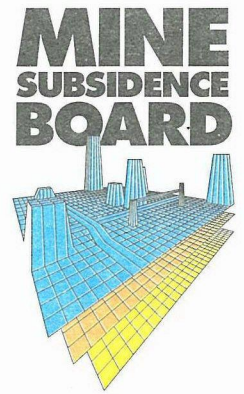
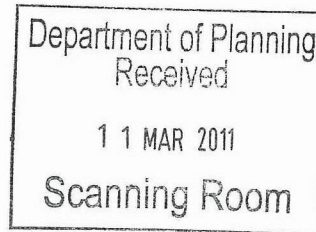
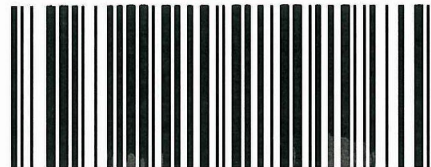


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ATTENTION: ANNA JOHNSTON

7 March 2011

Dear Madam

ENQUIRY NO. TENQ11-06770N1
MINMI, NEWCASTLE LINK ROAD CONCEPT PLAN

Thank you for your letter dated 24th February 2011, in relation to the Minmi, Newcastle link road concept plan. This property is located within a proclaimed Mine Subsidence District. The purpose of a District is to prevent damage through surface development controls that take account of the risk of damage by subsidence from old, current and future mining.

The Mine Subsidence Board has no objection to the proposed development. The proposed concept area is extensively undermined with very shallow to deep mining affecting the area. The Board must emphasise the importance that mine subsidence must be managed to prevent major damage to improvements in the future within this area. The Board's approval is subject to the submission of plans incorporating the following design requirements and their final approval.

1. Eliminate and manage any risk of mine subsidence by suitable means to shallow mined workings, open cut areas and other areas affected by subsidence features. Restrict development over capped mine shafts and tunnel entries.

Note: Mine workings may be charged with water. Water seepage may occur at seam outcrops and drifts. The applicant is required to advise Authorities and manage water emanating from mine workings.

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2. Removal of any risk of mine subsidence by a suitable means, such as grouting. Alternatively, satisfy the Board by confirming through geotechnical investigations that the workings are long term stable and there is no risk of mine subsidence affecting the site.
3. The geotechnical investigation must include a sufficient number of boreholes to the floor of the seam and numerical modelling/sensitivity analysis to demonstrate the appropriateness of the strata to support the development given the mine workings. The investigation is to contain confirmation of the depth of coal seam, height of workings, floor conditions and thickness of competent rock, as well as providing details of the pillar dimensions used in any analysis. ISG co-ordinates and the measured deviation from vertical are required for any boreholes. The report must be to the satisfaction of the Mine Subsidence Board.
4. The final drawings to be submitted prior to commencement of construction, contain a certification by a qualified structural engineer, to the effect that any improvement constructed to meet the specification of such final drawings will be safe, serviceable and repairable taking into account the geotechnical conditions on the site.

If you intend to subdivide or to alter or build improvements on this property, you need Mine Subsidence Board approval. During planning and design of proposed improvements, applicants should consult with our staff.

Yours faithfully



Phil Alexander
District Manager