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NEWSLETTER

FOR DURALIE COAL MINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Background

Duralie Coal Pty Ltd (DCPL) is seeking approval from the NSW Minister for Planning to modify the existing Duralie Coal Mine (DCM) Development Consent (under Section 96(2) of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 – EP&A Act) in order to extend the open cut northwards to maximize total coal recovery. Key components of the modified DCM would be:

- No change to the currently approved rate of ROM coal production;
- No change to the currently approved total ROM coal to be mined over the life-of-mine;
- No change to the currently approved nine year life of the mine;
- Extension of the open pit to the north;
- An increase in the annual rate of overburden production and, consequently, the total overburden to be mined over the life of mine;
- Continuation of employment for the currently-employed 90 employees;
- No change to the current rail loading, number of train movements per day and the hours of train movements; and
- A change to the area of irrigation on DCPL-owned land on the Mining Lease.

The proposed modified open pit is within the original Development Application area and Mining Lease (ML) 1427 and is wholly located on land owned by DCPL (Figure 1).

Status of Approval Process

DCPL will apply to modify the Development Consent with the NSW Department of Planning (DoP) under Section 96(2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act). This application will be accompanied by a Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE). The purpose of the SEE is to assess the proposed modification of the existing DCM.

It is anticipated that the DoP will place the SEE on public exhibition. DCPL will also provide a copy of the SEE to Community Consultative Committee members. Local residents and other interested members of the public will be invited to review the SEE during the public exhibition period. If members of the public would like to make a submission for consideration during the DoP assessment of the proposal, they will have the opportunity to do so.

Following the public exhibition period, DoP will consider submissions from the public and regulatory authorities before coming to a decision as to whether the proposal will be approved. If approved, DoP may also apply specific conditions that they consider are required to regulate or monitor the modification.

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Integration with Other Development Planning

The proposed modification will enable maintenance of ROM coal production rates at the DCM. In addition to this modification application, an application under Part 3A of the EP&A Act for a 12 year extension of the DCM mine life and mining of areas to the north and west of the currently approved DCM has been made. Director-General's Requirements for this application were issued on the 28 December 2008 and will be subject to a separate public exhibition and approval process under Part 3A of the EP&A Act. The Environmental Assessment to accompany this application is expected to be exhibited in the first quarter of 2010.

Proposed Section 96(2) (EP&A Act) Development Consent Modification

Consultation and Approval Process

