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Dear Mr Smith

**APPLICATION IN RESPECT OF 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 ROAD ARRANGEMENTS WOODSMITH MINE (FORMELY DOVE'S NEST FARM & HAXBY PLANTATION), SNEATONTORPE**

Thank you for consulting us on the above proposal. I can confirm that we have no objection to this minor material amendments application.

We have reviewed the hydrogeological risk assessment (ref 40-FWS-WS-983-PA-RA-0001, dated June 2017) for the proposed section 73 works. We are satisfied that it adequately outlines those changes to the works at the minehead site that may affect groundwater.

We understand that further detailed groundwater quantitative assessments will be carried out and that these will be presented as part of future discharge of conditions for future phases and/or environmental permit submissions.

We have no concerns from a flood risk or water quality perspective.

Yours sincerely,

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