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WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY (MINES AND PETROLEUM SITES) EXEMPTION (NON-EXPLOSION PROTECTED LOW POWER STORAGE DEVICES IN HAZARDOUS ZONES) 2024

under the Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017

I, Dwaine Jones, Acting Chief Inspector, having delegated authority from the Secretary of the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development as the Regulator under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* in relation to a mine or petroleum site, under clause 684 of the *Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017*, grant the following exemption.

Dated this 4th day of July 2024.

Dwaine Jones Acting Chief Inspector of Mines Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

1 Name

This Exemption is the Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Exemption (Non-Explosion Protected Low Power Storage Devices in Hazardous Zones) 2024.

2 Commencement

This Exemption commences on the date it is published in the NSW Government Gazette and has effect until revoked.

3 Interpretation

In this Exemption:

low powered storage device (LPSD) means a low energy capacity battery or supercapacitor which is integral to an electronic device for the purpose of holding program memory or settings via a real time clock or similar microchip.

fit-for-purpose assessment means a full audit and assessment of non-explosion protected electrical equipment to standards that are relative to the avoidance of ignition sources for equipment to be used in hazardous areas. The assessment includes all necessary calculations, measurements and parameters to determine that the equipment is fit for its purpose and safe to use. The assessment must consider any likely ignition sources including arcs, sparks or hot surfaces that are likely to occur in normal circumstances or under fault/abnormal conditions.

the Regulation means the Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Regulation 2022.

Terms used in this Exemption have the same meaning as in the Work Health and Safety Act 2011, Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017, Work Health and Safety (Mines and Petroleum Sites) Act 2013 and the Regulation.

4 Exemption

This Exemption is a class exemption made by the regulator on its own initiative.

This Exemption applies to the use of non-explosion protected LPSD in a hazardous zone in an underground coal mine.

A mine operator of an underground coal mine is exempt from the requirements of sections 81(1) and 74(2)(f)(ii) of the Regulation, subject to the conditions specified in clause 5 of this Exemption.

5 Conditions

- (1) A non-explosion protected LPSD may only be used in a hazardous zone at the mine if:
 - a) there is no reasonably practicable alternative that complies with section 81(1) of the Regulation,
 - b) the LPSD and associated circuit has:
 - i) passed a "Fit-For-Purpose Assessment" undertaken in accordance Annex C of AS/NZS 60079.17:2017, or
 - ii) passed the type verification tests for spark ignition, surface temperature rise and pressure testing undertaken in accordance with Clause 10.5 of AS/NZS 60079.11:2011
 - c) the LPSD is integral to the electronic component and cannot be removed by the mine.
 - d) the electrical enclosure that contains the LPSD is not opened during any loss of ventilation or gas exceedance,
 - e) the individual nominated to exercise the statutory function of electrical engineering manager at the mine must determine that the use of the LPSD and associated circuit will result in a standard of safety that is at least equivalent to the standard that would be achieved by compliance with section81(1) of the Regulation,
 - f) the mine operator must keep a register of all plant located in the underground parts of the mine that contains a LPSD,
 - g) the mine operator must keep all records relating to the determination of an equivalent level of safety, including all risk assessments, "fit-for-purpose assessment", engineering calculations and other relevant information while the LPSD and associated circuit is in use at the mine.

6 Exemption does not affect other requirements

Nothing in this exemption affects any other applicable requirement imposed by law in relation to the matters this Exemption applies to.

Pursuant to section 136 of the Mining Act 1992 and section 16 of the Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991

NOTICE is given that the following applications have been granted:

EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATIONS

(APP-2024-36)

No. 6717, now Exploration Licence No. 9670, Syndicate Minerals Pty Ltd (ACN 635 864 587), Counties of Ashburnham and Cunningham, Map Sheets (8431, 8531), area of 95 units, for Group 1, dated 4 July 2024, for a term until 4 July 2029.

(APP-2024-40)

No. 6720, now Exploration Licence No. 9669, Syndicate Minerals Pty Ltd (ACN 635 864 587), Counties of Booroondarra and Rankin, Map Sheets (7834, 7835), area of 97 units, for Group 1, dated 4 July 2024, for a term until 4 July 2030.

MINING LEASE APPLICATION

(T14-1508)

Singleton No. 477, now Mining Lease No. 1879 (Act 1992), Cumnock Management Pty Limited (ACN 114 285 602), Parish of Ravensworth, County of Durham, Plan Sheet (M27431), area of 1.641 hectares, for the purpose of ancillary mining activity, dated 3 July 2024, for a term until 3 July 2045.

NOTICE is given that the following applications have been withdrawn:

EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATIONS

(APP-2024-126)

No. 6768, VANILLA EXPLORATION PTY LTD (ACN 677 244 503), County of Courallie and County of Jamison, Map Sheet (8937). Withdrawal took effect on 9 July 2024.

(APP-2024-127)

No. 6769, VANILLA EXPLORATION PTY LTD (ACN 677 244 503, County of Murchison, Map Sheet (8937). Withdrawal took effect on 9 July 2024.

NOTICE is given that the following applications for renewal have been received:

(REN-2024-166)

Exploration Licence No. 6598, Austar Coal Mine Pty Limited (ACN 111 910 822), area of 3582 hectares. Application for renewal received 4 July 2024.

(REN-2024-148)

Exploration Licence No. 8769, RZ Resources Ltd (ACN 160 863 892), area of 59 units. Application for renewal received 8 July 2024.

(REN-2024-164)

Exploration Licence No. 8771, Australian Consolidated Gold Holdings Pty Ltd (ACN 619 975 405), area of 57 units. Application for renewal received 3 July 2024.

(REN-2024-168)

Exploration Licence No. 9212, GM Resources Pty Ltd (ACN 641 894 715), area of 114 units. Application for renewal received 8 July 2024.

(REN-2024-165)

Exploration (Prospecting) Licence No. 2379, Perilya Broken Hill Limited (ACN 099 761 289), area of 11 hectares. Application for renewal received 4 July 2024.

(REN-2024-167)

Consolidated Mining Lease No. 2 (Act 1992), Austar Coal Mine Pty Limited (ACN 111 910 822), area of 3406 hectares. Application for renewal received 4 July 2024.

RENEWAL OF CERTAIN AUTHORITIES

Notice is given that the following authorities have been renewed:

(TMS-REN509)

Exploration Licence No. 3217, Metromix Pty Limited (ACN 002 886 839), County of Camden, Map Sheet (9028), area of 19 units, for a further term until 2 July 2026. Renewal effective on and from 2 July 2024.

(TMS-REN513)

Exploration Licence No. 3218, Metromix Pty Limited (ACN 002 886 839), Map Sheet (9028), area of 10 units, for a further term until 2 July 2026. Renewal effective on and from 2 July 2024.

(T86-0141)

Exploration Licence No. 3219, Metromix Pty Limited (ACN 002 886 839), Map Sheet (9129), area of 12 units, for a further term until 2 July 2026. Renewal effective on and from 2 July 2024.

(T86-0153)

Exploration Licence No. 3220, Metromix Pty Limited (ACN 002 886 839), County of Northumberland, Map Sheet (9231), area of 44 units, for a further term until 2 July 2026. Renewal effective on and from 2 July 2024.

(T86-0305)

Exploration Licence No. 3221, Archdall Investments Pty Ltd (ACN 001 325 104) and Newsouth Innovations Pty Limited (ACN 000 263 025), County of Cumberland, Map Sheets (9129, 9130), area of 15 units, for a further term until 2 July 2026. Renewal effective on and from 2 July 2024.

(TMS-REN356)

Exploration Licence No. 5362, Murray Basin Titanium Pty Ltd (ACN 082 497 827), Counties of Perry and Wentworth, Map Sheets (7430, 7431), area of 192 units, for a further term until 10 October 2025. Renewal effective on and from 7 November 2023.

(REN-2024-100)

Exploration Licence No. 8748, Jodama Pty Ltd (ACN 095 440 547), County of Flinders, Map Sheets (8234, 8334), area of 27 units, for a further term until 24 May 2027. Renewal effective on and from 8 July 2024.

(REN-2023-268)

Consolidated Coal Lease No. 702 (Act 1973), Shoalhaven Coal Pty Ltd (ACN 070 863 893), Map Sheet (8931-3-N), area of 1840 hectares, for a further term until 24 November 2031. Renewal effective on and from 25 November 2024.

(REN-2024-108)

Mining Purposes Lease No. 348 (Act 1973), Ivanhoe Coal Pty Limited (ACN 064 237 154), Map Sheet (8931-3-N), area of 9.45 hectares, for a further term until 24 May 2035. Renewal effective on and from 24 May 2025.

TRANSFERS

(TRF-2024-10)

Authorisation No. 414, formerly held by CHARBON COAL PTY LIMITED (ACN 064 237 118) and SK NETWORKS RESOURCES AUSTRALIA (WYONG) PTY LTD (ACN 072 432 672) has been transferred to Charbon Coal Pty Limited (ACN 064 237 118). The transfer was registered on 3 July 2024.

(TRF-2024-11)

Consolidated Coal Lease No. 732 (Act 1973), formerly held by CHARBON COAL PTY LIMITED (ACN 064 237 118) and SK NETWORKS RESOURCES AUSTRALIA (WYONG) PTY LTD (ACN 072 432 672) has been transferred to Charbon Coal Pty Limited (ACN 064 237 118). The transfer was registered on 3 Iuly 2024.

(TRF-2024-11)

Mining Lease No. 1318 (Act 1992), formerly held by CHARBON COAL PTY LIMITED (ACN 064 237 118) and SK NETWORKS RESOURCES AUSTRALIA (WYONG) PTY LTD (ACN 072 432 672) has been transferred to Charbon Coal Pty Limited (ACN 064 237 118). The transfer was registered on 3 July 2024.

(TRF-2024-11)

Mining Lease No. 1384 (Act 1992), formerly held by CHARBON COAL PTY LIMITED (ACN 064 237 118) and SK NETWORKS RESOURCES AUSTRALIA (WYONG) PTY LTD (ACN 072 432 672) has been transferred to Charbon Coal Pty Limited (ACN 064 237 118). The transfer was registered on 3 July 2024.

(TRF-2024-11)

Mining Lease No. 1501 (Act 1992), formerly held by CHARBON COAL PTY LIMITED (ACN 064 237 118) and SK NETWORKS RESOURCES AUSTRALIA (WYONG) PTY LTD (ACN 072 432 672) has been transferred to Charbon Coal Pty Limited (ACN 064 237 118). The transfer was registered on 3 July 2024.

(TRF-2024-11)

Mining Lease No. 1524 (Act 1992), formerly held by CHARBON COAL PTY LIMITED (ACN 064 237 118) and SK NETWORKS RESOURCES AUSTRALIA (WYONG) PTY LTD (ACN 072 432 672) has been transferred to Charbon Coal Pty Limited (ACN 064 237 118). The transfer was registered on 3 July 2024.

(TRF-2024-11)

Mining Lease No. 1545 (Act 1992), formerly held by CHARBON COAL PTY LIMITED (ACN 064 237 118) and SK NETWORKS RESOURCES AUSTRALIA (WYONG) PTY LTD (ACN 072 432 672) has been transferred to Charbon Coal Pty Limited (ACN 064 237 118). The transfer was registered on 3 July 2024.

(TRF-2024-11)

Mining Lease No. 1647 (Act 1992), formerly held by CHARBON COAL PTY LIMITED (ACN 064 237 118) and SK NETWORKS RESOURCES AUSTRALIA (WYONG) PTY LTD (ACN 072 432 672) has been transferred to Charbon Coal Pty Limited (ACN 064 237 118). The transfer was registered on 3 July 2024.

(TRF-2024-11)

Mining Lease No. 1663 (Act 1992), formerly held by CHARBON COAL PTY LIMITED (ACN 064 237 118) and SK NETWORKS RESOURCES AUSTRALIA (WYONG) PTY LTD (ACN 072 432 672) has been transferred to Charbon Coal Pty Limited (ACN 064 237 118). The transfer was registered on 3 July 2024.

(TRF-2024-11)

Mining Lease No. 1850 (Act 1992), formerly held by CHARBON COAL PTY LIMITED (ACN 064 237 118) and SK NETWORKS RESOURCES AUSTRALIA (WYONG) PTY LTD (ACN 072 432 672) has been transferred to Charbon Coal Pty Limited (ACN 064 237 118). The transfer was registered on 3 July 2024.

(TRF-2024-11)

Mining Purposes Lease No. 270 (Act 1973), formerly held by CHARBON COAL PTY LIMITED (ACN 064 237 118) and SK NETWORKS RESOURCES AUSTRALIA (WYONG) PTY LTD (ACN 072 432 672) has been transferred to Charbon Coal Pty Limited (ACN 064 237 118). The transfer was registered on 3 Iuly 2024.

(TRF-2024-11)

Mining Purposes Lease No. 499 (Act 1906), formerly held by CHARBON COAL PTY LIMITED (ACN 064 237 118) and SK NETWORKS RESOURCES AUSTRALIA (WYONG) PTY LTD (ACN 072 432 672) has been transferred to Charbon Coal Pty Limited (ACN 064 237 118). The transfer was registered on 3 July 2024.

(TRF-2024-11)

Mining Purposes Lease No. 505 (Act 1906), formerly held by CHARBON COAL PTY LIMITED (ACN 064 237 118) and SK NETWORKS RESOURCES AUSTRALIA (WYONG) PTY LTD (ACN 072 432 672) has been transferred to Charbon Coal Pty Limited (ACN 064 237 118). The transfer was registered on 3 July 2024.

(TRF-2024-11)

Mining Purposes Lease No. 526 (Act 1906), formerly held by CHARBON COAL PTY LIMITED (ACN 064 237 118) and SK NETWORKS RESOURCES AUSTRALIA (WYONG) PTY LTD (ACN 072 432 672) has been transferred to Charbon Coal Pty Limited (ACN 064 237 118). The transfer was registered on 3 July 2024.

(TRF-2024-11)

Mining Purposes Lease No. 670 (Act 1906), formerly held by CHARBON COAL PTY LIMITED (ACN 064 237 118) and SK NETWORKS RESOURCES AUSTRALIA (WYONG) PTY LTD (ACN 072 432 672) has been transferred to Charbon Coal Pty Limited (ACN 064 237 118). The transfer was registered on 3 July 2024.

(TRF-2024-11)

Mining Purposes Lease No. 964 (Act 1906), formerly held by CHARBON COAL PTY LIMITED (ACN 064 237 118) and SK NETWORKS RESOURCES AUSTRALIA (WYONG) PTY LTD (ACN 072 432 672) has been transferred to Charbon Coal Pty Limited (ACN 064 237 118). The transfer was registered on 3 July 2024.

WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATIONS TO TRANSFER

Notice is given that the following applications for transfer have been withdrawn:

(TRF-2023-38)

Mineral Lease No. 6271, JAMES ANDREW DIAMANTES, AMY MARIE DIAMANTES, JESSICA LOUISE DIAMANTES and WENDY JANICE DIAMANTES. Withdrawal took effect on 5 July 2024.

REQUESTED CANCELLATIONS

Notice is given that the following authorities have been cancelled:

(CAN-2024-39)

Exploration Licence No. 9271, LONGREACH NO 1 PTY LTD (ACN 146 922 394), County of Dowling and County of Gipps, Map Sheets (8230, 8231), area of 134 units. Cancellation took effect on 8 July 2024.

(CAN-2024-37)

Exploration Licence No. 9324, HAVERFORD HOLDINGS PTY LTD (ACN 142 660 553), County of Kennedy, County of Narromine and County of Oxley, Map Sheet (8433), area of 163 units. Cancellation took effect on 4 July 2024.

(CAN-2024-37)

Exploration Licence No. 9585, HAVERFORD HOLDINGS PTY LTD (ACN 142 660 553), County of Mossgiel and County of Woore, Map Sheets (7832, 7833, 7932, 7933), area of 330 units. Cancellation took effect on 4 July 2024.

ERRATUM

Erratum notice in gazette number 256, published 5 July 2024. Under the heading 'APPLICATIONS TO TRANSFER RECEIVED' the entry for the applied transfer of Exploration Licence 9659 neglected to include the proposed transferee. Corrected entry as follows:

COBAR OPERATIONS PTY LTD (ACN 103 555 835) and GOLDEN REEF ENTERPRISES PTY LTD (ACN 008 138 136) has applied for approval to transfer Exploration Licence No. 9659 to TRIAKO RESOURCES PTY LTD (ACN 008 498 119). Application received 3 July 2024.