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Dear Mr Broe

RE: Caval Ridge Mine Change Request 9 – Housing and Accommodation Condition Changes

In accordance with Part 4, Division 3A of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (SDPWOA), BM Alliance Coal Operations Pty Ltd (BMA) submits the attached Change Request (Change Request Number 9), to amend Housing and Accommodation conditions of approval associated with the Caval Ridge Mine Project.

BMA looks forward to your consideration of the Change Request and welcomes the opportunity to consult with the Office of the Coordinator-General in relation to any issues that may arise during your consideration of this matter.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact myself (Tel: 3167 5708 or Lauren Barnaby (Area Manager Approvals – Tel: 3182 2721)

Yours sincerely,

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Caval Ridge Mine Change Request 9 Housing and Accommodation Condition Changes

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Executive Summary

Background

The Caval Ridge Mine (the Project) is a new coal mine and coal handling and processing facility under construction approximately 15 kilometres south of Moranbah and 160 kilometres south west of Mackay. BM Alliance Coal Operations Pty Ltd (BMA) as manager and agent for the Central Queensland Coal Associates Joint Venturers is the proponent of the Caval Ridge Mine which forms part of BMA's Bowen Basin Coal Growth Project (BBCGP). The BBCGP was declared by the Coordinator-General in 2008 to be a significant project for which an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was required under the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (SDPWOA).

Since the finalisation of the Caval Ridge Mine EIS and the Coordinator-General's Report Evaluating the EIS (August 2010), BMA has continued to review Caval Ridge Mine's operational requirements during the detailed design and construction phase of the Project. As a consequence of the continued review and in accordance with provisions of the SDPWOA, BMA is seeking to make changes to various housing and accommodation-related conditions imposed by the Coordinator-General.

Change to Conditions 14 and 18

BMA is seeking changes to housing and accommodation requirements arising from imposed Conditions 14 (a) to (f) and 18 (a) to 18 (r) as imposed in the Coordinator-General's Report dated August 2010 and amended by the Coordinator-General's Report dated September 2011 in relation to Change Request 4. BMA is seeking to replace the various conditions with a simplified condition focused on the Housing Impact Plan approved by the Coordinator-General during 2013.

Reasons for Proposed Change

The proposed change is designed to align the abovementioned conditions with the necessary management arrangements that are contained within the Social Impact Management Plan and Housing Impact Plan approved by the Coordinator-General in December 2012 and April 2013, respectively.

BMA is seeking the changes to reduce administrative burdens and to provide greater flexibility for BMA to manage activities in the most effective and efficient way.

Anticipated Environmental Effects of the Proposed Changes

BMA has assessed the potential impacts of the proposed condition changes and has concluded that the changes will not materially change the assessment undertaken within the Caval Ridge Mine EIS / Supplementary EIS and various previous project change processes.

Process for Evaluation of Changes

Part 4, Division 3A of the SDPWOA provides the statutory process for the Coordinator-General to evaluate changes to a declared coordinated project that has been assessed previously. Under those provisions of the SDPWOA, BMA is requesting that the Coordinator-General approve the Project changes as outlined above.

Conclusion and Recommendations

The proposed changes to the Housing and Accommodation conditions are warranted on the basis that a Housing Study and Housing Impact Plan required by the Coordinator-General have now been finalised and approved by the Coordinator-General. The changes are designed to enable BMA to complete relevant project implementation activities and to retain flexibility and operational efficiency.

whilst not materially affecting any part of the implementation of the Project or various plans (e.g. Housing Impact Plan, Accommodation Village Management Plan, Social Impact Management Plan,) that have been approved since the original conditions were established.

BMA recommends that the Coordinator-General evaluates this Change Request 9 in accordance with the SDPWOA and approves the requested condition changes.

1 Introduction

This is a formal Change Request (referred to as Change Request 9) to the Coordinator-General for consideration of amendments to conditions imposed on the approved Caval Ridge Mine Project. This Change Request is made under Part 4, Division 3A (Section 35C) of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971* (SDPWOA). BMA is the proponent for Caval Ridge Mine.

An EIS prepared by BMA for Caval Ridge Mine was released by the Coordinator-General for public and advisory agency comment during July and August, 2009. The Supplementary EIS was prepared to address issues raised during public notification. The Coordinator-General's Report evaluating the EIS and Supplementary EIS was released in August 2010.

The Change Request process is a formal requirement under the SDPWOA, and is a standard process for considering changes to a project or requested changes to project conditions. Project changes are common, as there are often long timeframes between the issue of the Coordinator-General's Report and the completion of a project. Over this period of time a number of factors can influence a project including market changes, technical requirements or project feasibility.

An EIS is an assessment of a project at a particular point in time, and ongoing review of construction and operational requirements means BMA must reconsider some aspects of Caval Ridge Mine from those detailed in the Caval Ridge Mine EIS and SEIS.

BMA requests the Coordinator-General's approval for changes to housing and accommodation requirements arising from imposed Conditions 14 (a) to (f) and 18 (a) to 18 (r) as imposed in the Coordinator-General's Report dated August 2010 and amended by the Coordinator-General's Report dated September 2011 in relation to Change Request 4.

Details of the relevant conditions and requirements imposed by the Coordinator-General are contained in Appendix A of this Change Request.

This Change Request addresses relevant issues raised in the EIS, Supplementary EIS and the Coordinator-General's Report for Caval Ridge Mine plus the previous Project Change processes. As required under Section 35E of the SDPWOA, this Change Request 9 provides the following information for the various proposed condition changes:

- Statutory requirements of the proposed changes;
- Reasons for the proposed changes;
- A description of the proposed changes; and
- Effects of the proposed changes.

This Change Request 9 provides detailed information to allow the Coordinator-General to appropriately evaluate the proposed changes to the conditions imposed on the Caval Ridge Mine (in accordance with Section 35E(c)).

1.1 Project Background

1.1.1 Bowen Basin Coal Growth Project

The Bowen Basin Coal Growth Project (BBCGP) comprises the expansion of BMA's coal mining operations in the northern portion of the Bowen Basin. The BMA BBCGP Initial Advice Statement, provided to the Coordinator-General in June 2008 outlined the growth in metallurgical coal through the proposed Daunia, Caval Ridge and Goonyella Riverside (expansion) Mines.

The BBCGP was declared a significant project under the SDPWOA by the Coordinator-General in 2008 and the Terms of Reference for the EIS allowed for the completion of a number of EISs to address the multiple components of the BBCGP.

The originally proposed four key components of the BBCGP were:

- the new open cut Caval Ridge Mine (which is the subject of this report);
- the new open cut Daunia Mine (for which a Coordinator-General's EIS evaluation report was completed on 26 October 2009);
- a large expansion of the existing Goonyella Riverside Mine; and
- the construction of a new airport in the vicinity of Moranbah with increased capacity.

As a result of the significant project declaration, BMA was required to produce EISs for both the Caval Ridge Mine and the Daunia Mine, as these are the two components of the BBCG Project that have proceeded.

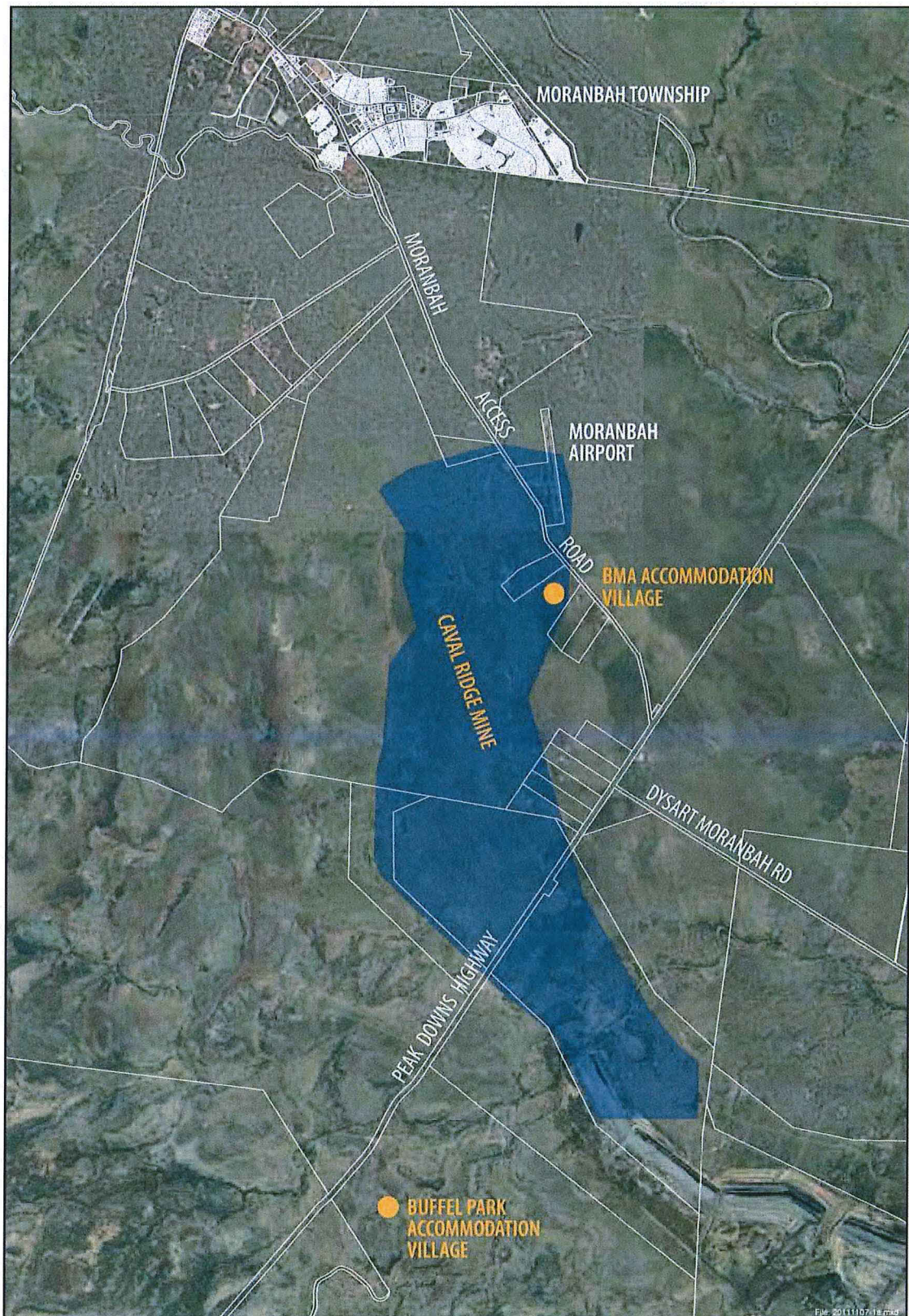
1.1.2 Caval Ridge Mine

Caval Ridge Mine will be a new multi-seam, open cut coal mine in the Bowen Basin. The mine industrial area (MIA) will be approximately 16 kilometres from Moranbah, the site is also dissected by the Peak Downs Highway (Figure 1.1 Caval Ridge Mine Context Plan). The northern most boundary of Caval Ridge Mine is approximately 6 kilometres from the edge of Moranbah. The Caval Ridge Mine site is adjoined by the Peak Downs Highway and is approximately 17 kilometres in length and 4 kilometres in width. The mine is expected to have a working life of 30 years.

The Caval Ridge Mine site is located north of BMA's Peak Downs Mine and covers the northern extent of the BMA Mining Lease (ML1775). A new mining lease (ML70403), immediately to the west of ML1775, will be used for site infrastructure and supporting activities. Caval Ridge Mine is located on both ML1775 and ML70403.

The EIS and Supplementary EIS for Caval Ridge Mine have been assessed and approved by the Coordinator-General under the SDPWOA as part of the BBCGP significant project.

Figure 1.1 Caval Ridge Mine Context Plan



1.2 Previous Change Requests and Subsequent Development Applications

1.2.1 Previous Change Requests

Ongoing review of Caval Ridge Mine's construction and operational requirements by BMA has required the preparation and submission of seven previous Change Requests (Change Request 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8) to the Coordinator-General. The following table provides an overview of the previous Change Requests.

Table 1-1 Change Request Summary

| Change Request Number | Description | Status |
|-----------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Change Request 1 | Sought changes to the location and capacity of the primary accommodation village for the Caval Ridge Mine's workforce | Approved February 2011 |
| Change Request 2 | Sought administrative amendments to conditions relating to the granting of the Caval Ridge Mine Environmental Authority | Approved November 2010 |
| Change Request 3 | Sought administrative amendments to conditions relating to the Housing Impact Study | Approved July 2011 |
| Change Request 4 | Sought changes to the proposed Operational workforce arrangements. | Approved September 2011 |
| Change Request 5 | Sought changes to the Caval Ridge rail alignment between the existing Blair Athol line and the Caval Ridge Mine Train Load Out facility. | Approved April 2012 |
| Change Request 6 | Sought various administrative improvements to miscellaneous conditions including those relating to the implementation of the Social Impact Management Plan and stakeholder communication and complaints procedures. | Approved March 2013 |
| Change Request 7 | Deletion of condition 10 (g) in relation to Local Buy Program arrangements | Approved March 2013 |
| Change Request 8 | Sought changes to accommodation village requirements arising from Part 2 of the Stated Conditions in the Coordinator-General's Change Report dated February 2011 in relation to Change Request 1 | Currently being considered |

This request (Change Request 9) is being pursued separately to Change Requests 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Under Section 35G of the SDPWOA, the Coordinator-General must decide if Change Request 9 is to undergo public notification. BMA requests that the Coordinator-General decides that public notification is not required given the administrative nature of the changes and the previous consultation that occurred in relation to the Housing Impact Plan. This consultation was considered by the Coordinator-General during the approval process for the Housing Impact Plan.

2 Statutory Approval Requirements

2.1 Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

The Commonwealth Minister of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPaC) determined on 23 September 2008 that Caval Ridge Mine constituted a controlled action under Section 75 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBCA), as there is likely to be a significant impact on matters of national environmental significance.

The completed EIS and Supplementary EIS and the Coordinator-General's Report have been referred to the Commonwealth Minister for assessment under the EPBCA. The Commonwealth decision / approval was made in March 2011.

The variation to accommodation village location, scale and capacity that was included in Change Request 1 was accepted by the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities in a letter to the Coordinator-General on 28 October 2010.

It has been concluded that the other Project Changes, 2-8, will not impact Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES).

As no additional MNES will be affected by the proposed changes to that assessed in the EIS and Supplementary EIS and Project Change Request 1, BMA does not need to make any applications to the Commonwealth in relation to Change Request 9.

2.2 State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971

On 4 July 2008, the Coordinator-General declared BMA's BBCGP a significant project for which an EIS is required in accordance with Part 4 of SDPWOA.

The Terms of Reference for the BMA BBCGP set out a phased process for assessing the environmental impacts of each element of the BMA BBCGP. As discussed earlier, the EIS and Supplementary EIS for Caval Ridge Mine have been completed.

The Coordinator-General's Report on the Caval Ridge Mine EIS was issued on 9 August 2010. A series of seven Project Change Requests have been approved since the completion of the EIS. A further Change Request is under consideration. These Change Requests are outlined in Table 1-1.

2.2.1 Change Process for EIS

The process for making changes to approved significant projects is outlined in Section 35B to 35L of the SDPWOA. The SDPWOA requires written, descriptive documentation of the changes with sufficient supporting information to enable the assessment of the effects on the Project. A change made under the SDPWOA does not require a full assessment of the Project against the Terms of Reference. Under Section 35E, the level of detail presented as part of the Change Request should be sufficient to ensure that the impacts may be properly considered by the Coordinator-General.

2.3 Other Approvals

Following the issue of a Coordinator-General's Report on an EIS (or a Change Request), any necessary approvals under other relevant legislation must be sought. For mining related projects, this usually includes the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (SPA), *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (MR Act) or Environmental Authorities under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (EP Act). In the case of Change Request 9, should the requested changes be approved by the Coordinator-General, BMA will

not be required to seek any approvals under any other legislation in order to implement the requested changes.

2.4 Other Matters

2.4.1 Proponent Commitments

There are no additional project commitments as part of this Change Request.

2.5 Next Steps

Subsequent to the evaluation process determined by the Coordinator-General, a Change Report must be prepared under Section 35I of the SDPWOA. This Change Report will evaluate the proposed changes and the subsequent effects on the Project.

3 Proposed changes – Description and Reasons

Section 35E(a) and Section 35E(b) of the SDPWOA require the proponent to describe the proposed changes, their effects on the Project and the reasons for the proposed condition changes. This section provides the detail of the proposed condition changes and the reasons for those changes.

BMA is seeking the following changes to conditions 14 and 18 in Appendix 1; Schedule 1 of the Coordinator-General's Report (as amended via the Coordinator-General's Report dated September 2011 in relation to Change Request 4).

Replace conditions 14 (a), 14 (b), 14 (c), 14 (d), 14 (e), 14 (f), 18 (a), 18 (b), 18 (c), 18 (d), 18 (e), 18 (f), 18 (g), 18 (h), 18 (i), 18 (j), 18 (k), 18 (l), 18 (m), 18 (n), 18 (o), 18 (p), 18 (q) and 18 (r) (see Appendix A for the full wording of these existing conditions) with the following new condition 14:

The proponent must implement the Housing Impact Plan approved by the Coordinator-General in April 2013. This Housing Impact Plan is a sub-component of the Social Impact Management Plan.

This change would involve a new condition focused on implementing the now approved Housing Impact Plan. This change involves replacing approximately 2 pages of that condition text that is now largely redundant following the completion of the Housing Study and Housing Impact Plan, which are both publicly available on the project-related pages of the BHP Billiton and Coordinator-General websites.

BMA submits that this change is warranted on the basis that all the necessary management arrangements are contained within the Social Impact Management Plan and Housing Impact Plan approved by the Coordinator-General in December 2012 and April 2013, respectively. This change will reduce administrative burden over the life of the Project and will enable a focus on compliance with the requirements of the SIMP and the Housing Impact Plan during the operational phase of the Project.

In relation to the requirements for the construction of new dwellings within condition 18 (a) and 18 (b), BMA confirms that it has completed the delivery of the 400 new dwellings across the Bowen Basin as mentioned in the conditions. This was publicly confirmed in a BMA media release of 24 July 2013 (see Appendix B).

In summary, conditions 14 and 18 should be changed because:

- All the necessary housing and accommodation management arrangements are contained within the Social Impact Management Plan and Housing Impact Plan approved by the Coordinator-General in December 2012 and April 2013, respectively;
- This change will reduce administrative burden over the life of the Project and will enable a focus on compliance with the requirements of the SIMP and the Housing Impact Plan during the operational phase; and
- The proposed wording of the replacement condition in section 3.2.2 is suitably fit-for-purpose wording.

3.1 Potential effects of the proposed change

Section 35E(c) of the SDPWOA requires the proponent to describe the potential effects of the proposed condition changes on the project.

While providing BMA with greater flexibility and the ability to secure administrative benefits and cost savings, BMA has assessed the potential impacts of the proposed condition changes and has concluded that the changes will not materially change the assessment undertaken within the Caval Ridge Mine EIS / Supplementary EIS and various previous project change processes.

There will be no additional land or water disturbance nor environmental nuisance as result of the proposed change. The proposed changes will not alter any recommendations or conditions identified in the Coordinator-General's Report of August 2010 with the exception of the condition 14 and 18 that are the subject of this Change Request.

The changes are designed to align certain conditions with the necessary management arrangements are contained within the Social Impact Management Plan and Housing Impact Plan approved by the Coordinator-General in December 2012 and April 2013, respectively.

The changes requested by BMA will not affect the project's construction or key plans already approved by regulators for implementation such as the Social Impact Management Plan or the Environmental Management Plan required by the *Environment Protection Act 1994*.

The economic impacts of the Project and of the Buffel Park Accommodation Village have been explored and specified in detail in the EIS, Supplementary EIS, Change Requests 1 and 4, the 2012 BBCG Housing Study (required by the Coordinator-General). The proposed changes will have no materially different economic impacts at the National, State or regional level.

4 Conclusion

BMA seeks to change various conditions that have previously been imposed on the project by the Coordinator-General.

BMA is seeking the changes to reduce administrative burdens and to provide greater flexibility for BMA to manage activities in the most effective and efficient way.

The proposed changes to the various housing and accommodation conditions are warranted on the basis that the Housing Study and Housing Impact Plan have now been finalised and approved by the Coordinator-General. The changes are designed to improve clarity to assist BMA with relevant project implementation activities and to reduce administrative burden on the Caval Ridge project whilst not materially affecting any part of the implementation of the project or various plans (e.g. Housing Impact Plan, Accommodation Village Management Plan, Social Impact Management Plan,) that have been approved since the original conditions were imposed.

BMA recommends that the Coordinator-General evaluates this Change Request 8 in accordance with the SDPWOA and approves the requested condition changes for the reasons detailed.

In summary, conditions 14 and 18 in Appendix 1; Schedule 1 of the Coordinator-General's Report (as amended via the Coordinator-General's Report dated September 2011 in relation to Change Request 4) should be changed because:

- All the necessary housing and accommodation management arrangements are contained within the Social Impact Management Plan and Housing Impact Plan approved by the Coordinator-General in December 2012 and April 2013, respectively;
- This change will reduce administrative burden over the life of the Project and will enable a focus on compliance with the requirements of the SIMP and the Housing Impact Plan during the operational phase; and
- The proposed wording of the replacement condition in section 3.2.2 is suitably fit-for-purpose wording.

Appendix A – Relevant Conditions Imposed by the Coordinator-General

| Coordinator-General's Report reference | Condition text |
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| Condition 14 (a) | From the commencement of construction of the CRM, and then at 12-monthly intervals thereafter until the completion of construction of the CRM, the proponent must report to the Coordinator-General in the CRM SIMP the accommodation arrangements for the CRM construction workforce. |
| Condition 14 (b) | If at any point during the construction of the CRM the number of CRM construction workers, who are working full time and are not already residing in Moranbah whilst working on the project exceeds 12, then the proponent must provide new dwellings in Moranbah for those additional construction personnel and provide evidence of those dwellings in the SIMP reports required under (a). |
| Condition 14 (c) | Following completion of construction of the CRM, any new dwellings provided in Moranbah in accordance with (b) may be absorbed within BMA's broader accommodation program and reporting obligations on those dwellings shall cease. |
| Condition 14 (d) | Assessment of any new accommodation village for the CRM should be undertaken in accordance with the existing Terms of Reference (TOR) for the BBCG project as part of the overall EIS process for this 'significant project' under Part 4 of the SDPWO Act. |

| Coordinator-General's Report reference | Condition text |
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| Condition 14 (e) | Notwithstanding the proponent's obligations under (b), the proponent must also endeavour to provide sufficient construction camp units at each stage of the CRM development to accommodate the CRM construction workforce at either the approved 'Denham Village' or at another location. |
| Condition 14 (f) | With respect to the intersection of the 'Denham Village' access road with the Moranbah Access Road, the proponent must: (i) fund the full design, construction and maintenance costs of that intersection, and (ii) complete construction of that intersection upgrade within three months of commencement of use of the Denham Village site for accommodation purposes. |
| Condition 18 (a) | In January 2012, and then at six monthly intervals until June 2017 and then yearly for the duration of the SIMP, the proponent must publish to its website the accommodation arrangements for its total operational workforce in the Bowen Basin, including: the number of BMA employee positions (full-time equivalent); the proportion of non-resident employees; the number of contractors directly employed in BMA mining operations (full time equivalent); the estimated proportion of non-resident contractors. |

| Coordinator-General's Report reference | Condition text |
|--|---|
| Condition 18 (b) | The proponent must facilitate the provision of permanent, residential-style accommodation at the minimum rate of eight dwellings for every ten operational full time equivalent positions required for the CRM. Based on the figures provided in the application for project change, the minimum requirement is 400 dwellings. |
| Condition 18 (c) | The initial 160 dwellings required under (b) are to be constructed in Moranbah prior to 30 June 2013. An additional 120 dwellings are to be constructed prior to 30 June 2015 and are to be appropriately located to meet known or predicted housing demand in the Bowen Basin region. The remainder (minimum 120) are to be constructed prior to 30 June 2017 or sooner, also within the most appropriate locations in the Bowen Basin region. |
| Condition 18 (d) | Dwellings must be provided in a variety of types and styles. |
| Condition 18 (e) | Notwithstanding the proponent's obligations under (b), the proponent must also provide appropriate accommodation for all non-resident workers, generally in accordance with the <i>Major Resource Projects Housing Policy</i> . |
| Condition 18 (f) | The proponent must undertake a BBCG Project Housing Impacts Study (including the CRM and Daunia Mine) which will provide an analysis of the impacts of each component of the BBCG project on the housing market in Moranbah or surrounding areas. The Coordinator-General will provide the proponent with the necessary data and information to enable the study to be undertaken. |
| Condition 18 (g) | The Terms of Reference for the study in (f) must be developed in consultation with the Moranbah BCN and approved by the Coordinator-General. |
| Condition 18 (h) | The report for the study in (f) must be presented to the Coordinator-General who may request the OESR to review the study prior to approval by the Coordinator-General. |

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| Condition 18 (i) | If the Coordinator-General determines that the final study report in (h) does not meet the terms of reference approved under (g), then the report must be subsequently amended and presented to the Coordinator-General for approval. |
| Condition 18 (j) | The results of the study in (f) must be made publicly available and be considered in future revisions of the CRM SIMP. |
| Condition 18 (k) | The final draft of the plan in (k) must be presented to the Coordinator-General within two months of approval of the report specified in (f). |
| Condition 18 (l) | If the Coordinator-General determines that the final draft of the plan presented under (n) does not meet the terms of reference approved under (l), then the plan must be subsequently amended and presented to the Coordinator-General for approval within two months of the rejection of the initial draft plan presented in (n). |
| Condition 18 (m) | A final draft of the plan in (k) must be presented to the Moranbah BCN for review and input and the proponent must take into account any feedback on or suggested amendments to the plan provided by the BCN in the finalisation of the plan report. |
| Condition 18 (n) | The final draft of the plan in (k) must be presented to the Coordinator-General within four months of grant of the EA, unless otherwise agreed by the Coordinator-General. |
| Condition 18 (o) | If the Coordinator-General determines that the final draft of the plan presented under (n) does not meet the Terms of Reference approved under (l), then the report must be subsequently amended and presented to the Coordinator-General for approval within six months of the grant of the EA, unless otherwise agreed by the Coordinator-General. |
| Condition 18 (p) | Operation of the CRM cannot commence unless the Coordinator-General approves the final plan |
| Condition 18 (q) | Housing impact mitigation and management strategies recommended in the final plan approved by the Coordinator-General must be included in future revisions of the CRM SIMP. |
| Condition 18 (r) | The Coordinator-General may specify implementation of the recommended management strategies contained in the final plan to cover any or all of the components of the BBCG project in: A the imposed conditions of the EIS Assessment Report for the Goonyella- Riverside Expansion component of the BBCG project; and/or B any relevant Change Report for any component of the BBCG project prepared in accordance with section 35I of the SDPWO Act. |

Appendix B



Media Release | 24 July 2013

BMA celebrates 400th new Bowen Basin home

BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) this week celebrated the completion of construction of the company's 400th new employee home, built in the last two years.

The 400th dwelling, a family home at Shaw Street Moranbah, signals an important milestone for the company and its Bowen Basin based employees who are benefitting from the homes and reduced waiting times to access housing.

BMA Asset President Stephen Dumble said the delivery of the 400th new home was in line with the company's commitment to delivering quality accommodation options for its workforce.

He said in the past two financial years BMA had invested heavily in delivering new accommodation and refurbishing existing homes across its Bowen Basin communities of Moranbah, Dysart and Blackwater.

"We recognise the importance of ensuring our communities are attractive places for our employees to come to live and work, and the provision of housing for them and their families is critical to ensuring these communities continue to thrive.

He said BMA's new, modern style dwellings included two, three and four bedroom houses, and duplexes and triplexes.

The new homes cover both high and low set variations, and are fitted out with quality materials and modern appliances.

All new dwellings are air-conditioned, and the majority include outdoor living areas and lock up garages or car ports.

Mr Dumble said the delivery of 400 new homes in BMA communities would also help ensure rental prices remain at more affordable levels in coming years.

New Moranbah homes include: two bedroom apartments, three bedroom townhouses, and three and four bedroom houses.

New Dysart homes include: two bedroom apartments, three bedroom townhouses, three and four bedroom houses, and one large five bedroom family home.

New Blackwater homes include: three bedroom apartments and four bedroom houses.

Additionally, BMA recently contributed to the delivery of 16 units of affordable housing in Dysart and Moranbah, through its \$5 million contribution to the Isaac Affordable Housing Trust.

Editor's note: BMA owns a total of 1,493 houses in Moranbah, Blackwater, Dysart and Emerald.

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