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Our ref: 50303/04/HS/VV/14464411v1

Your ref:

Dear Mr Smith

Application for minor material amendment to planning permission reference number NYM/2014/0676/MEIA

On behalf of our client Sirius Minerals plc, please find enclosed an application for a minor material amendment to the above planning permission. The application seeks amendments to the approved North Yorkshire Polyhalite Project, with changes limited to the Woodsmith Mine site (formerly referred to as Dove's Nest Farm). The application is submitted under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Minor changes to the approved scheme are required to incorporate detailed design changes at Woodsmith Mine, as efforts are made to deliver a highly efficient mine that minimises its environmental impact. The following changes are proposed:

- 1 The redesign of the foreshafts within the Men & Material, and Mineral Shafts and the adoption of an alternative approach to their construction (diaphragm walling), along with associated changes to the building layouts to enable access and ventilation to be incorporated, removing the need for the Drift Portal and the -45m level road network;
- 2 The removal of the temporary winders/temporary headframes at the Men & Material and Mineral Shafts during the construction period, reflecting the proposed earlier installation of the permanent winders;
- 3 Revised Construction/Operational Platform levels and groundwater management;
- 4 A reliance on a range of internal Shaft diameters to provide a greater level of flexibility during the construction phase;
- 5 The use of diaphragm wall construction for all shafts (i.e. below foreshafts), to 120 metres below-ground (approximately 80 metres AOD);
- 6 Reconsideration of the location and layout of the water attenuation ponds within the site; and,
- 7 Amendments to the internal road link to facilitate movement across the site.

Application Submission

This application comprises the following documentation:

- 1 Completed planning application forms and certificates relevant for a s73 submission;
- 2 A Planning Statement, that assesses the proposed changes to the approved scheme, against prevailing planning policy;
- 3 A Supplementary Environmental Statement (SES) that provides an assessment of the potential environmental effects related to the proposed amendments to the scheme. The SES is provided in two volumes (a Non-Technical Summary, and Technical Studies/Appendices);
- 4 A cheque for £195 made payable to North York Moors National Park, in respect of the planning application fee;
- 5 A draft s106 Supplementary Deed that *'carries over'* all existing s106 obligations to any new permission; and,
- 6 Amended Planning Application Drawings (see Appendix 1 to this letter).

The full extent of the North Yorkshire Polyhalite Project extends beyond the boundary of the North York Moors National Park, to Redcar and Cleveland Borough. To reflect the cross-boundary nature of the scheme, planning applications for the mine and MTS aspects of the Project were originally submitted to both authorities as appropriate, and both were subsequently approved.

However, given the limited nature of the proposed amendments to the scheme that are restricted to the Woodsmith Mine site, changes are only required to the NYMNPA's planning permission. This approach has been agreed with officers at Redcar and Cleveland. Hence, the s73 application is submitted to the National Park only, although a full electronic copy of the submission has been made available to Redcar and Cleveland for its information.

This application involves only limited changes to the approved built form of the development at Woodsmith Mine. The submitted SES evidences that the environmental impacts of the amended project are as per the original proposals. Given this, and with no material change to the prevailing policy for the site since the original decision made by the North York Moors National Park Authority in 2015, it is anticipated that this s73 application can be positively considered.

We trust the enclosed application documentation provides sufficient information to determine this s73 application.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix 1: Schedule of Updated Drawings

| Approved Plan Name | Approved Plan reference/drawing number | Change? |
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| Mine and MTS Planning Boundary | Y5154-0102M-CJD1 rev 2 | No change |
| Site Location Plan | YP-P2-CX-550 rev 1 | No change |
| Woodsmith Mine Site (was Doves Nest Farm Site) | | |
| Doves Nest Farm Existing Site Plan | 653-AP-0002 rev 2 | No change |
| Doves Nest Farm Site Plan - Existing Utilities and Borehole Locations | YP-P2-CX-510 rev 0 | No change |
| Doves Nest Farm Proposed Site Plan and Block Plan | 653-AP-0005 rev 1 | Updated, Ref: 653-AP-0005 rev 4 |
| Proposed Welfare Buildings Site Plan | 653-AP-0006 rev 1 | Updated, Ref: 653-AP-0006 rev 3 |
| Proposed Mine Buildings Site Plan | 653-AP-0007 rev 1 | Updated, Ref: 653-AP-0007 rev 11 |
| Doves Nest Farm Proposed Hard Landscaping Plan | 653-AP-0060 rev 1 | Updated, Ref: 653-AP-0060 rev 4 |
| Gatehouse – Proposed Plans, Sections and Elevations - Colour | 653-AP-0032 rev 0 | Updated, Ref: 653-AP-0032 rev 1 |
| Miner's Welfare Facility - Proposed Floor and Roof Plans - Colour | 653-AP-0033 rev 0 | No change |
| Miner's Welfare Facility - Proposed Sections & Elevations - Colour | 653-AP-0034 rev 0 | No change |
| Miner's Welfare Facility - Elevation Study - Sheet 01 | 653-AP-0035 rev 0 | No change |
| Miner's Welfare Facility - Elevation Study - Sheet 02 | 653-AP-0036 rev 0 | No change |
| Mine Building 04 – Back-up Generator Plan, Section and Elevations - Colour | 653-AP-0051 rev 3 | Updated, Ref: 653-AP-0051 rev 5 |
| Mine Building 05 – Intake Ventilation Shaft Plan, Section and Elevations - Colour | 653-AP-0052 rev 3 | Updated, Ref: 653-AP-0052 rev 5 |
| Mine Building 06 – Substation Plan, Section and Elevations - Colour | 653-AP-0053 rev 3 | Updated, Ref: 653-AP-0053 rev 5 |
| Mine Building 07 – Men and Material Shaft Winder Plan, Section and Elevations - Colour | 653-AP-0054 rev 3 | Updated, Ref: 653-AP-0054 rev 5 |
| Mine Building 08 – Mineral Shaft Winder Plan, Section and Elevations - Colour | 653-AP-0055 rev 3 | Updated, Ref: 653-AP-0055 rev 6 |
| Mine Building 09 – MTS Shaft Building Plan, Section and Elevations - Colour | 653-AP-0056 rev 4 | Updated, Ref: 653-AP-0056 rev 6 |
| Mine Building - Elevation Study - Colour | 653-AP-0058 rev 3 | Updated, Ref: 653-AP-0058 rev 4 |
| Doves Nest Farm - Existing Site Sections Sheet 01 | 653-AP-0003 rev 0 | No change |
| Doves Nest Farm - Existing Site Sections Sheet 02 | 653-AP-0004 rev 0 | No change |

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| Doves Nest Farm - Proposed Site Sections Sheet 01 | 653-AP-0008 rev 1 | Updated, Ref:653-AP-0008 rev 3 |
| Doves Nest Farm - Proposed Site Sections Sheet 02 | 653-AP-0009 rev 3 | Updated, Ref: 653-AP-0009 rev 14 |
| Proposed Minehead – Site General Arrangement MTS Scheme Construction Masterplan | YP-P2-CX-030 rev 11 | Replaced with updated phasing masterplans to be submitted for each proposed phase of works in accordance with condition 4 |
| Proposed Minehead – Site General Arrangement MTS Scheme Operation Masterplan | YP-P2-CX-031 rev 12 | Updated, Ref: YP-P2-CX-031 rev 13 |
| Proposed Minehead – Site General Arrangement MTS Scheme Earthworks Strategy Earthworks Bunds and Ponds | YP-P2-CX-032 rev 7 | Updated, Ref: YP-P2-CX-032 rev 10 |
| Proposed Minehead – Site General Arrangement MTS Scheme Earthworks Strategy Construction Platforms | YP-P2-CX-033 rev 7 | Updated, Ref: YP-P2-CX-033 rev 8 |
| Proposed Minehead – Pyritic Mudstone Facilities and Temporary NHNI Waste Storage Facility | YP-P2-CX-036 rev 3 | Updated, Ref: YP-P2-CX-036 rev 5 |
| Proposed Minehead – Dove’s Nest Farm, Hours of Working | YP-P2-CX-080 rev 1 | Updated, Ref: YP-P2-CX-080 rev 2 |
| Proposed Minehead – Surface Water Drainage, General Arrangement | YP-P2-CD-080 rev 9 | Replaced with YP-P2-CX-509 rev 3 (repetition) |
| Proposed Minehead – Earthworks Strategy Groundwater Drainage Design | YP-P2-CD-200 rev 6 | Replaced with YP-P2-CX-509 rev 3 (repetition) |
| Proposed Phasing Strategy - Phase 1, Months 1-6.5 | YP-P2-CX-500 rev 2 | Replacement plans provided for illustrative purposes only showing annual progress at in Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021 and Final Landforms. Detail otherwise being agreed and determined via submission pursuant to planning condition on the York Potash planning permission. |
| Proposed Phasing Strategy - Phase 2, Months 6.5-16 | YP-P2-CX-501 rev 2 | |
| Proposed Phasing Strategy - Phase 3, Months 17-25 | YP-P2-CX-502 rev 1 | |
| Proposed Phasing Strategy - Phase 4, Months 26-32 | YP-P2-CX-503 rev 1 | |
| Proposed Phasing Strategy - Phase 5, Months 33-40 | YP-P2-CX-504 rev 2 | |
| Proposed Phasing Strategy - Phase 6, Month 41-51 | YP-P2-CX-505 rev 1 | |
| Proposed Phasing Strategy - Phase 7, Removal of all non-hazardous non inert material off site | YP-P2-CX-506 rev 1 | |
| Minehead Site Working Plan - General Arrangement and Earthworks | YP-P2-CX-508 rev 3 | Updated, Ref: YP-P2-CX-508 rev 10 |
| Minehead Site Working Plan – General | 40-ARI-WS-71-CI- | New plan |

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| Arrangements and Minimum Earthworks | DR-1035 | |
| Minehead Site Working Plan - Surface Water Drainage | YP-P2-CX-509 rev 1 | Updated, Ref: YP-P2-CX-509 rev 3 |
| Minehead Site Working Plan - Lighting | YP-P2-CX-511 rev 1 | Updated, Ref: YP-P2-CX-511 rev 2 |
| Proposed Minehead - Existing Landscape Features | 2309.MH01 rev 02 | Updated, Ref: 2309.MH01 rev 04 |
| Proposed Minehead - Removal of Existing Landscape Features | 2309.MH02 rev 02 | Updated, Ref: 2309.MH02 rev 04 |
| Proposed Minehead - Restoration Proposals | 2309.MH03 rev 05 | Updated, Ref: 2309.MH03 rev 07 |
| Proposed Minehead - Restoration Proposals – Cross Sections | 2309.MH04 rev 04 | Updated, Ref: 2309.MH04 rev 06 |
| Proposed Minehead - Restoration Proposals – Cross Sections | 2309.MH05 rev 04 | Updated, Ref: 2309.MH05 rev 06 |
| Proposed Minehead - Restoration Proposals – Cross Sections | 2309.MH06 rev 04 | Updated, Ref: 2309.MH06 rev 06 |
| External Lighting Strategy Plans Construction Phase | YP-P2-EL-201-208 | Removed, detail included within RHDHV lighting strategy |
| Tree protection measures for works in highways at A171/B1416 right turn | 2556.473.AIA.Whitby.YPL | No change |
| Mine head Site Welfare Entrance General Arrangement (From ES Appendix 3.3) | YP-P2-CX-043 Issue 0 | No change |
| Minehead Site Access Junction (From ES Appendix 3.3) | YP-P2-CX-042 Issue 0 | Removed, right hand turn access no longer required as per s96A application |
| Proposed Mine and MTS Sub-Surface Structures | 1000-ENV-DFS-DWG-005 Rev 2 | Updated, Ref: 1000-ENV-DFS-DWG-005 Rev 4 |
| Lady Cross Plantation Site | | |
| Existing Site Plan | 653-LC-AP-0201 rev 2 | No change |
| Existing Site Sections | 653-LC-AP-0202 rev 0 | No change |
| Proposed Site Plan | 653-LC-AP-0203 rev 2 | No change |
| Proposed Compound Site Plan and Block Plan | 653-LC-AP-0204 rev 2 | No change |
| Proposed Site Sections | 653-LC-AP-0205 rev 0 | No change |
| MTS Building Proposed Plan, Section and Elevations | 653-LC-AP-0207 rev 0 | No change |
| Proposed Hard Landscaping Plan | 653-LC-AP-0208 rev 3 | No change |
| Proposed Site Earthworks – Ladycross | YP-P2-CX-443 rev 7 | No change |

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| Plantation, Spoil Phasing | | |
| Drainage working plan | YP-P2-CX-528 rev 2 | No change |
| Proposed Phasing Strategy: Phases 1 - 5 | YP-P2-CX-542 rev 2 | No change |
| Proposed Phasing Strategy: Phase 6 | YP-P2-CX-543 rev 2 | No change |
| Working Plan: General Arrangement and Earthworks | YP-P2-CX-525 rev 2 | No change |
| Ladycross Plantation Drainage - Construction | YP-P2-CX-445 rev 7 | No change |
| Ladycross Plantation Drainage - Operation | YP-P2-CX-446 rev 7 | No change |
| Ladycross Plantation – Proposed Earthworks | YP-P2-CX-447 rev 6 | No change |
| Lady Cross Plantation Site Plan – Existing Utilities and Borehole Locations | YP-P2-CX-532 rev 0 | No change |
| Working Plan: Lighting | YP-P2-EL-503 rev 2 | No change |
| Ladycross Plantation - Existing Landscape Features | 2322.LCP01 rev 3 | No change |
| Ladycross Plantation - Removal of Existing Vegetation | 2322.LCP02 rev 5 | No change |
| Restoration Proposals | 2322.LCP03 rev 4 | No change |
| Restoration Proposals – Cross Sections | 2322.LCP04 rev 1 | No change |
| Ladycross Plantation – Construction Masterplan | YP-P2-CX-440 rev 8 | No change |
| Ladycross Plantation – Operational Masterplan | YP-P2-CX-441 rev 8 | No change |