

## MANILDRA GROUP

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9 May 2012

Director General Department of Planning & Infrastructure GPO Box 39 **SYDNEY** NSW 2011

**David Kitto** Attention:

Dear Sir

Re:

Coalpac Development Part 3A Project

RECEIVED 1 6 MAY 2012 Director-General

Shoalhaven Starches supports the approval of the Coalpac Project because the plant at Nowra depends on coal from the Invincible Colliery for our coal fired boilers which produce approximately 50% of the steam requirements for the Bomaderry Plant.

Shoalhaven Starches employs approximately 300 employees plus contract personnel and manufactures Gluten, Starch, Glucose and Ethanol for the domestic and overseas markets.

The above products are used for the production of food products and the ethanol is used in fuel and industrial applications.

Shoalhaven Starches has purchased coal from the Invincible Colliery for many years and our boilers require low ash, sized coal with properties similar to the Lithgow seam.

Our coal fired boilers are fitted with spreader stokers and chain grates and as a result the ash content, sizing and properties of the coal are critical. As a result we have not been able to source competitively priced coal of a suitable quality from collieries other than from Invincible.

We have been advised that our coal supply from the Coalpac Invincible Colliery site will run out by the end of December 2012, which is only 6 1/2 months from now unless approval is granted to mine additional coal for our requirements.

We note the Environmental Assessment is currently on exhibition and we submit this letter of support to you for consideration in your assessment of the project. However, we stress that coal from Invincible Colliery is absolutely essential for the continued operation of the Shoalhaven Starches facility at Bomaderry.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

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SITE MANAGER

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