

Middlemount Coal Mine

Compliance Report –


Middlemount Coal Project Stage 2 EPBC 2010/5394

Reporting Period-

17 December 2017 to 16 December 2018

Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

December 2018

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| Project Name | Middlemount Coal Project (Stage 2) |
| Approval Holder | Middlemount Coal Pty Ltd |
| ACN | 49 122 348 412 |
| Address | Level 17, 444 Queen Street, Brisbane City, QLD 4001 |
| EPBC Reference | EPBC 2010/5394 |
| Approved Action | To expand existing open cut mining operations (Stage 2) at Middlemount Coal Mine, Bowen Basin, Middlemount, Queensland |
| Approval Date of Action | 7 September 2012 |
| Commencement Date of Action | 17 September 2012 |
| Reporting Period | 17 December 2017 to 16 December 2018 |
| Expiry Date of Action | 1 November 2042 |
| Document Version | 1.0 |
| Declaration of Accuracy In making this declaration, I am aware that sections 490 and 491 of the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Cth) (EPBC Act) make it an offence in certain circumstances to knowingly provide false or misleading information or documents. The offence is punishable on conviction by imprisonment or a fine, or both. I declare that all the information and documentation supporting this compliance report is true and correct in every particular. I am authorised to bind the approval holder to this declaration and that I have no knowledge of that authorisation being revoked at the time of making this declaration. | |
| Signature of authorised reporting officer |  |
| Name of authorised reporting officer | Daniel Jones |
| Title of authorised reporting officer | Environment Superintendent |
| Date | 13 December 2018 |
| Organisation Name | Middlemount Coal Pty Ltd |
| Organisation ACN | 49 122 348 412 |

| Revision Summary | | |
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1. INTRODUCTION

The Middlemount Coal Mine is located in the central Bowen Basin approximately 270 kilometres (km) north-west of Rockhampton and approximately 6 km south-west of Middlemount in central Queensland (Qld).

An offset strategy was developed for the Middlemount Coal (Stage 2) Project and was provided to the Commonwealth Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (SEWPaC) on 1 August 2012. Middlemount Coal Pty Ltd was subsequently granted approval for the Middlemount Coal (Stage 2) Project under the *Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act, 1990* (EPBC Act) on 7 September 2012 (Commonwealth Approval [EPBC Act 2010/5394]). Middlemount Coal notified SEWPaC that the referred action (Middlemount Coal Mine [Stage 2 Project]) was to commence on the 17 September 2012.

Construction commenced on 17 September 2012 and the Middlemount Coal Mine [Stage 2 Project] is now referred to as the Middlemount Coal Mine (MCM). The approval is subject to eight (8) conditions and has effect until 1 November 2042. This compliance report is required by Condition 7 of the approval and has been prepared for the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy (DotEE), formally the Department of the Environment (DotE) and the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (SEWPaC). The *Annual Compliance Report Guidelines* (DoE 2014) were referenced during the compilation of this report.

The approved action is as follows:

Approved action:

To expand existing open cut mining operations (Stage 2) at Middlemount Coal Mine, Bowen Basin, Middlemount, Queensland

The EPBC Act approval decision encompasses the following controlling provisions:

| Controlling Provision | Decision |
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| Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 and 18A) | Approve |

This report details activities and compliance with EPBC 2010/5394 for the period 17 December 2017 to 16 December 2018.

2. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

Middlemount Coal Pty Ltd operates the Middlemount Coal Mine (MCM), located 6km west of Middlemount township. The MCM is an open cut coal mine producing Pulverized Coal Injection (PCI) and Coking Coal for the export market. MCM is an incorporated joint venture between Peabody Energy Australia Pty Ltd (50%) and Yancoal (50%).

The MCM is permitted to extract up to 5.7 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) of run-of-mine (ROM) coal to produce approximately 4.2 Mtpa of combined PCI and Coking coal. MCM has contracted rail and port capacity through Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal (DBCT) and Abbot Point Port (APCT).

Three primary seams of the Rangal coal measures are targeted for mining. The Middlemount and Pisces seams both have an average thickness of between 4.5m and 5m with the Tralee seam slated for extraction when it exceeds 0.3m in thickness.

Mining operations consist primarily of excavator and truck strip mining augmented by cast and doze. Beneficiation is performed in a 700tph single stage two product coal handling and preparation plant operated under contract by Sedgman.

Marketing of the coal is conducted by Peabody and Yancoal on Middlemount's behalf.

The operations at MCM occur 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

3. COMPLIANCE TABLE

| Condition Number | Condition | Compliant/Non Compliant/Not applicable ¹ | Evidence/Comments |
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| 1 | <p>To offset the impacts to EPBC listen threatened species and ecological communities, the person taking the action must submit to the Minister for approval an Offset Management Plan within 12 months of the date of this approval. The Offset Management Plan must include, but not be limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. details of management actions to protect and enhance the extent and condition of the threatened species habitat values including rehabilitation, weed control, fire management, erosion and sediment control, management of livestock and restrictions to access of no less than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 1670 ha of Ornamental snake habitat; ii) 3280 ha of Squatter Pigeon habitat; and iii) 150 ha of Brigalow ecological community b. the desired outcomes/objectives of implementing the plan; c. the timing, responsibilities and performance criteria for such actions; d. a monitoring plan including ecological surveys that must be undertaken to assess the success of the management measures against identified milestones and objectives; e. a clear definition of the location and boundaries of the offset area, through maps and/or textual descriptions as well as accompanying shapefiles; f. a process to report to the Department the management actions undertaken in the offset areas and the outcome of those actions, including identifying any need for improved management. g. a description of the potential risks to successful management | Compliant | <p>Middlemount Coal Mine Offset Management Plan (OMP) was originally approved by SEWPaC on 30 November 2012 (see <i>Appendix A</i>) - Compliant.</p> <p>The plan was revised to reflect VDec notice and the updated plan was approved by DotE 18 March 2014 (see <i>Appendix B</i>) – Compliant.</p> <p>The requirements of this condition are addressed in the OMP as per below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Section 3 b) Section 1.2 c) Sections 3.13 and 7 d) Section 5.1 e) Figures 1 to 8 f) Section 5.2 g) Section 6.1 h) Section 5.4 i) Section 6.2 |

| Condition Number | Condition | Compliant/Non Compliant/Not applicable ¹ | Evidence/Comments |
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| | and rehabilitation in the offset areas, and a description of the contingency measures that would be implemented to mitigate these risks; h. details of parties responsible for monitoring, reviewing and implementing the plan; and i. what would be the contingency strategy in the event that a third party impacts the offset site | | |
| 2 | To offset the impacts to EPBC listen threatened species and ecological communities, the person taking the action must register a legally binding conservation mechanism over a minimum of 1670 ha of Ornamental Snake, 3280 ha of Squatter Pigeon and 150 ha of Brigalow ecological community (the offset area) as identified in the offset management plan. The mechanism/s must provide enduring protection for protection for the offset areas and be registered within 12 months of the date of this approval. | Compliant | A voluntary declaration on Lot 2 on SP248577 - Isaac Regional Council, after liaison with QLD Government, was certified by DNRM on 25 November 2013 (see <i>Appendix C</i>) - Compliant. |
| 3 | As a precautionary approach, the person taking the action must within 6 months of the date of this approval, and prior to the Commencement of operations in Area B, provide to the Minister the water management plan and erosion and sediment control plan. The plans are identified in conditions W31 and W39 of the Queensland Government Environment Authority dated 29 June 2012 (Permit Number: MIN100646307 on ML70379 and ML70417). | Compliant | SEWPaC were issued on 21 December 2012 a report with the following documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middlemount Coal Mine Water Management Plan • Middlemount Coal Mine Erosion and Sediment Control Plan • Management of Potential Water-Related Impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance (see <i>Appendix D</i>) – Compliant. |

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| 4 | The person taking the action must within 6 months of the date of his approval, and prior to the Commencement of operations in Area B, provide to the Minister a report on how the water management plan and erosion and sediment control plan addresses possible erosion, sediment control and release of waters and their potential impacts to nationally listed threatened species and ecological communities. | Compliant | This was addressed in the report issued to SEWPaC on 21 December 2012 within the following document: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management of Potential Water-Related Impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance (see <i>Appendix D</i>) – Compliant. |
| 5 | If, after receiving the water management plan, the Minister is not satisfied that the water management plan and erosion and sediment control plan adequately address impacts on listed threatened species and ecological communities, the Minister may require in writing that the person taking the action provide additional information within a specified timeframe. | Not applicable | No additional information requested. |
| 6 | Within 14 days from the Commencement of the action, the person taking the action must advise the Department in writing of the actual date of Commencement. | Compliant | The commencement date of the action was 17 September 2012 , with Middlemount Coal writing to the Department on 28 September 2012 (see <i>Appendix E</i>). |
| 7 | Within three months of every 12 months anniversary of the commencement of the action, the person taking the action must publish a report on their website addressing compliance with each of the conditions of this approval, including implementation of any management plans as specified in the conditions. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication and non-compliance with any of the conditions of this approval must be provided to the Department at the same time as the compliance | Compliant | This document is the report. In a letter dated to SEWPaC 28 September 2012 , the commencement date of the action was 17 September 2012 . (see <i>Appendix D</i> and website http://www.middlemountcoal.com.au) |

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| | report is published. | | |
| 8 | Upon the direction of the Minister, the person taking the action must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions of the approval is conducted and a report submitted to the Minister. The independent auditor must be approved by the Minister prior to the commencement of the audit. Audit criteria must be agreed to the Minister and the audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the Minister. | Not applicable | No direction received to date. |
| 9 | If the person taking the action wishes to carry out any activity otherwise than in accordance with the plan referred to in condition 1, the person taking the action must submit for the Ministers written approval a revised version of any such plan. The varied activity shall not commence until the Minister has approved the varied plan in writing. If the Minister approves such a revised plan, the plan must be implemented in place of the plan originally approved. Unless the Minister has approved the revised plan, then the person taking the action must continue to implement the plan originally approved, referred to in condition 1. | Compliant | As part of the QLD government process to secure the offset area, some revisions to the offset management area were required. The revised offset management plan was approved by DNRM on 25 Nov 2013 . Consequently, the revised plan was submitted to the Commonwealth Minister for approval, granted 18 March 2014 . (see <i>Appendix B</i>) – Compliant. |
| 10 | If the Minister believes that it is necessary or convenient for the better protection of listed threatened species and communities to do so, the Minister may request that the person taking the action make specified revisions to the plan pursuant to condition 1 and submit the revised plan for the Ministers written approval. The person taking the action must comply with any such request. The revised approved plan must be implemented. Unless the Minister | Not applicable | No requests received to date. |

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| | has approved the revised plan then the person taking the action must continue to implement the plan originally approved, referred to in condition 1. | | |
| 11 | If, at any time after five years from the date of this approval, the person taking the action has not Substantially Commenced the action, then the person taking the action must not Substantially Commence the action without the written agreement of the Minister. | Compliant | The commencement date of the action was 17 September 2012 (see Appendix E) – Compliant. |
| 12 | The person taking the action must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the above conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement the management plans required by this approval, and make them available upon request to the Department. Such reports may be subject to audit by the Department or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the EPBC Act, or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval. Summaries of audits will be posted on the Departments website. The results of audits may also be publicised through the general media. | Compliant | Noted |
| 13 | Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the person taking the action must publish the management plan, referred to in condition 1, of approval on their website. Each plan must be published on the website within one month of being approved. | Compliant | The revised Offset Management Plan was published on the website 10 April 2014 , within one month of approval http://www.middlemountcoal.com.au (see Appendix F) – Compliant. |

¹ Definitions

Compliant 'Compliance' is achieved when all the requirements of a condition have been met, including the implementation of management plans or other measures required by those conditions.

Non-compliant requirements of a condition or elements of a condition, including the implementation of management plans and other measures have not been met.

Not applicable requirements of a condition or elements of a condition fall outside of the scope of the current reporting period. For example a condition which applies to an activity that has not yet commenced.

APPENDIX A – Approval of Offset Management Plan (OMP) by SEWPaC



Australian Government

Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

Our reference: 2012/12987

Contact Officer: Catherine Twigg
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Mr Jamie Gleeson
Environmental Manager – Senior Ecologist
Resource Strategies Pty Ltd
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Milton QLD 4064

Dear Mr Gleeson

**Middlemount Coal Project Stage 2, Middlemount Coal Pty Ltd, Queensland
(EPBC 2010/5394)**

I refer to the Offset Management Plan, attached to your correspondence of 25 October 2012, as required under condition 1 of the approval decision dated 7 September 2012.

The Offset Management Plan has been reviewed by officers of the department and has been found to meet the requirements of the condition. On this basis, and as delegate of the Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (the Minister), I have decided to approve the Plan. The approved plan must be implemented.

Please be aware, as per condition 3 of the approval, prior to commencement of the action the department must receive the water management plan and the erosion and sediment control plan.

We would appreciate if you could advise us of any changes to the project e.g. contact officer, company address, commencement date etc.

You should note that any transfer of this approval to another person must have the consent of the Minister under section 145B of the EPBC Act.



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If you have any enquiries please contact Catherine Twigg whose details are provided above.

Yours sincerely



Shane Gaddes
a/g Assistant Secretary
Compliance and Enforcement Branch
Environment Assessment and Compliance Division

30 November 2012

Note: Under s 491 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* it is an offence to knowingly provide false and/or misleading information to a departmental officer.

2.

APPENDIX B – Revised OMP approval by DotEE



Australian Government
Department of the Environment

Our reference: 2012/12987

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Mr Graham Chase
Senior Environmental Advisor
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Dear Mr Chase

Middlemount Coal Project Stage 2 (EPBC 2010/5394)

I write in relation to your letter of 21 February 2014 in which you request, approval of the revised Offset Management Plan / Vegetation Management Plan (November 2013), submitted in accordance with condition 9 of *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC) approval 2010/5394.

The department has reviewed the Offset Management Plan / Vegetation Management Plan (November 2013) and has determined that the document satisfies the requirements outlined in the conditions of approval and that are required to be met in the plan. On this basis, as delegate of the Minister for the Environment, I have decided to approve the revised Offset Management Plan / Vegetation Management Plan (November 2013).

In accordance with condition 9 of the approval, the abovementioned varied plan must be implemented in place of the Offset Management Plan approved on 30 November 2012. In accordance with condition 13 of the approval, the approved revised Offset Management Plan / Vegetation Management Plan (November 2013) must be published on your website within one month of the revised plan being approved.

Please ensure that you maintain accurate records of all activities associated with, or relevant to, the conditions of approval so that they can be made available to the department on request. Such documents may be subject to audit and used to verify compliance. Summaries of results of audits may be published by the department. Information about the monitoring and audit program can be found on the department's web site at <http://www.environment.gov.au/topics/about-us/legislation/environment-protection-and-biodiversity-conservation-act-1999/compliance-2>

Please contact Alex Taylor with any enquiries in relation to this matter, on 02 6274 2209.

Shane Gaddes
Assistant Secretary
Compliance & Enforcement Branch
Environment Assessment and Compliance Division

18 March 2014

APPENDIX C – Voluntary declaration certified by DNRM



Department of
Natural Resources and Mines

Author: Didi Tian
File/Ref number: 2013/003919
Unit: Planning & Assessment
Phone: 07 4837 3458

25 November 2013



The Directors,
Middlemount Coal Pty Ltd
A.C.N 122 348 412
100 Edward Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

Our ref.: 2013/003919

To The Directors, Middlemount Coal Pty Ltd A.C.N 122 348 412

Re: Certification of a voluntary declaration on Lot 2 on SP248577 - Isaac Regional Council

This is to advise you that a voluntary declaration on Lot 2 on SP248577 - Isaac Regional Council has been certified—consistent with your agreement—by the Department of Natural Resources & Mines (DNRM) on 25 November 2013. A copy of each of the following certified documents are attached for your records:

- Voluntary Declaration Notice;
- Declared Area Map (2013/003919);
- Declared Area Property Map of Assessable Vegetation (PMAV) 2013/003919; and
- Vegetation Management Plan for Lot 2 on SP248577 being utilised for Vegetation Offset

If a registered owner requires additional copies of the certified documents, these can be purchased at the Department of Natural Resources & Mines Customer Service Centre.

Department of Natural Resources & Mines
209 Bolsover Street
PO Box 1762
Rockhampton QLD 4700
Telephone (07) 4837 3458
Facsimile (07) 4837 3448
Website www.dnrm.qld.gov.au
ABN 46 640 294 485

Please note, that in accordance with the declaration, management of the declared area, monitoring the condition of the declared area, and reporting on the condition of the declared area will be required. Please refer to the declaration documents for the specifics regarding such requirements.

This declaration will be noted on the title of the property—binding management, monitoring and reporting responsibilities upon current and future owners.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Didi Tian on telephone number 4837 3458 quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely,

Didi Tian  25/11/13
Natural Resource Management Officer
Central Region, DNRM

Voluntary Declaration Notice

s19E – 19K of the Vegetation Management Act 1999

1. Request information

- 1.1. **Proponent's name:** Middlemount Coal Pty Ltd
A.C.N. 122 348 412
- 1.2. **Registered interest:** Nil
- 1.3. **Date request received:** 11 July 2013
- 1.4. **Request:** To declare areas to be areas of high nature conservation value
- 1.5. **Property description:** Lot 2 on SP248577 – Isaac Regional Council
- 1.6. **Land tenure:** Freehold
- 1.7. **Decision reference:** 2013/003919 (for Vegetation Management Clearing Applications 2010/002706, 2010/003611, 2012/006251 & EPBC 2010/5394 - Middlemount Coal Stage 2 Project under the *Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act, 1990*)

2. Declaration information

2.1. Declaration made:

The Chief Executive of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines declares the area identified on Declared Area Map (2013/003919) as an area of high nature conservation value in accordance with s19F of the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*.

The chief executive considers the declared area to meet the following criteria under s19G of the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* —

The declared area is an area of high nature conservation value under s19G(1)(b), as the area is the following:

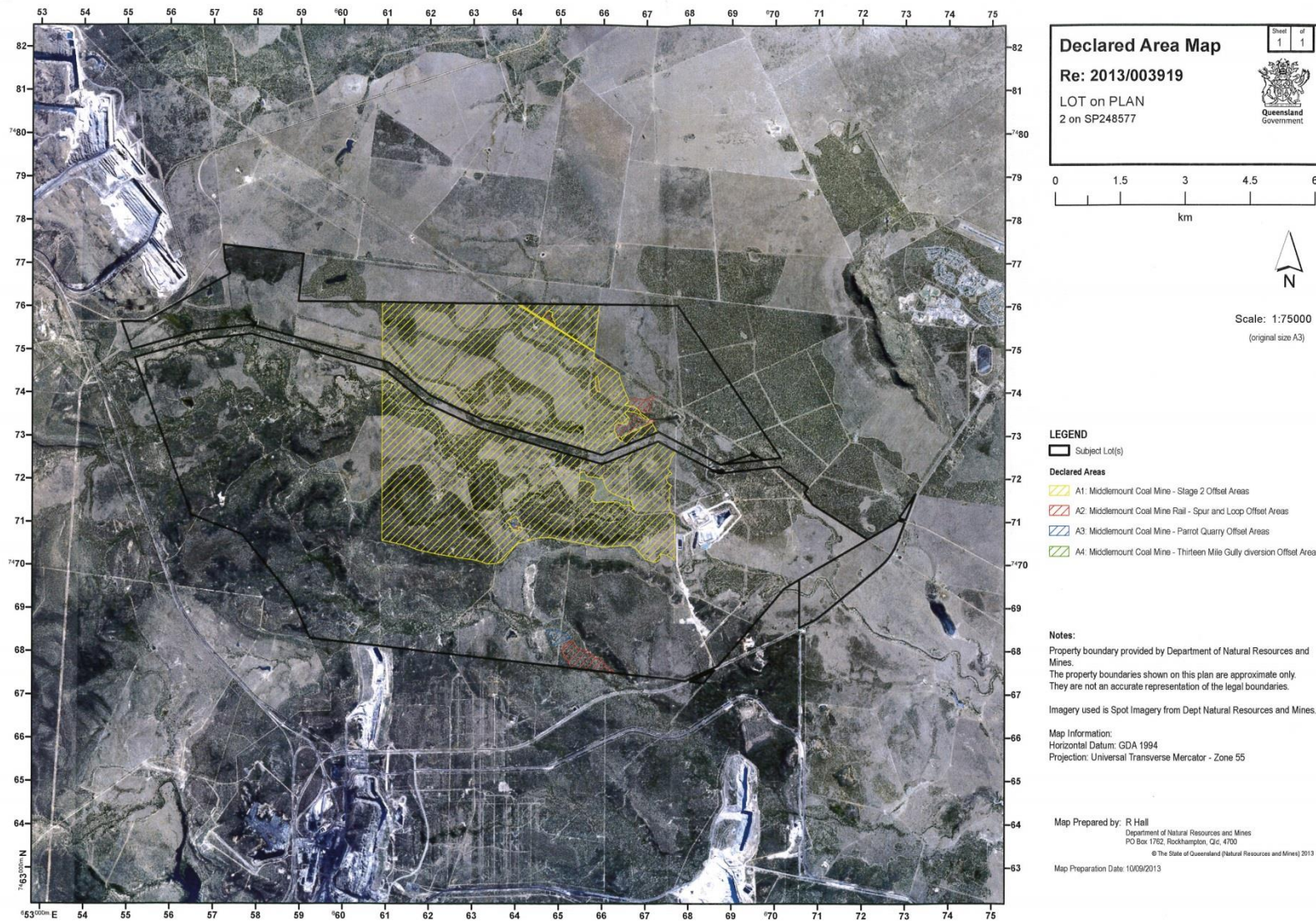
- an area containing a vegetation clump or corridor that contributes to the maintenance of biodiversity;
- an area that makes a significant contribution to the conservation of biodiversity;

The documents outlined in 2.2 form part of this declaration.

2.2. Voluntary declaration documents:

The following documents are part of this voluntary declaration, and must be read in conjunction with this notice:

- ☐ Declared Area Map (2013/003919)



- ☐ Middlemount Coal Mine Offset Management Plan / Vegetation Management Plan, August 2013 Revision 2

2.3. **Property Map of Assessable Vegetation**

In accordance with s20B of the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*, the following Property Map of Assessable Vegetation (PMAV) has been prepared for the declared area.

- ☐ Declared Area PMAV 2013/003919

2.4. **Date of declaration:** 25 / 11 / 2013

3. **Delegated officer's signature**

Peter Hall


Senior Vegetation Management Officer

25 / 11 / 2013

Information Notice for PMAV application 2013/003919

Section 20B (2) *Vegetation Management Act 1999*

1. PMAV Application:

Case 2013/003919 for a Property Map of Assessable Vegetation (PMAV) over Lot 2 on SP248577

2. Applicants:

Middlemount Coal Pty Ltd A.C.N 122 348 412

3. Decision:

Convert the proposed relevant areas to category A as requested (as per certified PMAV)

4. Assessing Officer: Didi Tian

5. Date of Notice: 25/11/2013

7. Delegated Officer


Peter Hall
Senior Vegetation Management Officer

How to apply for an internal review.

Section 63 (1) The Vegetation Management Act 1999

A person who is given, or is entitled to be given an information notice about a decision made under this Act may apply for an internal review of the decision.

If you wish to apply for an internal review of this decision you must, within 20 business days of receiving this notice;

- (a) supply enough information for the chief executive of DERM or a delegated officer to decide the application and-
- (b) be in an approved form.

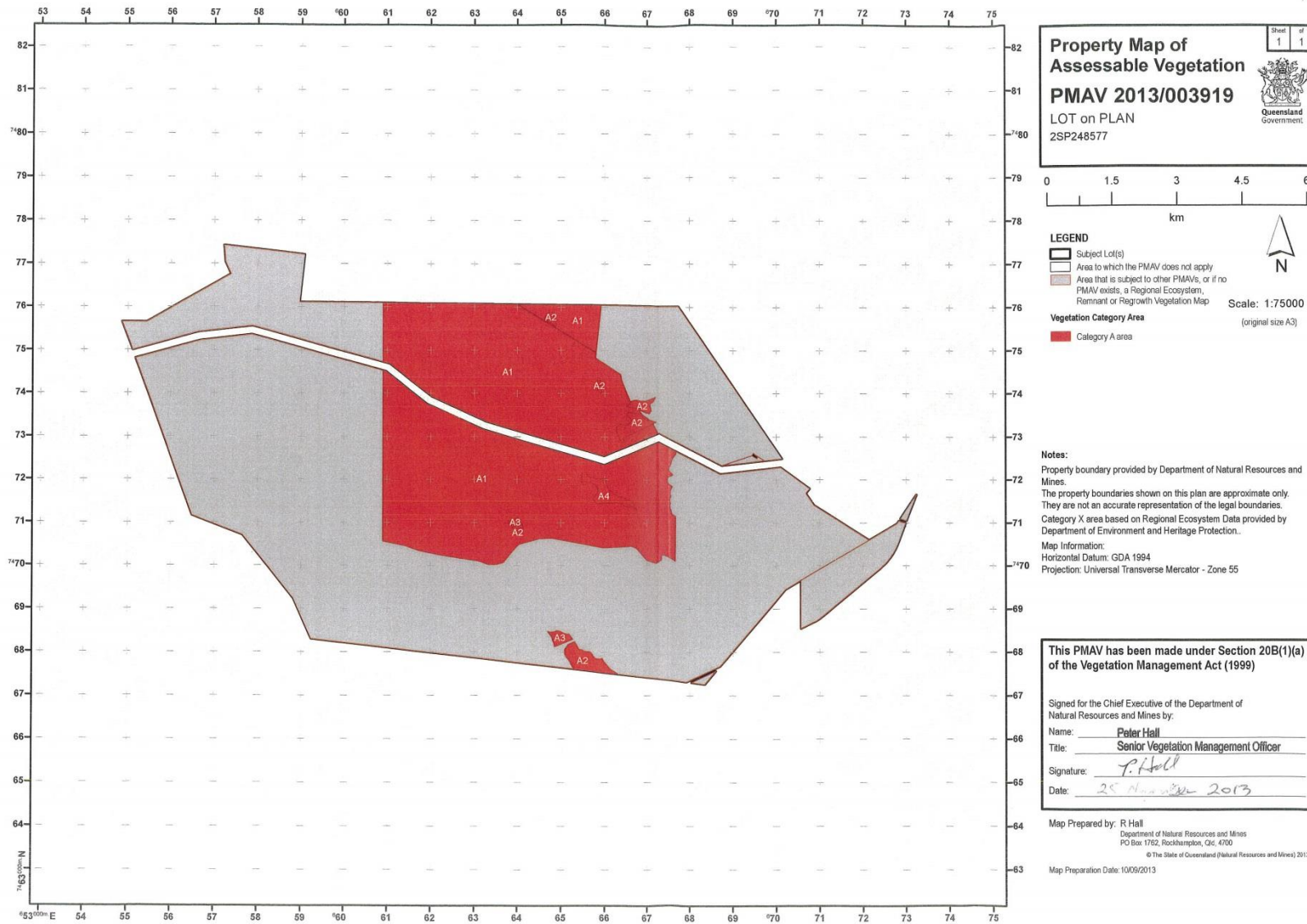
You may, within 20 business days of receiving this notice, request the chief executive of DERM or a delegated officer, to extend the time for making an internal review application.

Upon receiving a request for an internal review, the chief executive or a delegated officer must, within 30 business days, review the original decision and make a review decision to-

- (a) confirm the original decision or,
- (b) amend the original decision or,
- (c) substitute another decision for the original decision

The chief executive of DERM or a delegated officer must then provide a review decision in accordance with QCAT Act section 157(2).

A person who is dissatisfied with a review decision may apply, as provided under the QCAT Act, to QCAT for a review of the review decision.



APPENDIX D - E mail to SEWPaC addressing Conditions 3 and 4

Leeanne Pattinson

From: Graham Chase
Sent: Friday, 21 December 2012 4:52 PM
To: 'post.approvals@environment.gov.au'
Cc: 'Catherine.Twigg@environment.gov.au'; Gerrie Jordaan; Alex Mumme
Subject: Middlemount Coal SEWPaC Conditions Submission
Attachments: Ltr-SEWPAC (CT)-01 (21 December 2012).pdf

Catherine,

In accordance with Conditions 3 and 4 for the Middlemount Coal Project (Stage 2) Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999* (EPBC Act) approval (EPBC 2010/5394), please find attached a report containing the following documents:

- Middlemount Coal Mine Water Management Plan.
- Middlemount Coal Mine Erosion and Sediment Control Plan.
- Management of Potential Water-Related Impacts on Matters of National Environmental Significance.

Conditions 3 and 4 require that the above documents are submitted to the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities within six months of the EPBC Act approval (2010/5394) and prior to commencement of operations within Area B. Middlemount Coal confirms that these documents (attached) have been provided within six months of the EPBC Act approval (7 September 2012) as required, and prior to the commencement of operations in Area B. Middlemount Coal intends to commence operations in Area B in accordance with the approval.

Regards

Graham Chase
Senior Environmental Advisor

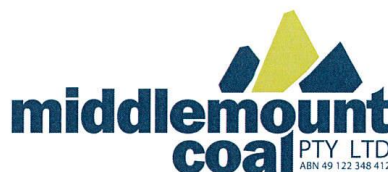


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APPENDIX E – Letter to SEWPaC stating the commencement date of the action

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28 September 2012

Justin Keast
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PO Box 787
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Dear Justin

**RE: Middlemount Coal Mine (Stage 2) (EPBC 2010/5394)
Commencement of the Action**

In accordance with Condition 6 of the EPBC Act approval (EPBC 2010/5394), this letter advises the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities that the Middlemount Coal Mine (Stage 2) (the action) commenced 17 September 2012.

Middlemount confirms that the contact person for the action is currently Mr Graham Chase.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (07 3179 2060) should you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gerrie Jordaan', enclosed within a large, loopy circular flourish.

Gerrie Jordaan
Chief Executive Officer

APPENDIX F - E mail to advise revised Offset Management Plan published on website

Leeanne Pattinson

From: Taylor, Alex <Alex.Taylor@environment.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 29 April 2014 8:49 AM
To: Leeanne Witcher
Cc: Graham Chase; jgleeson@ResourceStrategies.com.au; Gerrie Jordaan; Strike, Kelly
Subject: RE: MCPL OMP/VMP Publication [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Leeanne,

Thank you for the confirmation of publication of the revised OMP/VMP. This satisfies condition 13 of the approval.

I also need to advise that we've shuffled monitoring responsibilities for a number of EPBC projects – the Middlemount Coal stage 2 project will now be monitored by my colleague Kelly Strike (CC'd into this email). It's been great working with you on this project.

Kelly will be in touch.

Regards
Alex

From: Leeanne Witcher [mailto:lwitcher@middlemountcoal.com.au]
Sent: Thursday, 10 April 2014 3:16 PM
To: Taylor, Alex
Cc: Graham Chase; jgleeson@ResourceStrategies.com.au; Gerrie Jordaan
Subject: MCPL OMP/VMP Publication

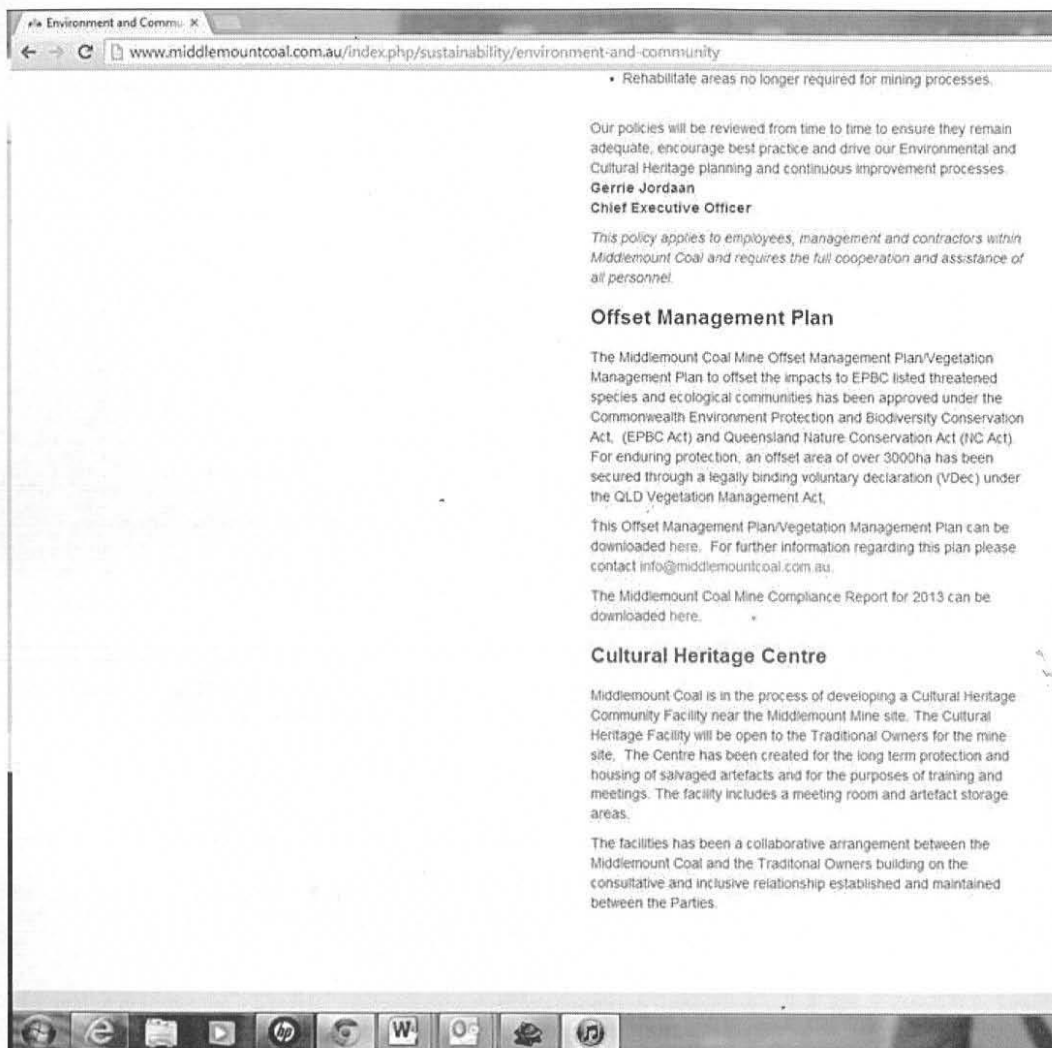
Hi Alex,

With reference to your below correspondence, the Department of Environment approved Middlemount Coal's revised Offset Management Plan/Vegetation Management Plan on 18 March 2014.

An approval condition of the OMP/VMP states that:

Condition 13 - Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Minister, the person taking the action must publish the management plan, referred to in Condition 1, of approval on their website. Each plan must be published on the website within one month of being approved.

This e mail is to demonstrate that the revised plan was published on the Middlemount Coal website within one month of approval. Please find below a screen shot of the Middlemount Coal website:



Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Graham Chase or myself.

Kind Regards,

Leeanne Witcher
Environmental Officer



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