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1 Introduction

1.1 The Purpose of this document

This document forms the Scheme for the Prior Notification of Blasting in relation to the Woodsmith Mine. This Scheme is required to fully discharge Condition 33 of the North York Moors National Park Authority (NYMNPA) planning permission NYM/2014/0676/MEIA (as subsequently varied by NYM/2017/0505/MEIA).

1.2 Compliance with Condition NYMNPA 33

The wording of planning Condition 33, and where the necessary material has been provided within this document is set out in Table 1.

Table 1: Details of NYMNPA Planning Condition 33

NYMNPA Condition 33	Compliance				
A scheme for prior notification of blasting for any of the chamber creations and shaft sinking shall be submitted to the MPA for approval prior to the shaft chamber sinking phases of the development. Such a scheme shall involve the regular provision of a schedule of proposed blasts.	This document.				
The notification shall include the following:	Section 2.				
 Location of the blast site; 					
 Approximate times of blasting; and 					
 Details of any warnings to be given prior to the blasting. 					
Blasting operations shall be carried out in accordance with the blasting schedule. Any changes to the schedule arising through exceptional circumstances must be notified in writing with the MPA.	Section 2.1.				

2 Scheme for the Prior Notification of Blasting

2.1 Schedule of Proposed Blasts

At least two weeks prior to the undertaking of any blasting associated with an approved phase of works, Sirius Minerals will publish a blasting schedule on their website (www.siriusminerals.com) providing details of:

- The location of the blast site;
- The approximate times of blasting; and
- Details of any warnings to be given prior to the blasting.

In accordance with Condition 33, the MPA will be notified in writing of any changes to the blasting schedule arising from exceptional circumstances.

The timing of any blasting will also accord with the requirements of NYMNPA Planning Condition 24 that precludes any blasting outside the period 07:00 until 22:00 unless agreed in advance in writing by the MPA and it can be demonstrated that there will be no significant adverse noise effect on residents.

2.2 Notification of Proposed Blasts

Prior to the undertaking of first blasting, Sirius Minerals will contact every resident within a 1.5km radius of the Woodsmith mine site and invite them to be notified – via email, text message or both – of any blasting activity. Other residents and interested parties located outside of the 1.5km catchment area will also have opportunity to register for these same notifications via the Sirius Minerals website.

Email / text message notifications will then be sent out to registered parties 30 minutes before each individual blast.