

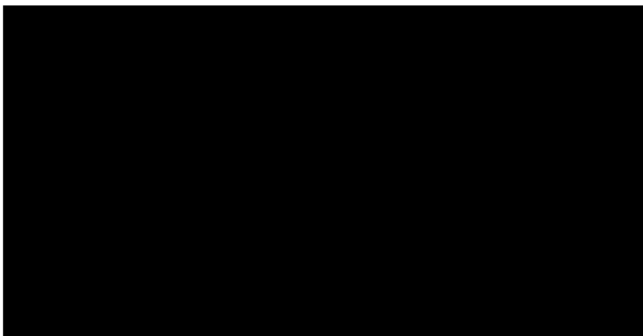
21<sup>st</sup> November 2017

To Whom It May Concern

**Re: Rocky Hill Coal Project (SSD5156) Stratford Extension Project MOD 1 (SSD 4966 MOD 1) – D 489/7**

Please accept this letter as my support for the Rocky Hill Project.

After being in business in Gloucester for the past 40 years I have witnessed first-hand the impact of the mining industry on the economy of this area. Since the downturn in mining in the past 6 years the face of Gloucester has changed and not necessarily for the better – socially and economically. The impact on my business has been remarkable – I can now only employ 2 people, where previously my employees numbered 5. If all the local business were indeed impacted this way, which I believe they are, the numbers are quite large. Employment is of paramount importance in a small town.



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