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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF VICKERY EXTENTION PROJECT SSD 7480

We write in support of Whitehaven Coal's significant development application for the Vickery Extension Project in the Gunnedah Coal Basin in North Western New South Wales and would like to take this opportunity to express the importance of Whitehaven Coal as a customer of Komatsu, and the impact that the Gunnedah Coal Basin has on Komatsu's NSW business.

Currently Komatsu employs around 524 staff in New South Wales. The Gunnedah Coal Basin accounts for 25% of Komatsu's business in New South Wales.

Komatsu has been a long-term tenant of 10 years in Gunnedah. Its current lease is due to expire in July 2019. However, the anticipated extension of Vickery could allow Komatsu to:

- invest in and build a new purpose-built facility to support the aftermarket business locally
- grow Komatsu's footprint by double, allowing for additional support to local councils and farmers
- employ an additional 20 full time employees, with the intent of employing local people
- take on additional apprentices to support local farming families; and
- continue community partnerships, including to:
 - support the local farmers drought relief by providing expert technicians, for free, on any piece of equipment, allowing farmers to focus on what they need, whilst Komatsu looks after their equipment
 - sponsor the Gunnedah Rugby Union Football Club
 - sponsor EIMEX – bringing the Energy, Innovation and mining Expo to town
 - sponsor AgQuip

In addition to our expectation and confidence that the Vickery Extension Project will enhance employment and community partnership, we also have high regard for Whitehaven's quality considerations in the planning of the Project, including high safety standards, environmental impact, and high efficiency, low emissions (HELE) coal.

Komatsu believes the Vickery Extension Project to be a regionally significant high-quality industry development project, contributing the benefits and demand for high-quality coal, new jobs, revenue, and being a very worthy long-term investment for business, the community, and the country.

Sincerely,

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