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Department of
State Development

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John Parker
Australian Graphite Limited
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Re: Mining Proposal (MCs 4372, and 4373) – Request for response document

Dear Mr Parker,

I am pleased to advise that your Mining Lease application is progressing and the statutory public consultation stage has been completed.

As per section 35A of the *Mining Act 1971* the mining lease application submitted by Australian Graphite Ltd (AGL) underwent a period of statutory public consultation. Your Mining Proposal (MP) was publicly advertised on 17 September 2015 with a due date for public submissions on 29 October 2015. Your MP was also circulated to a number of government departments that were deemed relevant based on the information provided, the Tumbay Bay Council, landholders within and adjacent to the proposed leases with an invitation for comment.

In addition to comments from SA Government departments, a total of 29 public submissions were received of which five submissions included a request for confidentiality. Full copies of the public submissions are provided in Attachment 3 to this letter (excluding submissions marked confidential). Confidential submissions have not been provided and therefore cannot form part of your response although the Minister will have regard for these in the government's assessment of your application.

The MP prepared by AGL reflects a significant investigation into the potential impacts of the proposed mining development. However as a result of the public consultation both the government and the public have identified a range of issues for further consideration. The Department of State Development seeks further information from AGL on all the issues raised during the public consultation period. Guidance on how to respond to public submissions is provided in Attachment 1. A consolidated list of all of the issues raised by the SA Government and requirements for your response to these issues is provided in Attachment 2.

I would like to give you the opportunity to respond to the issues raised by stakeholders. The government requests AGL to review in detail each of the

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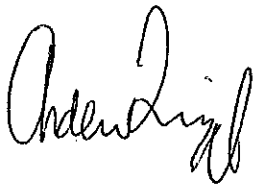
public submissions and the government submission, and to prepare a thorough Response Document accordingly. This response document will directly contribute to the final SA Government assessment of your application. Your Response Document is required prior to DSD making a final recommendation on whether to grant or refuse the lease application, and what conditions are appropriate if the lease is to be granted. DSD reserves the right to request further information as required during the assessment period.

The South Australian Minister for Mineral Resources and Energy will consider the government assessment and recommendation and subsequently make a decision whether or not to offer AGL the Mining Lease.

I would appreciate that you submit your Response Document within 1 month of the date of this letter. If you require a longer time to review the responses, please contact the Assessment Officer below. Please be aware that the Response Document you provide will be made available to the public. Additional information will also be required in later development of the Program for Environment Protection and Rehabilitation (PEPR), should a lease be granted.

If you have any enquiries please contact Greg Smith, Senior Assessment Officer, Ph: 08 8463 3052, Mobile: 0455 095 749

Yours sincerely



Andrew Querzoli
Manager Mining Assessment

Attachment 1 – Guidance on responding to Public Submissions

Attachment 2 – Government submission

Attachment 3 – Copies of Public Submissions (excluding submissions marked confidential)