

*Note relating to Landscape and Visual Impact at Woodsmith Mine*

Estell Warren have given consideration to the potential landscape and visual effects arising from the proposed continued presence on site of the SM14 drill equipment during the early construction period, when 3nr D-wall rigs and associated crawler cranes would also be operational.

The SM14 drill equipment is comparable both in height (26.8m) and appearance to a D-wall rig, with upper sections of the structure comprising of an open latticework steel frame supporting a drilling column and hydraulic pipes. The SM14 equipment would be located across the production shaft.

Given the height and location of the SM14 drill equipment it is predicted that the combined Zone of Theoretically Visibility (ZTV) would not be any greater than that generated by the D-wall rigs alone. Whilst the SM14 drill equipment would be visible in combination with D-wall rigs and crawler cranes it would incur negligible changes in predicted construction stage views with no effects on overall visual impacts. Similarly, there would be no significant effects upon landscape character and no change to predicted landscape impacts.

In conclusion, there would be no change to predicted construction stage landscape and visual impacts identified in the S73 SES as a result of the SM14 drill equipment seen in combination with the D-wall rigs.

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