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Angus Place



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Introduction

Angus Place Colliery is an underground coal mine located within the Western Coalfield of NSW, approximately 15km north-west of Lithgow. Angus Place extracts coal from the Lithgow seam using longwall mining techniques.

On 17th April 2012 EPBC 2011/5952 approval was granted to allow longwall mining of Angus Place Longwalls 910 and 900W. LWs 900W and 910 do not mine directly under any THPSS but LW 910 does mine adjacent to Narrow Swamp which has previously been undermined. There are no THPSS above or within the angle of draw for LW 900W.

First workings with continuous miners commenced on April 18th 2012 in Longwalls 900W and 910. Longwall 900W commenced secondary extraction on the 30th of April 2014.

EPBC 2011/5952 Condition 21 requires that “Within three months of every 12 month anniversary of the commencement 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, report, strategy etc. 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 report is published. The person taking the action must also notify any non-compliance with this approval to the department in writing within two days of becoming aware of the non-compliance”.

It should be noted that throughout 2013 there was extensive consultation with Commonwealth Department of Environment (DoE), formerly SEWPaC, addressing compliance with conditions of EPBC 2011/5952.

This report has been prepared to address the requirements of Condition 21 and covers the reporting period 17th April 2013 to 16th April 2014.

Details of Compliance with EPBC 2011 / 5952 Approval Conditions

Condition 1

Monitoring of subsidence has been conducted in accordance with the *Angus Place Colliery Subsidence Management Plan: Proposed Subsidence Monitoring and Reporting Program LW 900W, 910* as required under Condition 1 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval.

Condition 2

There has been no anomalous subsidence detected within 200m of any areas of Temperate Highland Peat Swamps on Sandstone Ecological Communities. No reporting under Condition 2 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval has been required.

Condition 3

No reporting under Condition 2 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval has been required. There has been no anomalous subsidence detected within 200m of any areas of Temperate Highland Peat Swamps on Sandstone Ecological Communities.

Condition 4

EPBC 2011/5952 Condition 4 requires the development of a Temperate Highland Peat Swamps on Sandstone Monitoring and Management Plan (THPSS MMP) within six months of approval (17 April 2012). The THPSS MMP was received by SEWPaC on 9 October 2012 which satisfied the requirements of Condition 4 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval.

Condition 5

The Temperate Highland Peat Swamps on Sandstone Monitoring and Management Plan (THPSS MMP) which was submitted to SEWPaC included prevention, monitoring, mitigation and management actions for all potential impacts on the Temperate Highland Peat Swamps on Sandstone Ecological Community arising from the action as required under Condition 5 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval.

Condition 6

The Temperate Highland Peat Swamps on Sandstone Monitoring and Management Plan (THPSS MMP) was reviewed by two independent reviewers approved by the department prior to submission to the department for approval as required under Condition 6 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval.

Condition 7

The THPSSMP has not yet been approved by the Minister and implementation has not been triggered. The THPSSMP is currently being revised to address the comments from the peer reviewers and will be resubmitted to the Minister for approval.

Condition 8

As the THPSSMP has not been approved by the Minister, the requirement to submit a report detailing the results of actions carried out under the Monitoring and Management Plan to the department annually on the anniversary date of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval has not yet been triggered.

Condition 9

Condition 9 requires the reporting of impacts to Temperate Highland Peat Swamps on Sandstone and defines the timeframes for reporting of impacts. No impacts from mining have been detected and no reporting under Condition 9 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval has been necessary.

Condition 10

Condition 10 allows the Minister to determine that a severe impact to a Temperate Highland Peat Swamps on Sandstone Ecological Community (THPSS EC) has occurred based on reports submitted under Condition 8 and 9. There have been no detected or reported impacts from first workings to THPSS EC and there have been no severe impact notification letters issued by the department under Condition 10 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval.

Condition 11

No severe impact notification letters have been received and no Temperate Highland Peat Swamps on Sandstone Response Strategy has been required under Condition 11 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval.

Condition 12

No Temperate Highland Peat Swamps on Sandstone Response Strategy has been required under Condition 12 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval.

Condition 13

No peer review of a Temperate Highland Peat Swamps on Sandstone Response Strategy has been required under Condition 13 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval.

Condition 14

No Ministerial approval or implementation of a Temperate Highland Peat Swamps on Sandstone Response Strategy has been required under Condition 14 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval.

Condition 15

No reporting of the results of actions carried out under a Temperate Highland Peat Swamps on Sandstone Response Strategy has been required under Condition 15 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval.

Condition 16

No stopping of work has been directed by the Minister under Condition 16 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval.

Condition 17

Centennial Coal has met all costs related to independent review of documentation required under Condition 17 of the of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval.

Condition 18

No documents have required publication on the Centennial Website under the EPBC 2011/5952 approval. The conditions of approval have been published on the website.

Condition 19

The action was commenced on 18th of April 2012 and advice was provided to the department in writing of commencement of the action on 18th of April 2012 which satisfied the requirements of Condition 19 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval.

Condition 20

Records have been kept of all activities related to the conditions of approval as required under Condition 20 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval.

Condition 21

EPBC 2011/5952 Condition 21 requires the preparation and publishing on the Centennial Coal website of a report detailing compliance with each of the conditions of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval within three months of each 12 month anniversary of the commencement of EPBC 2011/5952 approval. This report is intended to satisfy the requirements of EPBC 2011/5952 Condition 21.

Condition 22

No independent audit of compliance with the conditions of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval has been directed by the Minister under Condition 22 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval.

Condition 23

All activities related to the action have been conducted in accordance with the conditions of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval and associated reports, management plans and strategies. No approvals of revised reports, management plans or strategies have been required under Condition 23 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval.

Condition 24

There have not been any Ministerial requests for revisions to reports, management plans or strategies under Condition 24 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval.

Condition 25

The action was commenced immediately after the issue of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval. Condition 25 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval is not relevant.

Condition 26

There have been no approved documents (management plans, strategies) related to EPBC 2011/5952 requiring publishing on the Centennial Coal website as required under Condition 26 of the EPBC 2011/5952 approval. The conditions of approval have been published on the website.