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Dear David

Coalpac Consolidation Project Planning Assessment Commission Report: Centennial Comments

Following the release of the Coalpac Consolidation Project Planning Assessment Commission Report (the Report) in December 2012, Centennial Coal has undertaken a detailed review of the report for both implications to Centennial's projects and factual correctness. Following this review, Centennial has identified two matters within the report that we believe require clarification.

The Report provides at page 149 that *Centennial Coal objected to the path of the conveyor to MPPS since it traverses two areas which form part of its proposed Neubeck Open-cut Project. Centennial's concerns related to the possible impact on its capacity to mine the area under the conveyor. Centennial also expressed concern that the conveyor route appeared to cross the Coal Link Haul Road from Angus Place Colliery to MPPS which it leases and operates. The EA indicates that the Proponent is currently discussing Centennial's concerns and at a site meeting the Commission was advised that it was likely agreement could be reached. The Proponent advised the Commission on 30 November 2012 that the issue had been resolved.*

Centennial would like to clarify that no agreement has been reached with Coalpac as to the location of the conveyor and its potential impacts to both Centennial's ability to access resources and utilise the existing, approved Coal Link Haul Road.

The Report provides at page 25 that 'Delta Electricity advises that if Coalpac is forced to cease operations there would be no obvious replacement from within the Western Coalfield due to existing contractual agreements, and that coal would therefore need to be sourced from elsewhere'. Centennial asserts that this is not the case and that its existing operations at Springvale and Angus Place, with a current approved combined capacity of 6.4MTpa, is well positioned to supply coal to both the Wallerawang and Mount Piper Power Stations.

Centennial appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the matters of concern within the Report. Please contact myself on (02) 4935 8954 or 0419 974 453 should you wish to discuss these matters further.

Yours sincerely

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