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Date: 22 February 2019
Our ref: 50303/04/HS/JCx/17165438v2
Your ref: NYM/2017/0505/MEIA

Dear Mr Smith

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

On behalf of our client, Sirius Minerals, Lichfields is pleased to submit this application for a non material amendment (NMA) to planning permission NYM/2017/0505/MEIA. The proposed non-material amendment relates to the permanent winder buildings at Woodsmith Mine.

The submission of this NMA follows our discussions on 18 February 2019 during which we outlined the limited scope of changes being brought forward. Confirmation was subsequently provided by email on 20 February 2019 advising that the proposed amendments 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

The application proposals seek the following limited design amendments to the permanent Service Shaft and Production Shaft buildings that were approved as part of NYM/2017/0505/MEIA:

- The addition of fire escapes to the southern elevation of the Service Shaft building and to the southern and northern elevations of the Production Shaft building. The fire escape staircases are to be painted to match the surrounding timber and concrete finishes;
- The addition of 200mm downpipes to both buildings;
- A reduction in the maximum ridge height of the Service Shaft building, resulting in a slightly revised, and lower roof profile to the southern extent of the building;
- The addition of louvres to both buildings. These will be designed so that they do not give rise to any light spill and will be painted in a light brown colour to match the surrounding timber finishes; and
- A reconfiguration of the access / roller shutter doors to both buildings.

Application Submission

The application was submitted via the planning portal (reference PP-07646963) on 22 February 2019 and comprises;

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

Originally Approved Drawings (NYM/2017/0505/MEIA)	Approved Drawing Reference Number	Replacement Drawing Reference Number
Men and Material Shaft Winder Plan, Section and Elevations (Colour)	653-AP-0054 rev. 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMC-WS-P-0150-1100-AR-DR11-2170 rev. D • 854-CPA-ZC-ZZ-SK-A-2002 rev. -
Mineral Shaft Winder Building Plan, Section and Elevations (Colour)	653-AP-0055 rev. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DMC-WS-P-0150-1200-AR-DR11-2171 rev. J • 854-CPA-ZC-ZZ-SK-A-2003 rev. -
Mining Buildings Elevation Study (Colour)	653-AP-0058 rev. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 653-AP-0058 rev. 5
Proposed Site Sections Sheet 02	653-AP-0009 rev. 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 653-AP-0009 rev. 16
Restoration Proposals – Cross Sections Sheet 1 of 3	2309.MH04 rev. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2309.MH04 rev. 7
Restoration Proposals –	2309.MH05 rev. 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2309.MH05 rev. 7



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

Effects of Proposed Changes

The small-scale nature of the proposed design amendments are such that they do 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 Assessments 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.

Yours sincerely

James Cox
Associate Director

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