

Dear Sirs

I am writing to fully support the proposed Mount Pleasant Coal Mine Extension of Mine Life (DA92/97 MOD 3) submitted by MACH Energy Australia Pty Ltd.

This modification is important to the local community, the wider Hunter Valley, the state of New South Wales and Australia for a number of key reasons:

- Mount Pleasant continues to meet majority community expectations across all its operations;
- the Mount Pleasant operation currently employs over 500 people and without the approval of MOD 3 in the near future, the future of those positions is in serious jeopardy;
- the Mount Pleasant operation also provides significant commercial opportunities for local businesses, and those business will be significantly impacted if MOD 3 is not approved immediately;
- Mount Pleasant is about to begin coal production, bringing an estimated annual royalty stream to the state of New South Wales of approximately A\$55 million; and
- The operation will add annual export revenues for Australia's balance of trade in excess of A\$800 million per annum at current prices.

Approval of MOD 3 without delay will provide certainty to employees, contractors, local businesses, the wider Hunter Valley community, the state of New South Wales and Australia.

Yours sincerely

Tony Veitch