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Your ref:

Dear David

MP 06_0188 - Pacific Bay Resort (Western Lands), Pacific Highway, Korora, Coffs Acid Sulfate Soils

The Director-General has provided a list of Environmental Assessment Requirements (EAR's) dated 22 January 2008 in relation to the proposed subdivision of the Pacific Bay (Western Lands), Pacific Highway, Coffs Harbour. This letter provides a response to the EAR's and agency letters relating to acid sulfate soils.

Acid Sulfate Soils

EAR 8.4 relates to acid sulfate soils and it is also raised as an issue by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in their letter dated 7 November 2007. As shown in Figure 1 attached, the site contains Class 5 acid sulfate soils. According to Coffs Harbour City Local Environmental Plan (2000), works within Class 5 must not be carried out within 500 metres of adjacent Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 land which are likely to lower the watertable below 1 metre AHD on adjacent Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 land. It is our understanding that the proposal will not lower the water table below 1 metre AHD on adjacent Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 land and therefore acid sulfate soils are not anticipated to be an issue in regards to planning approval.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely GHD Pty Ltd

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Attachment: Figure 1: Acid Sulfate Soils

