



Approval of the Surrender of a Licence

Licence - 11745

STRATFORD COAL PTY. LTD.
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Attention: Mr Michael Plain

Notice Number 1564871
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Date 19-Jun-2018

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BACKGROUND

The following licensee(s):

STRATFORD COAL PTY. LTD.

applied to the Environment Protection Authority ("EPA") to surrender Environment Protection Licence No. 11745 ("the licence") issued under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 ("the Act"). The licence authorises the carrying out of activities at the Bowens Road North Coal Mine BUCKETS WAY, STRATFORD, NSW, 2422.

- A. The EPA received the application on 11-Jan-2018.
- B. The Development Consent for the Stratford Extension Project (SSD-4966) was approved on 29 May 2015. This development consent incorporates the area covered by the Bowens Road North Coal Mine.
- C. In accordance with Schedule 2, Condition 9 of SSD-4966, the licensee is required to surrender existing development consents including DA 39-02-01 for the Bowens Road North Coal Mine.
- D. Licence Variation Notice no. 1562577 incorporates the area previously regulated under licence 11745 (the Bowens Road North Coal Mine) into the area regulated under licence 5161 (the Stratford Coal Mine).
- E. Accordingly licence 11745 for the Bowens Road North Project is no longer required.

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1. The surrender of the licence is approved.



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2. The approval of the surrender is subject to the following conditions:
 - a) The licensee must provide the EPA with an Annual Return in relation to compliance with the conditions of the licence during the period beginning on the last licence anniversary date and ending on the date that the surrender of the licence takes effect as set out in point 3 below.
 - b) The Annual Return must be supplied to the EPA within 60 days of the date from which this notice operates (see note at the end of this notice).
 - c) The content and form of the Annual Return must be in accordance with the applicable reporting conditions in the licence before it was surrendered.
 - d) The Annual Return must be signed in accordance with the applicable reporting conditions in the licence before it was surrendered.

3. Except as provided by section 84(2) of the Act, the approval of the surrender of the licence by this notice operates from the date of this notice.

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Peter Jamieson
Head Regional Operations Unit
North - Hunter
(by Delegation)

INFORMATION ABOUT THIS NOTICE

- On the date that the surrender of your licence takes effect the current licence fee period comes to an end. However, the surrender of your licence does not affect your liability to pay fees owing to the EPA for that licence fee period or for any earlier licence fee period.
- If you have not already paid the administrative fee for the licence fee period which has just come to an end on the surrender of your licence you must still do so. The administrative fee for a licence fee period must be paid no later than 60 days after the beginning of that licence fee period (clause 36(1) of the *Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009*).
- Any load-based fees payable in relation to the licence fee period ending on the surrender of the licence must be paid no later than 90 days after the surrender of the licence takes effect (clause 37(1) of the *Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009*).
- Details provided in this notice will be available on the EPA's Public Register in accordance with section 308 of the Act.

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- The reporting period on your Annual Return must be filled in to reflect the appropriate dates beginning on the last licence anniversary date and ending on the date that the surrender of the licence takes effect.
- The completed Annual Return must be sent by Registered Post no later than 60 days from the end of the reporting period to:

Regulatory and Compliance Support Unit
Environment Protection Authority (EPA)
PO Box A290
SYDNEY SOUTH NSW 1232

- This notice is issued under section 80(1) of the Act.

Appeals against this decision

- You can appeal to the Land and Environment Court against this decision. The deadline for lodging the appeal is 21 days after you were given notice of this decision.

When this notice begins to operate

- The surrender of the licence specified in this notice begins to operate immediately from the date of this notice, unless another date is specified in this notice.
- If an appeal is made against this decision to approve the surrender of the licence and the Land and Environment Court directs that the decision is stayed the decision does not operate until the stay ceases to have effect or the Land and Environment Court confirms the decision or the appeal is withdrawn (whichever occurs first).