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By Email

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22 November 2019

Dear Mr Smith

**Re: North York Moors: Woodsmith Mine – Application for Non-Material Amendments to Planning Permission NYM/2017/0505/MEIA**

Sirius Minerals is pleased to submit this application for a non-material amendment (NMA) to planning permission NYM/2017/0505/MEIA. The proposed non-material amendment involves the relocation of the construction boundary fence and realignment of the alternative footpath at Ladycross Plantation to create an undeveloped area that will serve as a buffer zone between the site and the adjacent caravan park.

The submission of this NMA follows our discussion on 19 November 2019 during which we outlined the limited scope changes. Verbal confirmation was provided during that discussion advising that the proposed amendment could be dealt with by the Authority as a non-material amendment.

**Background**

*On 19 October 2015, the NYMNPA granted planning permission for the “Winning and working of polyhalite by underground methods including the construction of a minehead at Dove’s Nest Farm involving access, maintenance and ventilation shafts, the landforming of associated spoil, the construction of buildings, access roads, car parking and helicopter landing site, attenuation ponds, landscaping, restoration and aftercare and associated works. In addition, the construction of an underground tunnel between Doves Nest Farm and land at Wilton that links to the mine below ground, comprising 1 no. shaft at Doves Nest Farm, 3 no. intermediate access shaft sites, each with associated landforming of associated spoil, the construction of buildings, access roads and car parking, landscaping, restoration and aftercare, and the construction of a tunnel portal at Wilton comprising buildings, landforming of spoil and associated works” (Council Reference NYM/2014/0676/MEIA).*

*NYM/2014/0676/MEIA was approved subject to 95 planning conditions and a Section 106 Agreement.*

*On 6 February 2017, the NYMNPA granted planning permission for the “Variation of Condition 5 of planning permission NYM/2014/0676/MEIA to allow minor material amendments relating to that part of the development at the Woodsmith Mine site (formerly known as Doves Nest Farm and Haxby Plantation), including; re-design of foreshafts and shaft construction methodology, changes to building layout and shaft access arrangements, revisions to construction and operational shaft platform levels, revisions to*

*location and layout of surface water attenuation ponds, revisions to groundwater management arrangements and amendments to internal access arrangements”*  
(Council Reference NYM/2017/0505/MEIA).

*The amended scheme (NYM/2017/0505/MEIA) was approved subject to 98 planning conditions and a deed of variation to the originally approved Section 106 Agreement. This submission seeks a non-material amendment to this scheme.*

**Proposals**

Relocation of construction boundary fence and realignment of the alternative footpath to create an undeveloped area that will serve as a buffer zone between the site and the adjacent caravan park, as shown in 40-SMP-LC-8600-LP-31-00001.

**Application Submission**

The application was submitted via the planning portal (reference PP-08313115) on Friday 22 November 2019 and comprises;

- Completed application form; and
- Proposed replacement plans, comprising the following;

<b>Originally Approved Drawings (NYM/2017/0505/MEIA)</b>	<b>Replacement Drawing Reference Number</b>
YP-P2-CX-542	40-SMP-LC-8600-LP-31-00001 Rev 0

The requisite planning application fee of £234.00 has been paid online.

**Effects of Proposed Changes**

The proposed amendment reduces the overall footprint of the development and, as such, does not give rise to any material change to the environmental impacts (i.e. noise, ground conditions and impact on water resources) that were assessed in the Environmental Impact Assessment previously submitted.

We trust this submission provides you with sufficient information to consider this request for a non-material amendment to the approved scheme at Woodsmith Mine. However, should you have any further information requirements, please contact me.

Your sincerely

Robert Staniland  
Manager – Planning & Environment