invite him to Chair the Steering Committee established for the proposed Water Study.
- Subject to Mr Peters accepting the Chair, invitations be sent to the Stakeholder groups (outlined in the Draft Terms of Reference) requesting nominations for the Steering Committee.
- Steering Committee to undertake Tender process for the Water Study.
- Water Study to commence August-September 2009.

Regional Infrastructure Contributions

- Cabinet Minute to be prepared on proposal to legislate a levy/royalty (of approximately 3% per annum ad valorem) on new mine developments and major mine extensions.
- The monies raised through this levy/royalty be distributed to local governments in the LGA in which the monies were raised for expenditure on local infrastructure.
- Cabinet Minute to be submitted to the Minister late June for Spring Session of Parliament.

Expressions of Interest (EOI)

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- East Bargo EOI to allow for submissions for all or part thereof the EOI area.
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- Consideration be given to reviewing provisions of the Mining Act associated with land access arrangements to ensure time delays are minimised for exploration.
- Update provided on progress with Eleven Coal Release Areas EOI.

Thursday, 28 May 2009

NSW Coal Areas

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Date: Mon, 01 Jun 2009 16:35:38 +1000
Attachments: Letter_DPI_010609.pdf (50.06 kB)

Hi William

Please find attached a letter explaining our position on the Coal Release areas.

Regards

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Date: Tue, 02 Jun 2009 16:16:52 +1000
Attachments: Letter_DPI_020609_Loyal.pdf (48.68 kB)

Hi William

Please find attached an amended letter re the NSW Coal Expressions of Interest submission. I just noticed a typographical error in the previous letter - the nominee company is called Loyal Coal Pty Ltd, not Royal Coal Pty Ltd. This letter corrects the mistake.

Regards

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To: ado.zanella@planning.nsw.gov.au, Julie Moloney <"cn=julie moloney/ou=dpi/o=nsw@nsw">
Date: Wed, 10 Jun 2009 10:30:15 +1000

Hi Ado, Julie

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Re: Coal Release Areas EOI

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To: Ado Zanella <ado.zanella@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Cc: julie.moloney@dpi.nsw.gov.au
Date: Wed, 10 Jun 2009 11:25:26 +1000

Hi Ado, Julie

Thanks for both getting back to me. Lets tentatively aim for 10.30am on Thursday 18 June. Ill just need to check with Kevin his availability.

Will advise

cheers Will

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10/06/2009 11:12 AM

Subject: Re: Coal Release Areas EOI

Will

All these dates are ok at this stage except if you decide on Wednesday, 24 June, could we start at say 11.30 am.

Best regards,Ado

>>> <william.hughes@dpi.nsw.gov.au> 10/06/2009 10:34 am >>>

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To: mart.rampe@monaromining.com.au
Date: Wed, 10 Jun 2009 11:36:36 +1000
Attachments: Microsoft Word - Letter of Withdrawal 9 June 2009.pdf (34.63 kB)

Hi Mart

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To william.hughes@dpi.nsw.gov.au

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09/06/2009 02:00 PM

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Regards
Gardner Brook
For Loyal Coal Pty Ltd (formally Monaro Coal Pty Ltd)



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Eleven Areas EOI Evaluation Panel

From: william.hughes@dpi.nsw.gov.au
To: fennell51@comcen.com.au
Date: Wed, 10 Jun 2009 11:45:43 +1000

Hi Kevin

Trust you are well. Further to my voice mail, just thought id update you on progress with the Eleven Areas EOI. It appears one of the parties recommended by the panel in its report has withdrawn some of its submissions. Therefore we are going to need to reconvene the panel again for probably half a day to revise the Panel Report. Could you confirm your availability to attend that meeting on Thursday 18 June from 10.30am? Lunch to be provided.

Kind Regards

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Cc: Mart Rampe <mart.rampe@monaromining.com.au>
Date: Wed, 10 Jun 2009 17:20:34 +1000

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Hi Gardner

Sorry ive been out of contact this afternoon. I did get your voice message thank you. I appreciate the email clarifying the position of Monaro Mining with respect to company interest and ownership and the position with respect to EOIs lodged.

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Re: Coal Release Areas EOI
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Hi Will and Ado

I can do Thursday 18, Tuesday 23 or Wednesday 24.

Julie

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William Hughes/DPI/NSW

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Subject [Coal Release Areas EOI]

Hi Ado, Julie

Unfortunately i am going to have to reconvene the EOI panel for the Eleven Areas in light of the withdrawal of submissions by one of the participants in the process.

I think we will probably only need half a day. Could you let me know if any of the following dates suit

Thursday June 18 10.30-2.30pm

Mon-Wed June 22-24 10.30-2.30pm

Thanks Will

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Re: Documentation

From: william.hughes@dpi.nsw.gov.au
To: Mart Rampe <mart.rampe@monaromining.com.au>
Date: Wed, 17 Jun 2009 16:55:58 +1000
Attachments: Cetificate of Registration of Change of Name.pdf (102.75 kB); Share Certificate No. 2- Voope Pty Ltd.pdf (117.18 kB); Share Certificate - Voope Pty Ltd.pdf (208.87 kB)

Thanks Mart.

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Subject Documentation

Hi William

Further to Brad Mullard's request this morning, please find attached the requested documentation.

Regards

Mart



Certificate of Registration of Change of Name.pdf



Share Certificate No. 2- Voope Pty Ltd.pdf



Share Certificate - Voope Pty Ltd.pdf

MONARO COAL PTY LTD
'ST MARTINS TOWER' SUITE 705 LEVEL 7
31 MARKET STREET
SYDNEY NSW 2000



Certificate of Registration on Change of Name

This is to certify that

MONARO COAL PTY LTD

Australian Company Number 132 497 913

did on the first day of June 2009 change its name to

LOYAL COAL PTY LTD

Australian Company Number 132 497 913

The company is a proprietary company.

The company is limited by shares.

The company is registered under the Corporations Act 2001 and is taken to be registered in New South Wales and the date of commencement of registration is the thirty-first day of July, 2008.

Issued by the
Australian Securities and Investments Commission
on this first day of June 2009.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AM D'Aloisio'.

Anthony Michael D'Aloisio
Chairman

CERTIFICATE

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Certificate Number: 2

Share Certificate

Loyal Coal Pty Ltd

A.C.N. 132 497 913

(Incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001)

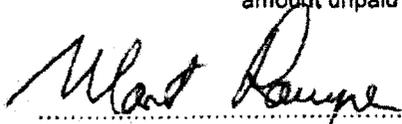
This is to certify that

Voope Pty Limited ACN 132 441 868

of Level 42, 2 Park Street, Sydney, NSW 2000

is the registered holder of:

"Ten" (10) Ordinary Shares on which the sum of \$1.00 per share is paid and there remains no amount unpaid subject to the Constitution of the Company.



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Mart Rampe (Director)

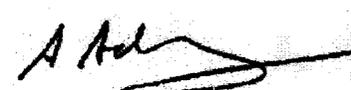
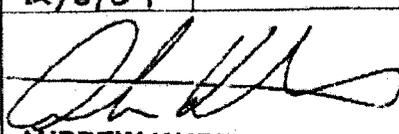


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Anne Adaley (Secretary)

Dated this 2nd day of June 2009

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 DUTY \$ *****150.00

SECURITY TRANSFER FORM	
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Full Name of Company	LOYAL COAL PTY LTD
Description	ORDINARY SHARES
Quantity	TEN (10)
Full name(s) and address of Transferor(s)/Seller(s)	SUITE 705, LEVEL 7 31 MARKET ST SYDNEY
Consideration	\$1.00
Date	2 JUNE 2009
Full name(s) of Transferee(s)/Buyer(s)	VOOPE PTY LIMITED
Full postal address of Transferee(s)/Buyer(s)	LEVEL 42, 2 PARK STREET, SYDNEY NSW 2000
I/We the registered holder(s) and undersigned seller(s) for the above consideration do hereby transfer to the above name(s) the securities as specified above standing in my/our name(s) in the books of the abovenamed company.	
Transferor(s)/ Seller(s) sign here	 MARK RUMPE Director  ANNE ADALEY SECRETARY
Date signed	2/6/09
Transferee(s)/ Buyer(s) sign here	 ANDREW KAIDBAY
Date signed	2/6/09

Loyal Coal Pty Ltd
(ACN 132 497 913)
Suite 705, Level 7 31 Market St,
SYDNEY NSW 2000

4 June, 2009

Office of State Revenue
Level 3, 55 Hunter Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir,

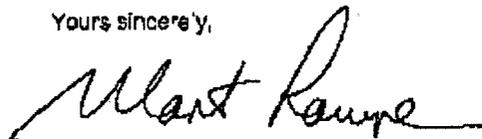
RE: Share Transfer

Loyal Coal Pty Ltd was purchased as a shelf company and registered on 31 July 2008. The Company has never traded and has no assets or liabilities other than cash on hand totalling \$10 and issued capital of \$10 for 10 ordinary shares issued to the parent company, Monaro Mining NL. These shares and ownership of the Company have been transferred to the new owner. A share transfer form for your assessment is enclosed together with a copy of the Company's Balance Sheet as at 4 June 2008 and Profit and Loss Statement for the period 31 July 2008 to 4 June 2009.

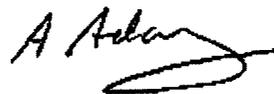
I understand that duty of \$50 is payable on the share transfer. Could you please process the form for duty.

Furthermore, I hereby advise that Mrs Anne Adaley, Company Secretary of Loyal Coal Pty Ltd and whose specimen signature is below is authorised to act on behalf of the directors Loyal Coal Pty Ltd.

Yours sincerely,



Mart Rampe
Director



Specimen signature: Anne Adaley

Loyal Coal Pty Ltd
Suite 705, Level 7
St Martin's Tower
31 Market Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Balance Sheet

As of 4/06/2009

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Assets			
Cash on hand		<u>\$10</u>	\$10
Total Assets			\$10
Liabilities			
Net Assets			<u>\$10</u>
Equity			
Contributed Equity			
Share capital			
Fully paid shares	<u>\$10</u>		
Total Share capital		<u>\$10</u>	
Total Equity			<u>\$10</u>

Re: EOI's

From: william.hughes@dpi.nsw.gov.au
To: jenny.ward@dpi.nsw.gov.au
Date: Fri, 19 Jun 2009 15:40:17 +1000

In August 2008 Expressions of Interest (EOI) were invited for the awarding of an exploration licence in respect of the eleven (11) coal exploration areas, pursuant to the Mining Act 1992:

Goonbri Gunnedah Coalfield
Vickery South Gunnedah Coalfield
Yarrawa Hunter Coalfield
Spur Hill Hunter Coalfield
Glendon Brook Hunter Coalfield
Mt Penny Western Coalfield
Long Mountain Western Coalfield
Ilford Western Coalfield
Cameron Road Western Coalfield
Melrose Western Coalfield
Ben Bullen Western Coalfield

In accordance with the Department's *Guidelines for Allocation of Future Coal Exploration Areas*, with respect to "small areas unrelated to existing mines", a limited form of expression of interest was undertaken for these eleven (11) areas.

Only companies invited to submit an Expression of Interest could apply. Expressions of Interest for more than one area could be submitted, however an individual application was required for each area of interest.

Prior to the closure of the Expression of Interest process on Monday 24 November 2008, the Government had been approached by additional small to medium sized companies that had not previously contacted the Department of Primary Industries and as such had not been invited to express an interest in the eleven areas.

The EOI was subsequently re-opened to allow additional small to medium sized companies to lodge a submission and also included options available for companies/parties who previously submitted an EOI prior to original closing date.

When Expressions of Interest (EOI) closed on **Monday 16 February 2009**, EOI's for the 11 coal exploration areas were submitted by the following companies:

Goonbri Area

1. Tianda Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd
2. Whitehaven Coal Limited
3. The Bloomfield Group

Vickery South

1. Whitehaven Coal Limited
2. Kimba Resources Pty Ltd
3. Tianda Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd
4. Coalworks Limited

Yarrawa

1. Coalworks Limited
2. Monaro Mining NL
3. Endocoal Limited

Spur Hill

1. Spur Hill Joint Venture - JV of Novamin Pty Ltd & Morgan Resources Pty Ltd
2. Tianda Resources (Australia) Pty Ltd
3. Coalworks Limited
4. Monaro Mining NL
5. Breakspheare Coal Mines Ltd
6. Redman Mining Limited

Glendon Brook

1. Hydromining Coal Australia Pty Ltd

2. Monaro Mining NL

3. Cascade Coal Pty Limited

Mt Penny

1. Jain Group

2. Monaro Mining NL

3. Cascade Coal Pty Limited

4. Breakspheare Coal Mines Ltd

Long Mountain

1. Jain Group

2. Monaro Mining NL

Ilford

1. Jain Group

2. Resource Management International Pty Ltd

3. Enhance Place Pty Ltd

4. Centennial Coal

5. Coal Solutions Australia Pty Ltd

6. Kimba Resources Pty Ltd

7. Coalworks Limited

8. Monaro Mining NL

Cameron Road

1. Kimba Resources Pty Ltd

2. Centennial Coal

3. Enhance Place Pty Ltd

4. Jain Group

5. Monaro Mining NL

Melrose

1. Centennial Coal

2. Enhance Place Pty Ltd
3. Monaro Mining NL

Ben Bullen

1. Monaro Mining NL
2. Coalpac Pty Ltd

An evaluation team from experts on the staff of the Department of Primary Industries and elsewhere in government has evaluated the EOI's according to the evaluation criteria specified in the Coal Release Areas EOI Information booklet, and using a consistent process approved by an independent probity auditor.

The Evaluation Team has examined the EOI's in detail and has reached clear conclusions and recommendations in the presence of the independent probity auditor on 18 June 2009.

Conclusion and Recommendation

The Evaluation Team has recommended to the Director General that the EOI's received from Bloomfield Collieries Pty Limited (Goonbri Area); Coalworks Limited (Vickery South); Monaro Mining NL (Yarrawa); Spur Hill Joint Venture (Spur Hill); Cascade Coal Pty Ltd (Glendon Brook); Cascade Coal Pty Ltd (Mt Penny); Monaro Mining NL (Long Mountain); Centennial Coal Company (Ilford); Centennial Coal Company (Cameron Road); Centennial Coal Company (Melrose) and Monaro Mining NL (Ben Bullen) are clearly superior to the other EOI's received in terms of the evaluation criteria.

The Evaluation Team recommends to the Director-General of the Department of Primary Industries that he selects the above mentioned companies as the successful EOI applicants for the awarding of new Exploration Licences over the coal release areas for which they lodged a successful EOI, for a period of up to five years, subject to special conditions.

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Jenny Ward/DPI/NSW cc: Brad Mullard/DPI/NSW@NSW, Richard Sheldrake/DPI/NSW@NSW

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Subject: EOI's

Hi Will,

Thanks for the heads up re the above.

Have spoken with the Minister's office and Brad.

Could you please send me the appropriate information on this so I can write a draft media release on Monday.

Thanks

Jenny

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Re: Correspondence

From: william.hughes@dpi.nsw.gov.au
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Gardner

As the evaluation process is still proceeding, i cannot comment further other than to note information has been provided to DPI in clarification of the position of Monaro Mining with respect to company interest and ownership and the position with respect to EOIs lodged.

Will

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Please respond to
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Subject Re: Correspondence

Thank you William Can you please confirm that the DPI recognises and accepts Loyal Coal's position as having assumed Monaro's bid/EOI?RegardsGardner

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From: william.hughes@dpi.nsw.gov.au
Date: Fri, 19 Jun 2009 14:28:16 +1000
To: <gbrook@oregonstandard.com.au>
Subject: Re: Correspondence

Hi Gardner

The evaluation of EOI's for the Eleven Coal Release Areas is expected to be completed shortly. The Independent Probity Auditor will review compliance of the evaluation process by the evaluation team prior to the submission of recommendations to the Director General. Parties who were invited to and submitted EOI's in the Coal Release Areas EOI will be formally notified in writing of the outcome. The Director General and the Department of Primary Industries is not bound to accept any of the proposals.

Kind Regards

William

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Subject Correspondence

Please respond to
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Dear William

I am currently in London on my way to Monaco.

My best number is [REDACTED]

Can you please let me know how you will communicate to me the outcome of Loyal Coal (Monaro Mining) remaining EOI's ? Via email or mail etc?

Also, are you able to indicate when we may expect outcomes?

Regards
Gardner Brook

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NSW DPI – MINERAL RESOURCES

Director-General Brief

**Consent to Apply for Exploration Licences
Successful Companies for Coal Expressions of Interest**

Issue:

The Minister consent to an exploration licence application being lodged within a Mineral Allocation Area.

Background:

The whole of the State of NSW is a mineral allocation area for Group 9 Minerals (coal) and applications for exploration licences for coal require prior Ministerial consent under section 13 (4) of the *Mining Act 1992*. The Director-General has the delegation under the *Mining Act 1992* to consent to the lodgement of an exploration licence application within a mineral allocation area.

In August 2008 Expressions of Interest (EOI) were invited for eleven Coal Release Areas within the Hunter, Gunnedah and Western Coalfields. On 19 June 2009 the Director General wrote to the companies listed in the attached Schedule 1, and informed them that their EOIs had been successful. In the letter he informed them that subject to their acceptance of certain proposed exploration licence conditions, the Minister would grant them exploration licences over the subject areas for five years.

In order for valid exploration licence applications to be lodged by the successful companies, formal consent will be required under Section 13 (4) of the *Mining Act 1992*. Successful companies will also be required to accept both standard and special exploration licence conditions.

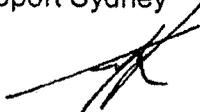
Copies of the section of the *Mining Act 1992* referred to in this briefing are described on the Additional Information (1 page).

Recommendations:

The Director-General under delegation from the Minister, in accordance with Section 13(4) of the *Mining Act 1992*, consent to the companies listed in the attached *Schedule 1* lodging exploration licence applications for Group 9 minerals (coal) within a mineral allocation area, for the areas as described in the Coal Release Areas - Expression of Interest Information Document, issued by the Department of Primary Industries in August 2008.

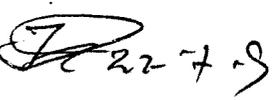
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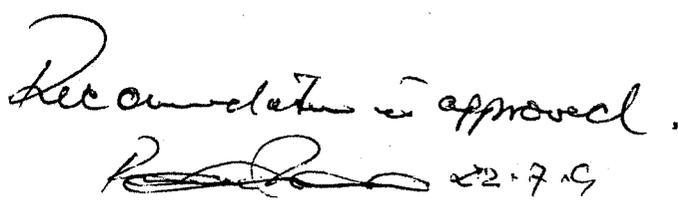
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A/Executive Director, Mineral Resources

Director-General

 22-7-09

 Recommendation is approved.
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→ W Hughes