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A letter (or signed written statement) from the landowner/holder is mandatory in cases where: infrastructure, structures and/or temporary dwellings are to remain on site following surrender.

Question 15:
The author of this report may be, for instance, a holder of the environmental authority or a consultant.

Please ensure information provided in the final rehabilitation report is complete, true and not misleading.

15. Author of this Final Rehabilitation Report

- I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, all information provided in this final rehabilitation report is accurate and complete. I am aware that, under section 480 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, it is an offence to give the administering authority information that I know is false, misleading or incomplete in any material particular. The maximum penalty for such action is 165 penalty units for an individual, or 825 penalty units where the applicant is a corporation (section 181B(3) of the *Penalties and Sentences Act 1992*).
 - I acknowledge that all information supplied on or with this report may be made available upon request, subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992* and/or by EPA administrative access arrangements.

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the administering authority upon request (e.g. during a site inspection or as part of the final rehabilitation report assessment process).

Question 20: A person with appropriate environmental expertise and/or experience in planning and executing site operations may be accepted as an auditor. This person may be the EA holder, or a full-time employee of the EA holder.

The auditor's position within the company holding the tenement or the relationship to the holder should be shown.

Information supplied on or with this audit statement may be made available, subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1992, and/or EPA administrative access arrangements.

Documents used as evidence and/or produced during the audit are to be stored in a safe location for viewing by officers of the EPA upon request (e.g. during a site inspection or as part of the FRR assessment process).

20. Auditor's qualifications and/or experience

Qualified Mining Enginer (UNSW), 22 years experience in the coal mining industry, 7 years in i Mine Managerial positions.

CONTACT PHONE: 07 3225 5500

21. Auditor's signing

Cameron Vorias, Director, COO Queensland Operations Name and position of auditor

- make this statement by or for the environmental authority holder identified in Section 1;
- confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, all information provided in this audit statement is true, correct and complete. I am aware that it is an offence, under Section 480 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994, to give the administering authority information that I know is false, misleading or incomplete in any material particular. The maximum penalty for such action is 165 penalty units for an individual, or 825 penalty units where the applicant is a corporation (section 181B(3) of the Penalties and Sentences Act 1992;
 - confirm that the mining activities carried out under the relevant mining tenement(s) identified in Section 1 have complied with the conditions of the environmental authority (mining activities), subject to any qualifications outlined in question 16;
 - confirm that the final rehabilitation report is accurate, subject to any qualifications outlined in question 16;

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of the environmental authority (mining activities) identified at question 2.

- I/We understand that all information supplied on or with this application form may be made available upon request, subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1992 and/or by the EPA administrative access arrangements.
- I/We certify that the conditions of the environmental authority have been complied with.
- I/We certify that the land on which mining activities have been undertaken have been satisfactorily rehabilitated according to the conditions of the environmental authority.

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| | I, Cameron Vorias Printed name of person signing this form |
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| | solemnly and sincerely declare that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act 1867; am authorised to sign on behalf of the applicant(s), and commit the applicant(s) in all matters relevant to this application; am aware that under section 480 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994, that it is an offence to give the administrative authority a document that contains information that I know is false, misleading or incomplete in any material particular. The maximum penalty for such action is 165 penalty units for an individual, or 825 penalty units where the applicant is a corporation (section 181 B (3) of the Penalties and Sentences Act 1992). The current penalty unit value is \$75.00. |
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| Office, or at www.epa.ald.gov.au . To apply for a discharge, or partial discharge of your financial assurance, refer to Appendix A - Application for amendment or discharge of financial assurance. | Director - Millennium Coal Pty Ltd DATE: 29/10/2007. |
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| Please return your complete Mining Registrar Department of Natural Resou PO Box 1475, Coorparoo Qlo | d application kit to: |
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Appendix A - Amendment or discharge of financial assurance (section 366 Environmental Protection Act 1994)

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Where there is more than one holder, this form may be signed by the holder authorised (in writing by all other holders) to sign on their behalf and to commit in all matters relevant to "ins application. Where the entity that signs is a company, this form is to be signed by a person authorized (in writing) to sign for that company.

This attachment is the approved form for a holder of a code or non-code compliant environmental authority (exploration) or environmental authority (mineral development) for a level 2 mining project to apply to the administering authority to have financial assurance amended or discharged in conjunction with a surrender application for the environmental authority.

Application & certification

I/We (the holder of the environmental authority identified in the attached surrender application):

- hereby apply for the amendment/discharge of the financial assurance (held for the environmental authority) as indicated in Question 13 of the attached surrender application (calculated in the final rehabilitation report and as confirmed in the audit statement).
- I/we certify that the financial assurance has been calculated in the way decided by the administering authority (i.e. in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Environmental Compliance for Exploration and Mineral Development Projects and Guideline 17 Financial assurances for mining activities).
- I/we certify the information provided in this application (including calculations, supporting information and statements in the attached surrender application) is accurate, complete and not misleading ^A.

Signing

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Author / Sally Clark Directorate / South East Region (Mines) Reference / EPC 855 Phone / 07 3238 3735 Facsimile / 07 3405 5346 Email / sally.clark@dme.qld.gov.au

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29 October 2007

Millennium Coal Pty Ltd
C/- Hetherington Exploration
& Mining Title Services Pty Ltd
PO Box 13071
GEORGE STREET POST SHOP
BRISBANE QLD 4003

Dear Sir/Madam,

B/V MT12 13/11/07

EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR COAL (EPC) NO. 855

I refer to the above permit and advise that the rent for the term commencing 20 October 2007 has been underpaid by 9 - Business Affairs

Please forward the outstanding amounts and Business Attairs bis Department on or before 12 November 2007.

In accordance with Section 160(2) of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*, failure to pay the annual rental will result in this permit being cancelled.

Please note that rental is due and payable up to and including the date of cancellation.

Yours sincerely,

s.49 - Signature

Sally Clark <u>A/Tenures Officer</u> South East Region (Mines)



DL Documents

Department of Mines and Energy South East Region (Mines) Podium 2, Ground Floor Landcentre Building Cnr Main and Vulture Street, Woolloongabba Qld 4102 PO Box 1475, Coorparoo Queensland 4151 Australia Telephone + 61 7 3238 3730 Facsimile + 61 7 3405 5346



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19 October 2007

Senior Tenures Officer Tenures Support Unit Southern Regional Office (Mines) Department of Mines and Energy PO Box 1475 COORPAROO QLD 4151

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR COAL (EPC) 855
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DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY SALES & INFORMATION CENTRE

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Please find enclosed a cheque for 19 - Business Aftering the annual rental payment in respect of the above mentioned tenement for the period 20 October 2007 to 19 October 2008.

Details of the payment are in the following table.

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30 November 2006

Miss AM Lynam
Administration Officer – Exploration Reporting
South East Region Mines
Department of Mines and Energy
PO Box 1475
COORPAROO QLD 4151

Dear Ann Maree

RE: EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR COAL (EPC) 855
PROJECT: FOXLEIGH NORTH

On behalf of Millennium Coal Pty Ltd, I enclose for your attention an expenditure statement for EPC 855 for the period 20 October 2005 to 19 October 2006.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully /
s.49 - Signature

BRIAN MARTIN

Manager, Brisbane Office

Enc.:

cc.: Millennium Coal Pty Ltd (Mr M Creech)



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From:

Mayo Jason

Sent:

Tuesday, 12 December 2006 9:20 AM

To:

Freeman Nicole

Subject: FW: Update postal, email addresses

Good morning Nicole,

I received a phone call from the Titles office last week seeking confirmation that they can forward to me an email from a client seeking to change address details.

The Titles officer advised me that the client advised of an agreement, lodged in the NNTT, between the Barada Barna Kabalbara & Yetamarla Traditional Owners and Millennium Coal.

Therefore, they forwarded the email to Indigenous Services.

A closer review of the attached email indicates that it would seem that the client is actually notifying of their change of address details pertaining to Millennium Coal.

Would you know of a contact within Mines and Energy that the attached email should be forwarded to enable the change of address details?

cheers

Jason Mayo **Acting State Negotiator Negotiations Unit** Indigenous Services Department of Natural Resources and Water Ph: (07) 3896 3090 Fax:(07) 3896 3281 email jason.mayo@nrm.qld.gov.au

From: Caroline Edwards [mailto:CEdwards@peabodyenergy.com.au]

Sent: Monday, 11 December 2006 2:35 PM

To: Mayo Jason

Subject: FW: Update postal, email addresses

Thank you Jason for your assistance with this matter.

Kind regards

CAROLINE EDWARDS

Peabody Pacific Pty Limited Level 27, AMP Place 10 Eagle Street Brisbane Qld 4000

Fax:

Phone: 61 7 3225 5500

61 7 3225 5555

From: Caroline Edwards

To: 'brisbane.titling.operations@nrm.qld.gov.au'
Subject: Update postal, email addresses

Good afternoon Betty

As per our conversation on Tuesday 5 December, 2006, I give permission for your department to update the postal and contact email addresses for the following:

Millennium Coal Pty Ltd GPO Box 164 BRISBANE QLD 4001

Wontonga Pastoral Pty Ltd GPO Box 164 BRISBANE QLD 4001

Correspondence from DRM, NNTT and other government departments for the above companies can be forwarded to myself at the above address or via email at cedwards@peabodypacific.com.au

Confirmation of the above changes would be appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Kind regards

Kind regards

CAROLINE EDWARDS
Peabody Pacific Pty Limited
Level 27, AMP Place
10 Eagle Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

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01 November 2006

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For your information – a copy of the renewal

application is attached.

T Mitchell 1/11/2006

Dear Sir/Madam

EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR COAL (EPC) NO. 855

I refer to your application for renewal lodged 21 June 2006 and advise that the Acting Regional Manager, as delegate for the Minister on 31 October 2006, pursuant to section 147A of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (MRA), renewed Exploration Permit for Coal Number 855 for three (3) years from 20 October 2006 to 19 October 2009.

Compliance with the approved work program and expenditure commitments of this exploration permit is a condition of grant of this tenure. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the cancellation of this tenure. Should exceptional circumstances mean that you are unable to reasonably meet these requirements, you are strongly advised to seek a variation of these conditions in accordance with Section 141C of the MRA. Also, consideration will only be given to any further renewal sought if the provisions of section 139 (1) of the MRA are met.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 163 of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* you are required to give each owner of land covered by the permit written notice of entry before initial entry is made by you under the authority of the permit. Such notice/s must be given at least five (5) business days before entry or within such shorter period acceptable to the owner and endorsed on the notice. Section 164 provides for the term and renewal of such notices of entry. A copy of this form is available on the Department's website.

Under section 23 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the "cultural heritage duty of care"). Maximum penalticular the duty of care are \$750,000 for a corporation and \$75,000 for an individual RESOURCES AND WINES

You will comply with the cultural heritage duty of care if you are acting in accordance with gazetted cultural heritage duty of care guidelines.

An assessment of your proposed activity against the duty of care guidelines will help determine whether or to what extent Aboriginal cultural heritage may be harmed by your activity. It will also help

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Telephone + 61 7 3238 3805 Facsimile + 61 7 3405 5349 Website www.nrm.qld.gov.au Page 24 of 94 determine whether you need to undertake a search of the cultural heritage database and register.

If following an assessment of the duty of care guidelines you believe cultural heritage may be harmed by your proposed activity, you should contact the Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit for further advice on (07) 323 83838 or e-mail cultural.heritage@nrm.qld.gov.au. Further information on cultural heritage, together with a copy of the duty of care guidelines and cultural heritage search forms, may also be obtained from www.nrm.qld.gov.au.

If, following exploration, you intend to apply for mining tenements within the boundaries of your exploration permit you should be aware that the Government's policy is that it will not grant mining tenures for the purpose of mining uranium in Queensland. Nor will it permit the treatment or processing of uranium in the State.

Health and Safety

To protect the health and safety of everyone on the mine site you must comply with the *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999 and Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Regulation 2001*.

Please contact the Regional Inspector of Mines before work commences to ascertain your health and safety responsibilities.

Northern Region (07) 4760 7408 Central Region (07) 4938 4605 Southern Region (07) 3238 3785

Your endorsed original permit document is attached.

Yours faithfully

s.49 - Signature

TONYA MITCHELL

A/Regional Manager

South East Region Mines

Department of Mines and Energy BRIEFING NOTE FOR APPROVAL

TO:

A/REGIONAL MINING REGISTRAR

FROM:

SENIOR TENURES OFFICER

SUBJECT: Renewal of Exploration Permit for Coal No. 855

RECOMMENDATION

 It is recommended that the Acting Regional Mining Registrar under delegation from the Minister, in accordance with section 147A of the MRA, renew EPC 855 over an area of 17 sub-blocks and for a term of three years.

• It is also recommended that the Acting Regional Mining Registrar under delegation from the Minister, in accordance with section 144(1) of the MRA, determine that the security deposit for EPC 855 be

\$Nil.

That the holder and the EPA Administering Authority be advised accordingly.

BACKGROUND

• EPC 855, held by Millennium Coal Pty Ltd (100%) was granted on 20 October 2003 for a term of three years and renewed to expire on 19 October 2006.

Application for Renewal of EPC 855 was lodged on 21 June 2006 for a further term of three years.

• The application for renewal was lodged within the renewal period.

• The application for renewal was made in the prescribed way and the prescribed fee has been paid.

KEY ISSUES

Assessment of the renewal application was conducted at folio 49.

• The area of the exploration permit is 17 sub-blocks.

There has not been an assignment indication since the application for renewal was lodged.

• The technical assessment for renewal was evaluated at folio 53. It is recommended to renew the EPM over an area of 17 sub-blocks and for a term of three years. Expenditure requirements are as follows:

Yr 4 17 s/b Yr 5 14 s/b s.49 - Business Affairs Yr 6 11 s/b

• EPC 855 has been issued with a standard environmental authority, number MIM500156703.

• EPC 855 is not within a Wild Rivers area.

• The holder has complied with the provisions of the MRA in that, rental has been paid each year by the anniversary date.

The holder has complied with the conditions of the exploration permit, in that, expenditure and

reporting requirements have been met.



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Under Delegation from the Minister Pursuant to S.147A of Mineral Resources Act 1989

> Approved / not Approved— Further information required

A/Regional Mining Registrar
As delegate of the Minister

Dated

s.49 - Signature



RENEWAL CHECKLIST

EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR MINERAL/COAL NUMBER.

Was the renewal application lodged prior to 18 March 2005? YES/NO (If YES, then PTO has delegation to approve if NO, only the Minister can approve)

Is the land the subject of this exploration permit over state forest?

YES/NO

Is the exploration permit High or Low Impact under the ASP's? YES/NO. (If YES, ensure the renewal application has gone through the Expedited Procedures)

Is the exploration permit considered to be a "Swiss Cheese" EP? YES/NO (If YES, ensure the S176A application and renewal application have gone through the Expedited Procedures)

I AM SATISFIED THAT THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 147A OF THE MINERAL RESOURCES ACT 1989 (MRA) HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH:

- The holder has:
 - a) observed and performed all the covenants and conditions applying to the permit and required to be observed and performed by the holder; and

b) complied with the MRA in relation to the permit.

- 2. The activities proposed to be carried out during the renewed term are appropriate and acceptable.
- 3. The financial and technical resources available to the holder to carry out the proposed activities during the renewed term are appropriate;

4. The public interest will not be adversely affected by the renewal.

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Acting Regional Mining Registrar South East Region (Mines)

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Next Review Date 24/09/2007

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| | ☐ Restricted Area(s): ☐ Relinquishment: ☐ Term: ☐ Subject to Higher tenure | 9: | |
| 1 | ACTION | COMMENTS | ACTION OFFICER |
| 1 | APPLICATION 1. Has renewal lodgement checklist been completed and is application in order? 2. Has S.486 of the MRA 1989 been complied with? (if applicable) 3. Related Tenures (within Project) | YES N/A | Action completed at folio: 49 Date: 26/06/06 Authorised Officer:s.49 - Signature |
| 2 | REPORTING/EXPENDITURE COMPLIANCE 1. Have reporting requirements been met and are they satisfactory? 2. Have expenditure | | Authorised Officer: |

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complied with?

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been conducted?

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TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT Folio No.53 CHECKLIST AND RECOMMENDATIONS EPC855

Date of Grant: 20-Oct-2003

Applicant/Holder (s): MILLENNIUM COAL PTY LTD

Project Name: Middlemount - Foxleigh North

Number of sub-blocks applied for: 17/17

Commodity: COAL

Application at: folio:47

Assessment Summary

Technical and financial resources:

Satisfactory

Proposed program and concepts:

Satisfactory

Location: East of German Creek mine

Does the applicant need to submit further information in support of the application? No/ Yes Information requested at folio
Information provided on (see folio)

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| 1 | 20/10/03 | 19/10/04 | 17 | | | | S | | Granted for 3 years exclusive land. |
| 2 | 20/10/04 | 19/10/05 | 17 | | | | 20 | | NSC issued Dec 04, response accepted. |
| 3 | 20/10/05 | 19/10/06 | 17 | | | | | | |
| 4 | 20/10/05 | 19/10/07 | 17 | s.49 - E | Business Affai | Drilling Geological & geophysical logging Coal quality analysis | | | RECOMMEND RENEW FOR YEARS 4 TO 6 OVER INITIAL AREA OF 17 SUB-BLOCKS |
| 5 | 20/10/05 | 1 | 14 | | | Drilling Geological & geophysical logging Coal quality analysis | | | |
| 6 | 20/10/05 | 19/10/06 | 11 | | M | Drilling Geological & geophysical logging Coal quality analysis | | | |

Sign Off and Recommendation Technical assessment has now been completed and it is therefore recommended that the application proceed toward grant/variation subject to the proposed terms and conditions listed above. Proceed Geoscientist s.49 - Signature Title: Date: 25/8/2006 Signed (Yes, No, N/A) Senior Geologist's Approvals Under delegation from the Minister per Section 127(3) of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 Grant Over Non-A the proposed work program over non-contiguous sub-blocks is approved contiguous Sub-blocks Under delegation from the Minister per Section 131(1)(g)(i,ii,iii) and (h)(i) of the Mineral Resources Statement Acceptable Act 1989, it is approved that the application statement is acceptable to the Minister. Under delegation from the Minister per Section 141(1)(f) of the Mineral Resources Act 1989, it is Special Reporting approved that the applicant must comply with the special reporting requirements outlined above should Requirements re be granted/renewed/varied. Senior Geologist Signed s.49 - Signature Date: 29/8 /2006 Title: (Yes, No, N/A) Technical Assessment Checklist and Recommendations **Tenure APPLICATION Specific Questions** Are there sufficient grounds to recommend against grant under Sections 137(4) or 137(5) of the Suitability of Applicant Mineral Resources Act 1989, for non-compliance with the technical requirements of the Act? Does the application appear to be for bona fide purposes under the Act as required under Bona fide Purpose Section 137(1)(c) of the Mineral Resources Act 1989?

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| Area in Excess of that Prescribed | Are there sufficient technical grounds to recommend under Section 127(4) of the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> that the tenure may be granted over an area in excess of that prescribed? | | |
| Possible Grant Over | Are there sufficient technical grounds to recommend under Section 132(1) of the <i>Mineral</i> | | |
| Existing Tenure | Resources Act 1989 that the tenure may be granted over other existing grants and applications for tenure under the Act? | | |
| Reduction in Area | Are there sufficient technical grounds to recommend under Section 137(1) of the Mineral | | |
| Granted | Resources Act 1989, that the area of grant be less than that applied for? | | |
| | COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST QUESTIONS | | |
| Relinquishment | Is relinquishment compliant? | | |
| Expenditure | Has expenditure been acceptable? | | |
| Work Program | Has the proposed work program been complied with? | | |
| Conditions | Have specified conditions been complied with? | | |
| Reporting | Have the reporting requirements been adhered to? (Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory) | | |
| Bona Fide | Do the actions of the holder appear to be bona fide | | |
| Significant Mineralisation | Has the holder reported significant mineralisation? See Section 176 1 | | |
| Outcome | Is the holder complying with the conditions of this tenure? | | |
| | Notes and Comments | H.S. | |
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| Reject Renewal | Recommendations Show Cause More information is required Email, letter QDEX/Leave on file | CBL / L | |
| Reject Renewal | or contact, Bringup & Review | | |
| Print, file and get support | of Senior Geologist, then forward to TM Print on green and forward to EXPL3 with the email for Action | | |
| Signed | Date: 24/11/2004 Title: Geoscientist | | |
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| | Tenure RENEWAL Specific Questions | | |
| Performance History of Holder | Are there sufficient grounds to recommend against renewal under Section 141(1) or Section 160(1) of the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> , for non-compliance with the technical requirements of the Act? | N | |
| Failure to Relinquish Land | Due to non-compliance with relinquishment requirements, does a recommendation need to be made regarding the area the Minister may direct be relinquished under Section 139(6) or | N | |
| Dination to Amely for | Section 140(1) of the Mineral Resources Act 1989? | - | |
| Direction to Apply for Higher Tenure | Do sufficient technical grounds exist to warrant recommending to the Minister that the Holder apply for a higher form of tenure under Section 176(2) of the <i>Mineral Resources Act</i> 1989? | N | |
| | Checklist for Applications and Renewals | No. | |
| Acceptable Work Program | Is the application accompanied by an acceptable statement as required under Section 133(1)(g)(i) of the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> specifying a description of the program of work proposed to be carried out under the authority of the exploration permit if granted? | Y | |
| Variation of Term | Are there sufficient technical grounds to recommend under Section 137(3)(e) of the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> that the tenure be granted for a different term than that applied for? | | |
| Variation of | Are there sufficient technical grounds to support the recommendation of non-standard | Y | |
| Relinquishment Requirements | relinquishment requirements under either Section 139(3) or Section 140(1) of the <i>Mineral Resources Act</i> 1989? | 1 | |
| Resources Committed | Is the application accompanied by an acceptable statement as required under Section 133(1)(g)(ii) of the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> specifying the human, financial and technical resources to be committed for each year of the exploration permit if granted? | | |
| Financial Resources of Applicant | Does an acceptable statement as required under Section 133(1)(h)(i) of the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> detailing the applicant's financial resources accompany the application? | | |
| Technical Resources of Applicant | Does an acceptable statement as required under Section 133(1)(h)(i) of the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> detailing the applicant's technical resources accompany the application? | Y | |
| Exploration Data Captured | Is the application accompanied by an acceptable statement as required under Section 133(1)(g)(iii) of the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> detailing the exploration data captured by the applicant prior to their application? | Y | |
| Special Technical | Are there sufficient technical grounds to warrant recommending the inclusion of special | N | |
| Conditions Other Technical Matters | technical conditions under Section 137(3)(f) of the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> ? Are there any other technical matters that need to be raised? | | |

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Compliance with the approved work program and expenditure commitments of this exploration permit is a condition of grant of the istenure. Failure to comply with this requirement will be taken into account in the assessment of any application for the renewal of this tenure and may also result in the cancellation of this tenure. Should exceptional circumstances mean that you are unable to reasonably meet these requirements, you are advised to seek a variation of these conditions as soon as you become aware that possible non-compliance is likely.

Other Advice?

The Technical Assessment Checklist provides technical advice to the Delegated Authority on whether an application should proceed to grant. It offers a recommended course of action only and as such it should **not** be viewed as an approval document.

| Number of Sub-blocks* | Expenditure Commitments | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Already Held | For currently granted tenure | |
| Under other applications | Under other applications | |
| Under this application | Under this application | |
| Total | Total | |

General Comments Continued

Show cause issued for not doing any drilling, submission accepted

Hall Erin

From:

Hall Erin

Sent:

Wednesday, 19 July 2006 12:01 PM

To:

Kellie Eaton

Subject:

EPC's 726, 728 & 855

Importance:

High

Hi Kellie,

As requested please find the required information for the above EPC's.

EPC 726 -

The exploration permit is current, with the current term to expire on 18 March 2009.

There is no outstanding rental owing on the exploration permit.

There are no mortgages, caveats, sub-leases or other encumbrances registered against the exploration permit. The annual report for the period ending 19 march 2006 is outstanding (statement of expenditure submitted), it has been requested and is due for submission by 31 July 2006.

EPC 728 -

The exploration permit is current, with the current term to expire on 16 April 2007.

There is no outstanding rental owing on the exploration permit.

There are no mortgages, caveats, sub-leases or other encumbrances registered against the exploration permit. The annual report for the period ending 16 April 2006 was found to be unsatisfactory as it was incomplete. The outstanding information has been requested from the tenement managers and is yet to be lodged.

EPC 855 -

The exploration permit is current, with the current term to expire on 19 October 2006 - renewal lodged.

There is no outstanding rental owing on the exploration permit.

There are no mortgages, caveats, sub-leases or other encumbrances registered against the exploration permit. There are no other reports required to be lodged in respect of the exploration permit.

If you require any further information please contact me on the number mentioned below.

Regards

Erin Hall

Tenures Officer

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From: Kellie Eaton [KEaton@mccullough.com.au]

Sent: Friday, 14 July 2006 9:55 AM

To: Hall Erin

Cc: Lyndal Szep

Subject: FW: EPCs

As per our conversation this morning, please see below our request for good standing.

From: Lyndal Szep

Sent: Thursday, 13 July 2006 5:26 PM

To: Freeman Nicole
Cc: Kellie Eaton
Subject: EPCs

Hi Nicole

Could you please assist us with confirming that a number of tenements have remained in good standing. We have previously conducted a due diligence on these tenements outlined below a couple of years ago but we want to check that they remain in good standing.

The following tenements include:

- ML 70312
- ML 70313
- EPC 726
- EPC 728
- EPC 855

Essentially, we need to confirm that the rent has been paid, there are no encumbrances/caveats lodged, there are no outstanding reports and that the expenditure and work program have been complied with.

Are you able to check these files and write a brief letter updating us on the standing of these tenements.

I understand that this is a time consuming task and should you require a fee for time taken to complete this please let me know.

If you have any problems please don't hesitate to give me a call on 3233 8622.

Kind regards

Lyndal Szep

Solicitor

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30 June 2006

Principal Tenures Officer
Tenures Support Unit
Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Water
Po Box 1475
COORPAROO QLD 4151



Dear Sir/Madame

RE: EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR COAL NUMBER (EPC) 855
PROJECT: FOXLEIGH NORTH

Reference is made to my letter and additional information document dated 21 June 2006 (copies enclosed) in which I requested a variation to sub-block retention conditions for EPC 855.

Please find enclosed a document from Steffen Robertson and Kirsten (Australasia) Pty Ltd (SRK). This document has been provided to assist in the assessment of the variation request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions in relation to this matter.

Yours faithfully

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BRIAN MARTIN Manager, Brisbane Office

CC Millennium Coal Pty Ltd (Mr M Creech)

Ref.: MillenniumC#1/cm

MILLENNIUM COAL PTY LTD ACN 089 566 021

22 September 2005

The Deputy Director-General (Mines)
Department of Natural Resources and Mines
GPO Box 2454
BRISBANE Q 4001

Dear Sir

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Yours faithfully

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21 June 2006

Principle Tenures Officer
Tenures Support Unit
Department of Natural Resources and Mines
PO Box 1475
COORPAROO QLD 4151

Dear Sir

RE: EXPLORATION PERMIT NUMBER (EPC) 855
PROJECTS: MIDDLEMOUNT – FOXLEIGH NORTH

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Please note that the Exploration Permit document is currently held by the Department pending approval of a recently submitted renewal application.

I trust you will find these documents in order and look forward to confirmation of grant of the variation in due course.

Yours faithfully

BRIAN MARTIN Manager, Brisbane Office

CC Millennium Coal Pty Ltd (Mr Michael Creech)



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT VARIATION REQUEST FOR

EPC: 855

PROJECT: MIDDLEMOUNT –
FOXLEIGH NORTH

HOLDER:
MILLENNIUM COAL PTY LTD
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The target seams are within the Rangal and underlying Fort Cooper Coal Measures, located below the Permian Triassic boundary. The seams comprise in descending order the Middlemount, the Tralee, the Pisces 1 and 2 (separated by Yarrabee Tuff) and the underlying Girrah. There is also a thin upper split of the Middlemount locally referred to as the Roper seam.

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Major thrust faults occur within EPC's 726 and 855. These include the Jellinbah thrust fault (down to the west) that separates the two EPC's, and the Foxleigh fault (same sense) that bounds EPC 855 to the northeast. The existence of unidentified thrust faults throwing strata up to the east may result in the reoccurrence of the target seams at shallow depths.

3.0 VARIATION REQUESTED

Pursuant to Section 139(1) of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (MRA), the current holder hereby requests the Minister's consent to retain all currently held sub-blocks in EPC 855 for the period 20 October 2006 to 19 October 2007. Information to justify this request is provided in Section 3.0 of this document.

4.0 JUSTIFICATION

 Millennium Coal requests that the current area of EPC 855 be retained in order for the company to fully incorporate results from recent exploration activities into a broad assessment of this EPC and the adjacent EPC 726.

- The procurement of a drilling rig has been delayed, with the latest drilling campaign having commenced in March. The results of this drilling are yet to be fully incorporated in the database, including analytical work that is ongoing at present.
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- Reference to the recently submitted renewal application to EPC 855 indicates that the holder conducted extensive exploration activities on EPC 855 during the current term. The expected expenditure for the period is likely to exceed s.78B verses a commitment of only s.78B. This represents an s.78B increase over the minimum commitment for the tenure and demonstrates the importance Millennium places on this tenement and their intention to conduct bona-fide exploration activities.
- Despite the significant expenditure outlaid on EPC 855 during the current term, Millennium have not had sufficient time to adequately assess the coal baring potential of the entire tenement area and as such are not in a position to relinquish sub-blocks in this point in time. A further period of twelve months at full retention of all currently held sub-blocks should allow sufficient time for Millennium to review the results date and identify sub-blocks for relinquishment prior to the next anniversary date.

ATTACHMENT A -

Authorisation Letter



EXPLORATION PERMIT RENEWAL APPLICATION CHECKLIST

This checklist is to be completed to determine whether an application for renewal is acceptable. Note that applicants must answer every question of the prescribed application for renewal.

This checklist comprises three parts:

 Part A is to be completed to ensure that the application satisfies the requirements sections 147 and 147A. Requirements that are not met are identified where the tick is within the shaded boxes (ie. application may not be acceptable).

 Part B is to be completed to determine whether the grant of the application for renewal may be restricted.

 Part C is to be completed to determine whether the application for renewal may be accepted and recorded on the register.

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PART A - APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

| Requirement | Yes | No | Remarks |
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| Has the holder made and signed application for renewal? | | | |
| Is the application in or on the prescribed form? | / | | |
| Is the prescribed fee paid? | / | | |
| Is the application lodged greater than 6 months prior to the expiry date (see s147)? | | / | |
| Is the application lodged less than 3 months prior to the expiry date (see s147)? | | / | |
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| Has submission for late lodgement been submitted? | | 1 | |
| If yes: forward to STO for approval. | N | A | |
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| 12 | Was the permit granted under an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA)? | | 1 | |
| 13 | Is there provision for renewal in the ILUA? | . NI | IA | |
| 14 | Was the permit granted subject to the ASPs? If yes: the renewal application must proceed in accordance with the commonwealth native title provisions (ie. RTN, expedited procedure, ILUA). | | 1 | |

PART B - RENEWAL APPLICATION RESTRICTION

| Restriction | | No | Remarks | | |
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| Has the permit been renewed previously? | | / | 00 | | |
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| Will the public interest be adversely affected by the renewal of the permit? | | X | | | |

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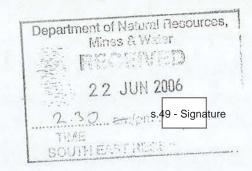




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21 June 2006

Principle Tenures Officer Tenures Support Unit Department of Natural Resources and Mines PO Box 1475 COORPAROO QLD 4151



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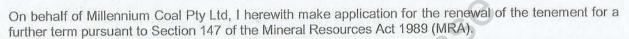
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20 June 2006

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Tenures Support Unit
Southern Regional Office (Mines)
Department of Natural Resources Mines & Energy
PO Box 1475
COORPAROO QLD 4151

Dear Sir

RE: EXPLORATION PERMIT NO (EPC) 855
PROJECT: MIDDLEMOUNT – FOXLEIGH NORTH



Application is hereby made for the Ministers consent to accept this renewal application within the three month period prior to the expiry date. The commitment of the Senior Exploration Geologist to other ongoing exploration programs explains the delay in lodging this application.

The following documents are enclosed to support this renewal application:

Duly completed Renewal Application Form.

Additional Information document.

A cheque for 9 - Business Affairing the required renewal fee of \$32.30 and annual rental payment of s.49 - Business Affairs

The Exploration Permit document for endorsement.

I have been advised by the current holder that, all covenants and conditions with respect to EPC 855 have been complied with to date and that the holder believes that the public interest will not be adversely affected by the grant of this renewal application.

I trust you will give this application your favourable consideration.

Yours faithfully

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Manager, Brisbane Office

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EPM/C No. 855 (Office Use Only)

APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF EXPLORATION PERMIT

Section 147
Mineral Resources Act 1989
Form Number MRA-06 Version Number 1

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Question 1.1

Specify company name or surname of applicant.

Question 1.2

Specify given name(s) of applicant.

Question 1.3

If company, what is the Australian Company Number (ACN)?

Question 1.4

Specify percentage of interest held by applicant.

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| stablish a framework for the responsible collection and handling of personal information in the |
| ueensland government public sector. Please refer to the section at the end of this form entitled |
| Privacy Statement" which provides details about why the personal information on this form is |
| eing collected and how it will be handled. |

The completed original of this renewal application and any attachments, must be submitted with the prescribed fee at the Office of the Chief Executive.

Please print clearly in ink and use block letters.

All prescribed forms under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* are available on the Departmental website: www.nrm.gld.gov.au.

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Question 1.5

The total interest must equal 100%. If you are entering these details online, right click the 'O' and select 'Update Field'.

Question 2.1

Identify the number of the exploration permit.

Question 2.2

Specify the project name, if any.

Question 2.3

Identify the expiry date of the permit (month, date and year).

Question 2.4

Specify the term required. This term is not to exceed 5 years.

Question 3

Answer questions 3.1 and 3.2.

If you answered YES to Question 3.2, answer all remaining questions.

If you answered NO to Question 3.2, go to Question 4.

Question 4.1

Enter the day of the month.

Question 4.2

Enter the month and year.

Question 4.3

Insert full name of the applicant(s).

Question 4.4

Signature of applicant(s).

Execution of Documents by an Agent

If an agent or the holder of a power of attorney is signing a document, required to be lodged by an Act, on behalf of another, the agent or holder of the power of attorney must produce current, written evidence of their authority to act at the time of lodgement.

All of the holders of the tenure MUST execute the appointment of agent or the power of attorney for the appointment or power of attorney to be effective. A company signing an appointment of agent or power of attorney must do so in accordance with the corporation law and/or the articles of association of the company. 12-478

2. RENEWAL APPLICATION DETAILS

| Expl | oration Pern | nit Numbe | r 2.1 EPC | 855 | | |
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| s the | e permit cor | ditioned fo | or high or low in | npact activit | ies? | |
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| 3.6 | | | YES | | NO N/A | |
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Question 5

Tick the appropriate boxes to indicate compliance.

Question 5.1

The prescribed fee *must* accompany the application for renewal or the application will not be accepted.

Question 5.2

Outline proposed work program and proposed expenditure to conduct exploration.

Outline technical resources available to conduct work program.

Outline the type of machinery and equipment to be used to conduct the work program.

Question 5.3

Details of the holder's financial and technical resources to conduct the proposed exploration program must be provided.

Question 5.6

A brief description of work and expenditure completed in the term that is to lapse.

Question 5.7

The original Instrument issued upon grant of permit. This is required for endorsement.

Question 5.8

This application is required if an amendment is proposed to the current environmental authority.

5. ACCOMPANIMENTS

The following must accompany this form:

| | | Tick | | |
|-----|---|------|--|--|
| 5.1 | Prescribed application fee | | | |
| 5.2 | A statement, acceptable to the Minister, specifying: Proposed exploration program and budget for each year of the renewed term providing details of investigation methods to be used and estimated duration of each investigation; | | | |
| | The estimated human, technical and financial resources proposed to be committed to exploration work during each year of the exploration permit, if renewed; and | | | |
| | A brief description of machinery, equipment, etc to be used. | | | |
| 5.3 | A statement, acceptable to the Minister, but separate from the statement mentioned above, detailing that the financial and technical resources available to the holder to carry out the proposed activities during the renewed term are appropriate. | | | |
| 5.4 | A statement that the holder of the permit has— observed and performed all the covenants and conditions applying to the permit and required to be observed and performed by the holder; and complied with the Mineral Resources Act 1989 in relation to the permit. | | | |
| 5.5 | A statement about whether the public interest will be adversely affected by the renewal of the permit. | | | |
| 5.6 | A brief summary of exploration and expenditure for the current term | | | |
| 5.7 | The original Instrument of Exploration Permit | | | |
| 5.8 | Application for amendment of the environmental authority | N/A | | |



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6. PRIVACY STATEMENT

The Queensland Government introduced Information Standard 42 - Information Privacy to establish a framework for the responsible collection and handling of personal information in the Queensland government public sector.

The Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Water is collecting the information on this form to process your application for renewal of an exploration permit. This is required by section 147 of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (the Act).

The Department is required to facilitate and regulate the carrying out of responsible mining activities and the development of a safe, efficient and viable mining industry in Queensland under the Act.

The Department maintains a Register under section 387 of the Act. This register contains information collected from a variety of sources, including application forms submitted under the Act. The particulars to be recorded in the register are prescribed in Part 11 of the Mineral Resources Regulation 2003 (the Regulations).

Under section 68 of the Regulations, the public can inspect the Register between the hours of 8.30 am and 4.30 pm on business days, and anyone may take extracts from the register and acquire, upon payment of the prescribed fee, a copy of all or part of a notice, document or information held in the register. Information contained in the register includes (but is not limited to):

- the mining tenement number;
- · the full name of the holder/s of the mining tenement;
- · the annual rent for the mining tenement; and
- any permitted dealings relating to the mining tenement that are approved by the Minister.

Information collected on this form, whether or not it is contained in the Register, may be provided to other Queensland Government Agencies, where such disclosure is necessary for the effective management of the mineral resources and industry in Queensland. These agencies may include the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Primary Industries and Fisheries and the Department of Energy.

Where information provided is commercial in confidence, it will be treated as confidential and not included in the Register or be disclosed outside the agency unless the Department is legally required to do so.

For more information on Information Privacy, please contact the Privacy Contact Officer for the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Water on (07) 389 63705.

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INFORMATION TO SUPPORT AN APPLICATION FOR A RENEWAL

EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR COAL (EPC) 855

PROJECT NAME:
MIDDLEMOUNT – FOXLEIGH NORTH

BY

MILLENNIUM COAL PTY LTD

A.C.N. 089 566 021

JUNE 2006

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1.0 Background

EPC 855 is located east of the German Creek, East Highwall (within ML's 1998 and 70311). Access to the tenement is via Middlemount Road. EPC 855 was originally granted to Millenium Coal Pty Ltd (Millenium) on 20 October 2003 over a total area of 17 sub-blocks.

This document was prepared to provide additional information to support an application to renew the tenement for a further term of three years.

2.0 Geological Overview

The target seams are within the Rangal and underlying Fort Cooper Coal Measures, located below the Permian Triassic boundary. The seams comprise in descending order the Middlemount, the Tralee, the Pisces 1 and 2 (separated by Yarrabee Tuff) and the underlying Girrah. There is also a thin upper split of the Middlemount locally referred to as the Roper seam.

The upper portions of the Middlemount seam and the Pisces 1 seam are the main targets. The Middlemount is 4-5m thick with ash contents of between 25 to 15%. These seams are depleted in vitrinite (25 to 40%) and though the rank is high, say 1.3 to 1.4 reflectance, coking properties are suppressed as a result (CSN only about 1.5). In contrast the underlying Girrah seam contains about 70% vitrinite which results in better coking properties (CSN values of 6 to 9 common). This seam is however high in ash (generally 35%) and washing to 20-25% ash results in yields of only 65%.

Major thrust faults occur within EPC's 726 and 855. These include the Jellinbah thrust fault (down to the west) that separates the two EPC's, and the Foxleigh fault (same sense) that bounds EPC 855 to the northeast. The existence of unidentified thrust faults throwing strata up to the east may result in the reoccurrence of the target seams at shallow depths.

3.0 Tenement

A total of only 17 sub-blocks are being retained for renewal, which lie wholly within the Clermont Block Identification Map Sheet detailed as follows:

Clermont Block 2432 Sub-blocks Y

Block 2504 Sub-blocks D, E, K

Block 2505 Sub-blocks F, G, H, J, L, M, N, O, R, S, T, X, Y

4.0 Brief Summary of Exploration and Expenditure for the Current Term (20 October 2005 to 19 October 2006)

A high resolution aeromag survey over both EPC855 and the adjoining EPC726 was acquired last year and the final report has been recently prepared. A series of major structural zones have been identified including the Foxleigh Fault (that broadly overlies the boundary between EPC855 and EPC726, and a reverse fault and NE trending structural zones that intersect the Foxleigh Nth subcrop zone within EPC855. Significant intrusions have been identified, mainly within EPC726, though intrusions are also evident associated with major structural zones within EPC855.

Drilling has incorporated three 4 inch cored holes of the Foxleigh Nth subcrop and 10 open holes exploring for Rangal Coal Measures between the Foxleigh Nth subcrop zone and the Jellinbah Fault. These holes intersected seams of the Fort Cooper Coal Measures and tentative correlations suggest that the target seams would have been located up to 500m above the ground level east of the Jellinbah Fault. Results of drilling are tabulated below (also refer to attached Borehole Location Plan). This would suggest that the Jellinbah Fault has a vertical throw of almost 700m between EPC855 and 726.

| BORE | TYPE | EAST(zone55) | NORTH | RL | TD | Seams Intersected | |
|-------|---------|--------------|------------|--------|--------|------------------------------|--|
| MC011 | 4" core | 675810.53 | 7469506.95 | 159.35 | 93.8 | R | |
| M012 | ОН | 675283.15 | 7468726.80 | 150.97 | 35.0 | Pilot Hole | |
| MC013 | 4" core | 675280.96 | 7468725.86 | 151.02 | 96.0 | R, M, TR, P1, P2 | |
| M017 | ОН | 674819.86 | 7466741.58 | 148.72 | 318.0 | Burngrove Fmtn | |
| M018 | ОН | 674443.97 | 746640545 | 148.42 | 210.0 | Burngrove Fmtn | |
| M020 | ОН | 674537.36 | 7468357.68 | 152.50 | 168.0 | Burngrove Fmtn / Back Ck (?) | |
| M021 | ОН | 674037.19 | 7468153.15 | 149.29 | 300.0 | Burngrove Fmtn | |
| M022 | ОН | 673616.69 | 7467892.00 | 150.00 | 300.0 | Burngrove Fmtn | |
| M023 | ОН | 675853.07 | 7467331.88 | 146.64 | 300.0 | Burngrove Fmtn | |
| MC024 | 4" core | 675807.96 | 7468725.86 | 157.42 | 161.8 | R, M, TR, P1, P2 | |
| M025 | OH | 676725.81 | 7467862.45 | 150.02 | 300.0 | R, M, TR, P1 | |
| M026 | ОН | 677819.49 | 7468523.34 | 151.10 | 70.0 | Burngrove Fmtn | |
| M027 | ОН | 677846.32 | 7466103.86 | 146.00 | 312.0 | Burngrove Fmtn | |
| M028 | ОН | 677174.32 | 7465725.83 | 146.61 | 330.0 | Burngrove Fmtn | |
| TOTAL | | | | | 2994.6 | | |

Activity

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Drilling
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5.0 Proposed Exploration Programs for Renewal Term

Year 1 (Period 20 October 2006 to 19 October 2007)

Survey and Drafting
Consulting Modelling
Project Management & Supervision
Core Drilling/Geophysicsl
Analysis
Travel Accom

Total



Year 2 (Period 20 October 2007 to 19 October 2008)

Survey and Drafting
Consulting Modelling
Project Management & Supervision
Core Drilling/Geophysics
OH Drilling – subcrop sections
Analysis
Travel Accom

Total



Year 3 (Period 20 October 2008 to 19 October 2009)

Survey and Drafting
Consulting Modelling
Project Management & Supervision
Core Drilling/Geophysicsl
OH Drilling loxline
Analysis
Travel Accom

Total



6.0 Numbers and Qualifications of Professional Staff Responsible for Planning, Conducting and Reporting the Investigations

The proposed exploration program will be co-ordinated and overseen by Michael Creech, Manager Geology and Resources (Excel Coal). (BSc, MSc MAusimm). Michael has 25 years experience in the mining industry, 15 of which has been involved in the coal industry. He has extensive experience in exploration for mine development and mine planning projects.

Jason Russell (BSc) will also assist in supervision and interpretation of exploration results. Jason has 4 years experience in the coal mining industry and has been employed as Millennium Project Geologist for the past two years.

Mark Benson (BSc) will conduct and coordinate the field exploration. Mark has 4 years experience in the coal mining industry and has been employed as Exploration Geologist at Millennium for the last 12 months.

7.0 Proposed Measures to Minimise Damage to the Environment

Work will be undertaken in accordance with the Code of Environmental Compliance for Exploration and Mineral Development Projects.

It is not anticipated that normal exploration activities will cause any significant disturbance to the existing environment. Access to the EPC area will primarily be by uses of suitably equipped, conventional four-wheel drive vehicles. All drilling will be carried out by truck mounted machines and support vehicles thoroughly washed down prior to mobilisation to site, so as to ensure that no noxious weeds and/or seeds are introduced to the local environment. Vehicular access will be minimized or avoided after heavy rain. Access to drilling sites will be

on pre-existing tracks as far as possible. If additional track construction and/or drill pads are required existing vegetation will be avoided and will be carried out using a backhoe or minimum sized bulldozer.

Environmental protection will be carried out following the current industry standards of best practice environmental management, in consideration of statutory and landholder requirements so as to minimize noise, soil erosion, disturbance to the floral and faunal ecology and have negligible impact on air and water quality. Impact mitigation strategies in areas of any disturbance will be routinely employed such as "blade-up" clearing where possible, construction of drains adjacent to and traversing tracks along with stockpiling of any disturbed topsoil for later replacement. Progressive rehabilitation following completion of exploration activities will be carried out in the form of levelling disturbed areas and windrows, followed by seeding with endemic local grasses.

In the event of drilling programmes being carried out, drillholes will be capped upon completion of the hole to prevent access from wildlife, and refuse removed immediately from the site. Any drilling sumps constructed will be designed to wholly contain all drilling fluids and will be promptly backfilled after use.

Firearms will not be allowed and domestic pets will not be brought into the area. Careful attention will be paid to prevent the outbreak of fires.

8.0 Financial Justification

Millenium Coal Pty Ltd is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Excel Coal Limited who will fund the proposed exploration program for EPC 855. Enclosed in Annexure B is a copy of the current annual report for Excel Coal Limited. This document provides evidence that the holder has sufficient funds to complete the proposed exploration program.

ANNEXURE A

AUTHORISATION LETTER

Ref.: MillenniumC#1/cm

MILLENNIUM COAL PTY LTD ACN 089 566 021

22 September 2005

The Deputy Director-General (Mines)
Department of Natural Resources and Mines
GPO Box 2454
BRISBANE Q 4001

Dear Sir

Please let this letter serve as notice that employees of Hetherington Exploration and Mining Title Services Pty Ltd (A.C.N. 003 122 996), are authorised by *MILLENNIUM COAL PTY LTD* (A.C.N. 089 566 021) to maintain and do such things as may be necessary from time to time to satisfy the requirements of the Queensland Mineral Resources Act 1989 in relation to Exploration Permits, Prospecting Permits, Mining Leases and Mineral Development Licences held by or applied for by this company in Queensland.

This authorisation does not apply to provide approval to relinquish any title and is to remain valid until further advised by this company.

In addition, it entitles access to any information the Department may normally make available to the applicant or holder in the course of maintaining any title.

Yours faithfully

s.49 - Signature

Name Position ELLIS DIRECTOR

Yours faithfully

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ANNEXURE B ANNUAL REPORT

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Contact Officer: LEAH FARMER Contact Phone: 07 3238 3824

03 May, 2006

MILLENNIUM COAL PTY LTD
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PO BOX 13071
GEORGE STREET POST SHOP BRISBANE QLD 4003

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Dear Sir/Madam

Exploration Permit for COAL (EPC) NO. 855 Current Term EXPIRES ON 19 October 2006

I wish to inform you that the above stated Exploration Permit will expire on the date indicated. Please note that there is NO provision in the Mineral Resources Act 1989 to lodge a renewal application after the expiry date.

If a renewal of the permit is required, then in accordance with section 147 of the Mineral Resources Act 1989, an application for renewal must be made in writing at least 3 months prior to the expiry date. An application for renewal lodged within 3 months prior to the expiry date must be accompanied by a statement giving reasons for late lodgement. If a satisfactory statement is not received, your renewal application will not be accepted.

If the application for renewal is lodged by an agent, confirmation that the agent has the authority to lodge documents on behalf of the holder must be submitted.

The application must be accompanied by:

- information about the holder's compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit and the holder's compliance with the Act;
- the activities proposed to be carried out during the renewed term, including the financial and technical resources available;
- details showing that the public interest will not be adversely affected by the renewal of the permit; and
- the prescribed renewal fee.

Rental at the prescribed rate for the ensuing year must be paid by the anniversary date.

You are also reminded of the requirements of section 139 of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 in that you must reduce your EPM by 50%. An EPC must be reduced in accordance with the relinquishment schedule of the exploration permit document. This submission must also be lodged at least 28 days prior to the date of expiry (but seperate to the renewal application) and be accompanied by an application to partially surrender the environmental authority, a final rehabilitation report and audit statement.

This advice is to assist holders and does not negate the holder's obligations to comply with the provisions of the Mineral Resources Act 1989. Compliance with the approved work program, relinquishment and expenditure commitments of this exploration permit is a condition of this tenure. Failure to comply with any condition of the tenure and any provision of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 will result in contravention action being taken. Contravention action may result in cancellation of the permit.

Please ensure that your application for renewal and any submissions are lodged at the office of the Director-General, Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Water, PO Box 1475, Coorparoo Qld 4151.

Yours faithfully

s.49 - Signature

NICOLE FREEMAN

Mining Registrar (Mineral & Coal) South East Region (Mines) DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

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Our Ref: EPC 855 Contact: Scott Douglas Telephone: (07) 3238 3814 Facsimile: (07) 3405 5349

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Scott.Douglas@nrm.qld.gov.au

17 February 2006

Millennium Coal Pty Ltd C/- Hetherington Exploration & Mining Title Services Pty Ltd PO Box 13071 George Street Post Shop BRISBANE QLD 4003

Dear Sir/Madam

EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR COAL (EPC) 855

I refer to your letter dated 13 February 2006 enclosing original permit document for the above EPC for endorsement.

The document has been endorsed and is now returned to you for safekeeping.

Yours faithfully

s.49 - Signature

SCOTT DOUGLAS
Tenures Officer
Tenures Support
South East Region Mines



Southern Regional Office (Mines)

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BY
NR&M Information Centre
Mineral House, Brisbane

Dear Leah

RE: EXPLORATION PERMIT (EPC) 855
PROJECT: MIDDLEMOUNT

Reference is made to your correspondence dated 25 January 2006 in relation to the recent approval of expenditure and sub-block retention variations for EPC 855. Please note that in your correspondence you requested that the Exploration Permit (EP) document be lodged for endorsement, however my records indicate that the document was lodged with the Department of Natural Resources and Mines on 7 November 2005 under covering letter.

If it appears that the document hasn't been lodged with the Department, please advise and I will arrange for the appropriate documentation to request that a duplicate instrument be issued.

Yours faithfully

s.49 - Signature

BRIAN MARTIN Manager, Brisbane Office

CC Millennium Coal Pty Ltd (Mr M Creech)

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25 January 2006

Hetherington Exploration & Mining Title Services Pty Ltd Attn: Brian Martin PO Box 13071 George Street Post Shop BRISBANE QLD 4003

Dear Brian,

MINERAL DEVELOPMENT LICENCE (MDL) NUMBER 282

I refer to the above licence and to your letter dated 17 January 2006. I wish to confirm that section 132 of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* automatically excludes the area of any current Mining Claim, Mineral Development Licence or Mining Lease at the time of lodgement of a permit. As MDL 282 was granted on 10 April 2002, and EPC 855 was granted on 20 October 2003, any sections of sub-blocks that were applied for that were overlapping were automatically excluded from EPC 855 and remain a part of MDL 282.

As requested here are the meets and bounds descriptions for MDL 282 -

From the commencement point at a bearing of 261° 09' for a distance of 5130 metres, to corner 2 at the western boundary of EPC 597 at a bearing of 351° 08' for a distance of 7382 metres, to corner 3 along the western boundary of EPC 597 at a bearing of 136° 21' for a distance of 8991 metres to corner 1.

If you require further information please contact me on the number mentioned above.

Yours Sincerely

s.49 - Signature

Erin Hall
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25 January 2005

Millennium Coal Pty Ltd C/- Hetherington Exploration and Mining Title Services Pty Ltd Po Box 13071 George Street Post Shop BRISBANE Q 4003

Dear Sir/Madam

EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR COAL (EPC) NO. 855

I advise that pursuant to the provisions of Section 141C(3) of the *Mineral Resources Act* 1989, approval has been given to vary the expenditure commitment for Year 2 from 78B(2) R TI Act Station 78B(2) R TI Act Station 78B(2) R TI Act Sub-blocks to 17 sub-blocks.

Also, pursuant to the provisions of Section 141(1)(a) of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*, approval has been given to vary the required work program conditions for EPC 855 for Year 2 & 3 from drilling to:

Year 2

Geophysical survey

Year 3

Drilling

Geophysical interpretation

Please forward the original permit document for endorsement.

Yours sincerely

s.49 - Signature

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Department of Natural Resources and Mines BRIEFING NOTE FOR APPROVAL

TO

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| Dated 24 / 1 / 06 | |

SUBJECT

VARIATION OF CONDITIONS OF

EXPLORATION PERMIT FOR MINERALS (EPC) NUMBER 855

PURPOSE:

To seek approval for the variation of conditions of Exploration Permit for Coal (EPC) Number 855, pursuant to sections 139, 141(1)(a) and 141C(3)(a) of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*.

BACKGROUND

• Millennium Coal Pty Ltd (100%) is the holders of EPC 855.

• EPC 855 was granted on 20 October 2003 over an area of 17 sub-blocks for a term of 3 years.

• The required work program conditions for Year 2 & 3 states drilling.

• The permit document states that the expenditure commitment for Year 2 is 49 - Business Affairs

• The specified sub-blocks for Year 3 is 14 sub-blocks.

CURRENT ISSUES

• On 12 August 2005 & 1 November 2006, the Department received a letter from Millennium Coal Pty Ltd, requesting a variation in the specified sub-blocks for Year 3, variation in the expenditure commitment for Year 2 and a variation to the work program for Years 2 & 3.

• Technical assessment is at folio 40.

• The variation request is considered satisfactory and the variation is acceptable on technical grounds.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommend that:

(1) It be approved under section 141(1)(a) of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*, that the required work program conditions for EPC 855 be varied to:-

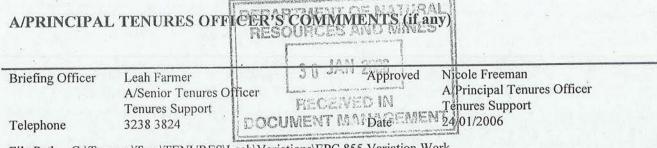
Year 2 Geophysical survey

Year 3 Drilling and Geophysical interpretation

(2) It be approved under section 141C(3)(a) of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*, that the required expenditure commitment for EPC 855 be varied for Year 2:-



(3) It is recommended that it be approved under section 139 of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* to vary the specified sub-blocks for Year 3 for EPC 855 from 14 sub-blocks to 17 sub-blocks.



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VARIATION



TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT Folio No.40 CHECKLIST AND RECOMMENDATIONS EPC 855

Date of Grant: 17/04/2001

Applicant(s): MILLENNIUM COAL PTY LTD

Holder(s)

Project Name: Middlemount

Commodity: Coal

Number of sub-blocks applied for: 17

Application at: folio: 28, 30 & 32

Assessment Summary

Technical and financial resources:

Satisfactory

Proposed program and concepts:

Satisfactory

Location: 48km SE of Dysart

Does the applicant need to submit further information in support of the application? No Yes Information requested at folio

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| | | s now been completed and it is therefore recommended that the application proceed bject to the proposed terms and conditions listed above. | Proceed | | | | |
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| | | Senior Geologist's Approvals | Yes,No,N/A) | | | | |
| Grant Ov contiguou | ver Non- is Sub-blocks | Under delegation from the Minister per Section 127(3) of the Mineral Resources Act 19 the proposed work program over non-contiguous sub-blocks is approved | 89 | | | | |
| Statemen | t Acceptable | Under delegation from the Minister per Section 131(1)(g)(i,ii,iii) and (h)(i) of the <i>Mineral Resour Act 1989</i> , it is approved that the application statement is acceptable to the Minister. | ces Y | | | | |
| | Requirements Under delegation from the Minister per Section 141(1)(f) of the Mineral Resources Act 1989, it is approved that the applicant must comply with the special reporting requirements outlined above should be granted/renewed/varied. | | | | | | |
| Signed | s.49 - Signa | ature Date: 23/1/06 Title: Senior Geologist | | | | | |
| I PART AND | / 1 001111110til | ment Checklist and Recommendations (| Yes,No,N/A) | | | | |
| (| | Tenure APPLICATION Specific Questions | | | | | |
| Suitability | of Applicant | Are there sufficient grounds to recommend against grant under Sections 137(4) or 137(5) of the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> , for non-compliance with the technical requirements of the Act? | | | | | |
| Bona fide Purpose Does the application appear to be for bona fide purposes under the Act as required under Section 137(1)(c) of the Mineral Resources Act 1989? | | | | | | | |
| Area in Excess of that Prescribed Are there sufficient technical grounds to recommend under Section 127(4) of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 that the tenure may be granted over an area in excess of that prescribed? | | | | | | | |

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| Possible Grant Over Existing Tenure Are there sufficient technical grounds to recommend under Section 132(1) of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 that the tenure may be granted over other existing grants and | | | | | | | | |
| Reduction in Area | applications for tenure under the Act? Are there sufficient technical grounds to recommend under Section 137(1) of the Mineral | | | | | | | |
| Granted | Resources Act 1989, that the area of grant be less than that applied for? | | | | | | | |
| | COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST QUESTIONS | 2012012 | | | | | | |
| Relinquishment | Is relinquishment compliant? | | | | | | | |
| Expenditure | Has expenditure been acceptable? | | | | | | | |
| Work Program | Has the proposed work program been complied with? | | | | | | | |
| Conditions | Have specified conditions been complied with? | | | | | | | |
| Reporting | Have the reporting requirements been adhered to? (Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory) | 2.7 | | | | | | |
| Bona Fide | Do the actions of the holder appear to be bona fide | | | | | | | |
| Significant Mineralisation | Has the holder reported significant mineralisation? See Section 176 1 | | | | | | | |
| Outcome | Is the holder complying with the conditions of this tenure? | 1 | | | | | | |
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| D. C. TILL | Tenure RENEWAL Specific Questions Are there sufficient grounds to recommend against renewal under | | | | | | | |
| Performance History of Holder | Section 141(1) or Section 160(1) of the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> , for non-compliance with the technical requirements of the Act? | | | | | | | |
| Failure to Relinquish Land | Due to non-compliance with relinquishment requirements, does a recommendation need to be made regarding the area the Minister may direct be relinquished under Section 139(6) or Section 140(1) of the Mineral Resources Act 1989? | | | | | | | |
| Direction to Apply for Higher Tenure | Do sufficient technical grounds exist to warrant recommending to the Minister that the Holder apply for a higher form of tenure under Section 176(2) of the <i>Mineral Resources Act</i> 1989? | | | | | | | |
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| Acceptable Work Program | Is the application accompanied by an acceptable statement as required under Section 133(1)(g)(i) of the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> specifying a description of the program of work proposed to be carried out under the authority of the exploration permit if granted? | Y | | | | | | |
| Variation of Term | Are there sufficient technical grounds to recommend under Section 137(3)(e) of the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> that the tenure be granted for a different term than that applied for? | N | | | | | | |
| Variation of | Are there sufficient technical grounds to support the recommendation of non-standard | Y | | | | | | |
| Relinquishment | relinquishment requirements under either Section 139(3) or Section 140(1) of the Mineral | | | | | | | |
| Requirements | Resources Act 1989? | Y | | | | | | |
| Resources Committed | Is the application accompanied by an acceptable statement as required under Section 133(1)(g)(ii) of the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> specifying the human, financial and technical resources to be committed for each year of the exploration permit if granted? | | | | | | | |
| Financial Resources of | Does an acceptable statement as required under Section 133(1)(h)(i) of the Mineral | | | | | | | |
| Applicant Technical Resources of | Resources Act 1989 detailing the applicant's financial resources accompany the application? Does an acceptable statement as required under Section 133(1)(h)(i) of the Mineral | | | | | | | |
| Applicant | Does an acceptable statement as required under Section 133(1)(h)(i) of the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> detailing the applicant's technical resources accompany the application? | | | | | | | |
| Exploration Data | Is the application accompanied by an acceptable statement as required under Section | Y | | | | | | |
| Captured | 133(1)(g)(iii) of the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> detailing the exploration data captured by the applicant prior to their application? | | | | | | | |
| Special Technical Conditions | Are there sufficient technical grounds to warrant recommending the inclusion of special technical conditions under Section 137(3)(f) of the <i>Mineral Resources Act 1989</i> ? | N | | | | | | |
| Other Technical Matters | Are there any other technical matters that need to be raised? | N | | | | | | |
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The Technical Assessment Checklist provides technical advice to the Delegated Authority on whether an application should proceed to grant. It offers a recommended course of action only and as such it should **not** be viewed as an approval document.

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17 January 2006

The Principle Tenures Officer
Tenures Support Unit
Department of Natural Resources and Mines
PO Box 1475
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Dear Sir

RE: EXPLORATION PERMIT NO (EPC) 855

Reference is made to the copy of the enclosed MERLIN graphic sketch showing a partial overlap with MDL 282 and EPC 855.

Recent searches conducted indicate that MDL 282 was granted on 10 April 2002 and was applied for with the pre-requisite title of EPC 597. EPC 855 was applied on 1 July 2003 and subsequently granted on 20 October 2003. Reference to the exploration permit document for EPC 855 indicates that the tenure was granted exclusive of any excluded land pursuant to Section 132 of the Mineral Resources Act 1989. Based on the grant dates detailed above, it would appear that the areas of MDL 282 that overlay the current blocks of EPC 855 were excluded from the grant. Please confirm this assumption.

In order to ensure that exploration activities conducted on EPC 855 do not encroach on the area of MDL 282, please provide this office with the meets and bounds description of MDL 282 as supplied in the original application so the position of MDL 282 can be accurately identified.

I look forward to your further advice on this matter.

Yours faithfully

s.49 - Signature

BRIAN MARTIN

Manager, Brisbane Office

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CC Millennium Coal Pty Ltd (Mr Michael Creech)

Department of Natural Resources,
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MILLENNIUM COAL PTY LTD ACN 089 566 021

22 September 2005

The Deputy Director-General (Mines)
Department of Natural Resources and Mines
GPO Box 2454
BRISBANE Q 4001

Dear Sir

Please let this letter serve as notice that employees of Hetherington Exploration and Mining Title Services Pty Ltd (A.C.N. 003 122 996), are authorised by *MILLENNIUM COAL PTY LTD* (A.C.N. 089 566 021) to maintain and do such things as may be necessary from time to time to satisfy the requirements of the Queensland Mineral Resources Act 1989 in relation to Exploration Permits, Prospecting Permits, Mining Leases and Mineral Development Licences held by or applied for by this company in Queensland.

This authorisation does not apply to provide approval to relinquish any title and is to remain valid until further advised by this company.

In addition, it entitles access to any information the Department may normally make available to the applicant or holder in the course of maintaining any title.

Yours faithfully

s.49 - Signature

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Yours faithfully

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Author: Sharon Jennings Ref number: EPC 673, 726, 728, 784, 855 Unit: Brisbane District Office Phone 3238 3746 Fax 3405 5346 Email sharon.jennings@nrm.qld.gov.au

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20 January 2006

Millennium Coal Pty Ltd
C/- Hetherington Exploration & Mining Title Services Pty Ltd
PO Box 13071
George Street Post Shop
BRISBANE QLD 4003

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Notification of Change of Address

I refer to the Notification of Change of Address form sent to this office on 19 January 2006 regarding Exploration Permit for Coal (EPC) numbers 673, 726, 728 and 855...

Please note that the relevant information has been updated on our register.

Please don't hesitate to contact the officer nominated above if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

s.49 - Signature

S L Jennings A/Tenures Officer Brisbane District Office (Mines)



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17 January 2006

Mrs L Wood Senior Tenures Officer Tenures Support Unit Southern Regional Office (Mines) Department of Natural Resources and Mines PO Box 1475 COORPAROO QLD 4151

Dear Laura

RE: EXPLORATION PERMIT'S FOR COAL (EPC'S) 673, 726, 728, 784 AND 855

Enclosed for your attention please find a 'Notification of Change of Address' form for the above-mentioned tenements. Please amend the MERLIN database to reflect the current address for the holder of this tenement. Attached to the form is the relevant authorisation.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

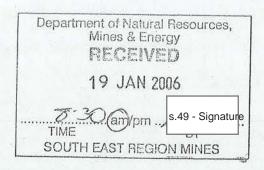
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To be lodged with: Mining Registrar in respect of Mining Claims, and Mining Leases Director-General, Brisbane in respect of Exploration Permits and Mineral Development Licences Full Name of Holders Signatures of Holders Date Millennium Coal Pty Ltd 3 January 2006 (ACN 089 556 021) Brian Martin, Employee, Hetherington Exploration and Mining Titles Services Pty Ltd For and on behalf of Millennium Coal Pty Ltd **SCHEDULE** Specify either Mining Specify either Mining Claim, Exploration Claim, Exploration Permit, Mineral Permit, Mineral Number Number **Development Licence Development Licence** or Mining Lease or Mining Lease EPC 673 1006204 **EPC** 726 **EPC** 728 **EPC** 784 **EPC** 855 3069001 N/D

MILLENNIUM COAL PTY LTD ACN 089 566 021

22 September 2005

The Deputy Director-General (Mines)
Department of Natural Resources and Mines
GPO Box 2454
BRISBANE Q 4001

Dear Sir

Please let this letter serve as notice that employees of Hetherington Exploration and Mining Title Services Pty Ltd (A.C.N. 003 122 996), are authorised by *MILLENNIUM COAL PTY LTD* (A.C.N. 089 566 021) to maintain and do such things as may be necessary from time to time to satisfy the requirements of the Queensland Mineral Resources Act 1989 in relation to Exploration Permits, Prospecting Permits, Mining Leases and Mineral Development Licences held by or applied for by this company in Queensland.

This authorisation does not apply to provide approval to relinquish any title and is to remain valid until further advised by this company.

In addition, it entitles access to any information the Department may normally make available to the applicant or holder in the course of maintaining any title.

Yours faithfully

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From:

Clare Massey [clare@hemts.com.au]

Sent:

Wednesday, 4 January 2006 11:14 AM

To:

Subject: EPC 855

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Ann Maree,

Please find attached the Statement of Expenditure for EPC 855 for the period 20/10/04 to 19/10/05.

Regards, Clare

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Exploration & Mining Title Services Pty Ltd

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EXPENDITURE STATEMENT

FOR

EPC 855

PROJECT "FOXLEIGH NORTH"

FOR THE PERIOD

20 OCTOBER 2004 TO 19 OCTOBER 2005

Millennium Coal Pty Ltd

Author – Michael Creech December 2005

