

S.73 APPLICATION TO VARY CONDITIONS 3 AND 4

ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT ADDENDUM

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

**Ffos-y-Fran Land Reclamation Scheme, East of Merthyr Tydfil
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1.1.0 Introduction

S.73 Application Context

- 1.1.1 Planning permission for the operational surface coal mine at Ffos-y-Fran was originally granted under planning permission ref. A-PP 152-07-014 ('the original application'). The description of development was as follows:

"Application by Miller Argent (South Wales) Limited for the Ffos-y-Fran Land Reclamation Scheme, incorporating the extraction of coal by open cast methods, and being the final phase of the East Merthyr Reclamation Scheme."

- 1.1.2 The above permission was subsequently varied under a S.73 planning application (application ref. P/08/0316) which sought consent for:

"[The] Variation of condition 37 of planning permission A-PP 152-07-014 to permit the limited dispatch by road of up to 5% of the annual output of coal from the Ffos-y-Fran land reclamation scheme or a maximum of 50,000 tonnes of coal per annum (whichever is the lesser) via Cwmbargoed Disposal Point."

- 1.1.3 The application was refused by Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council but the proposals were subsequently allowed at Appeal (Appeal ref. APP/U6925/A/10/2129921). The Appeal Decision was issued on the 11th of March 2011 (subsequently reissued 6th May 2011) and contained a comprehensive list of updated conditions, thereby superseding the original planning permission for the site as detailed above (permission ref. A-PP 152-07-014).

- 1.1.4 The purpose of this S.73 application is to allow for an extension to the lifespan of the mine. As such, the application seeks to vary the following conditions as contained within Appeal ref. APP/U6925/A/10/2129921:

- **Condition 3** – "All coal extraction from the development hereby permitted shall cease no later than 06 September 2022"; and
- **Condition 4** – "Final restoration of the land shall be completed no later than 06 December 2024 and aftercare shall be undertaken for a period of not less than 5 years upon certification of completion of each phase of the progressive restoration scheme."

- 1.1.5 The S.73 application, as submitted, seeks to extend the lifespan of the minerals extraction by a further 9 months. As such, the timescales stipulated within the above conditions will be varied to match this extended life span for the mine. No alterations are proposed to the extraction area or working practices at the mine as previously consented.

Consideration of S.73 Application

- 1.1.6 The previous S.73 application for the site was not supported by a new Environmental Statement or an addendum and it was considered that this is due to the fact that the changes would not undermine the findings within the Environmental Statement submitted in the original application. This is because the extent or extraction amounts would not be altered.

- 1.1.7 Whilst this proposal is not seeking to extend the application site or increase the extraction of

minerals than what is already permitted, it is seeking to extend the lifespan of the operations of the site by 9 months. Therefore, whilst it is not considered this proposal would undermine the original Environmental Statement, legislation has been updated since the original application and thus the applicant has provided an Environmental Statement Addendum (ESA). This ESA will review the original planning application, original Environmental Statement and any information submitted to discharge conditions against the proposal and provide updated conclusions and mitigation where necessary.

Purpose and Structure of Chapter

- 1.1.8 This chapter of the Environmental Statement Addendum (ESA) comprises the site and its surroundings, planning history and details the submission of the application and ESA chapters.

1.2.0 Location and Description of Site

Site Location and Context

- 1.2.1 Ffos-y-Fran is a major opencast coaling operation located to the north-east of Merthyr Tydfil, South Wales. The site lies entirely within the authoritative bounds of Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council. The opencast mine is approximately 400 hectares (4km²) in size and is approximately located at OS grid reference SO07690728 at the centre of the site and is illustrated within Figure 1-1 below.

Figure 1-1: Ffos-y-Fran and Wider Site Setting



- 1.2.2 The A4060 runs to the west of the site, with the town of Merthyr Tydfil further adjacent. Within Merthyr Tydfil County Borough, there are a villages and communities, such as Dowlais, Pen-y-Darren, Abercanaid and Pentrebach. The Methyr Tydfil/Caerphilly Unitary Authority boundary (County Borough of Caerphilly) lies to the east of the site, with the Brecon Beacons National Park further north, approximately 10km away. To the south and around the site further afield, there is a scattering of common land – most notably Merthyr Common – agricultural land, non-agricultural land, urban land, unclassified road and villages. The unclassified common road referred to as the ‘Bogey Road’ runs through the site in an east-westerly direction.
- 1.2.3 Cwmbargoed Disposal Point – which handles the coal produced from the site – lies immediately to the east of the site. The Disposal Point, which operates independently under its own extant planning permissions, lies partly in the Country Borough of Merthyr Tydfil but predominantly in the County Borough of Caerphilly.

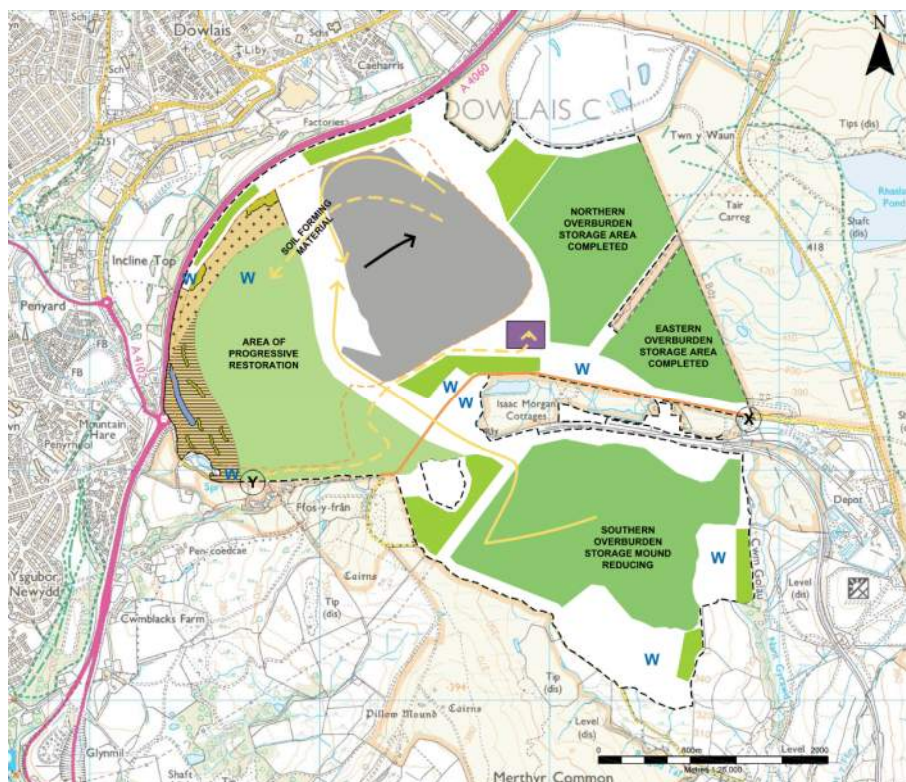
Site Description and Existing Use

- 1.2.4 The site principally consists of an opencast surface mine which has progressively worked from west to east direction; with the working face located on the eastern edge of the void and backfill of material taking place on the western edge of the void. There are also a number of other existing features within the site principally consisting of overburden mounds (OB1, OB2, OB3). The altitude of the site ranges between from approximately 370m AoD in the south, rising to approximately 385m in the northwest.
- 1.2.5 The site can be considered to consist of two general sectors; the north of the 'Bogey Road', which contains the majority of the opencast and reclamation operations, and the south of the road on which further reclamation works will be carried out following its use primarily for the storage of overburden.
- 1.2.6 Under the Agricultural Land Classification, the majority of the land historically falls under Grade 5 (Grade 1 being the agricultural land of the highest quality), with the remaining under Grade 4, whilst most of the site is made up of non-agricultural land. However, it should be duly recognised that there is a significant area of the site which is currently utilised for the ongoing opencast surface mining operations.
- 1.2.7 There is an Education Centre on site, alongside an administration office upon entrance, a coal washing plant, and railway route from the washery at Cwmbargoed down part of the former Rhymney/Great Western Joint Line to the junction with the Rhymney mainline at Ystrad Mynach. Coal is shipped five or six days a week to variety of customers, including Tata Steel, British Steel and Hope Cement.
- 1.2.8 There are a variety of heavy duty operational vehicles on site such as mechanical excavators, dump trucks and attendant ancillary plant, alongside spare machinery parts (tires etc.) and storage. Coal is transported by lorry to the Cwmbargoed Rail Disposal Point, which lies to the east of the site.
- 1.2.9 As noted above the existing site is currently a working opencast mine for the mining of coal, with industrial land associated with the operational use of mining.
- 1.2.10 The Ffos-y-Fran Land Reclamation Scheme refers to the last part of the East Merthyr Reclamation scheme, which comprises of three original phases of extraction and reclamation at the site. This final phase, which started in 2007, will restore derelict land after extracting an estimated 10 million tonnes of coal. This includes the removal of known shafts previously associated with iron ore and coal workings, removal and remediation of areas of landfill, and the restoration of the site to common land and grazing.

Existing Use

- 1.2.11 The existing site is currently a working opencast mine for the mining of coal. The approximate extent of the mine is shown within Figure 1-2, whilst the associated overburden mounds, infrastructure and industrial elements of the site are also identified. This drawing is provided at scale within Appendix 1-1.

Figure 1-2: Third Phase Maximum Void to End of Coaling (Plan Extract)



- 1.2.12 As identified above, the site has been progressively worked from a southwest to northeast direction; with the current working face located on the eastern edge of the void and backfill of material taking place on the western edge of the void. This working has been split across 25 'cuts' which provides a clear working practice across the site. The final cut at the site was undertaken in two stages, with cut 25B ongoing at present.

Designations and Environmental Constraints

Ecology

- 1.2.13 The site does not encompass any areas of nature conservation interest or designations. However, the continued blasting at the site for coal may have an effect on wildlife and wildlife and landscape character.
- 1.2.14 There are no nationally protected sites within a 2km radius of the site. Cwm Glo a Glyndyrys Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) (Wales) is approximately 3.3km away, whilst the closest boundary of the Cwm Taf Fechan Woodlands SSSI (Wales) is located approximately 2.8km to the north east of the site.

Heritage

- 1.2.15 The Ffos-y-Fran Land Reclamation Scheme lies within a wider landscape containing surviving buried and standing features of cultural heritage interest, some of which are of national importance related to Prehistoric occupation and to the much later industrial exploitation of ironstone coal and water for the great industrial works of Merthyr and South Wales. These assets, which fall under the Merthyr Tydfil Landscape of Outstanding Historic Interest, further include ponds and drainage

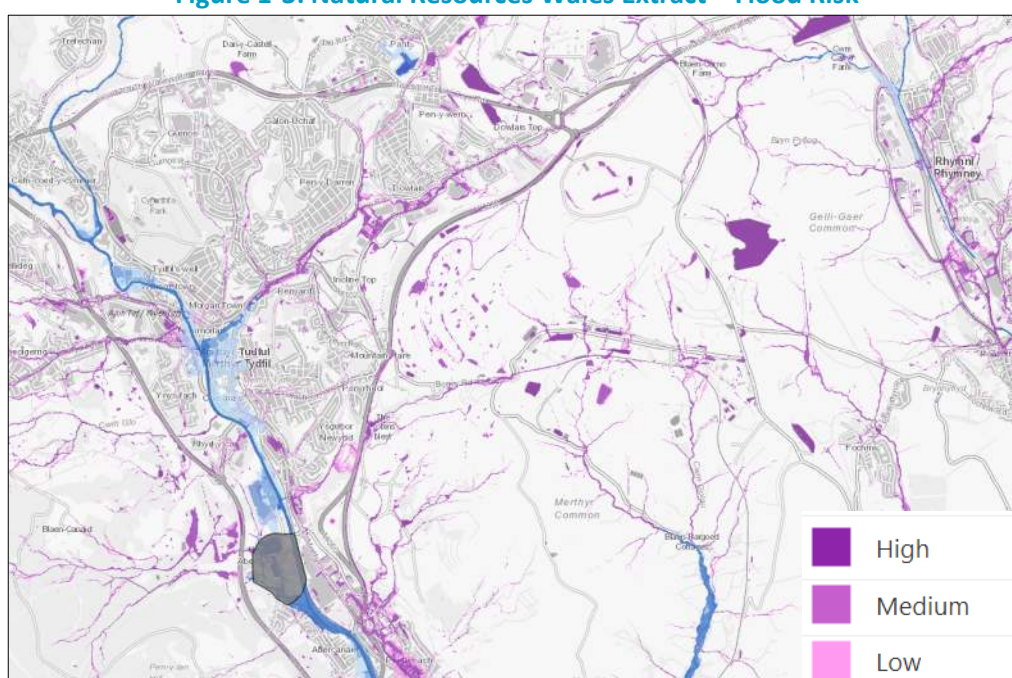
channels associated with the Dowlais Free Drainage System.

- 1.2.16 There are no Listed Buildings or Registered areas within the site itself, however there are a number of historic assets within 1km of the site, which include Grade II Listed Buildings, and the deserted Iron Mining Village of Sarn Howell Pond and Watercourses lying to the south.

Hydrology and Flood Risk

- 1.2.17 As seen on the Natural Resources Wales map extract below (Figure 1-3), small areas of Ffos-y-Fran have a Low-Medium flood risk from surface water and small watercourses, with a smaller number of areas with High risk. Rainfall is currently intercepted by the northerly trending ditch which directs the run off into culverting beneath the A4060 and into the tributary of the adjacent Nant Morlais watercourse.

Figure 1-3: Natural Resources Wales Extract – Flood Risk



- 1.2.18 A number of small watercourse and drains cross the site, including a section of the headwaters of the Bargoed Taf which enters the site in the north through a culvert beneath the Bogey Road and leaves through a culvert under the railway line to the south.
- 1.2.19 There is currently appropriate surface drainage mechanism in place, in the form of a de-watering pump and attenuation ponds, which has been maintained throughout the minerals extraction and ongoing restoration of the site. This ensures that surface water within the minerals void is actively managed and appropriately discharged from the site.

Geology

Solid Strata

- 1.2.20 The site works strata of the South Wales Middle and Lower Coal Measures Formation, which comprise predominantly mudstones with subordinate coal seams, seat earths, sandstones and ironstones.

- 1.2.21 The overburden storage area is partly underlain by strata of the Llynfi Member sandstones and mudstones (of the Pennant Formation).

Coal Seams

- 1.2.22 The lowest coal seam worked at the site is the Lower Four Feet, and the highest is the Eighteen Inch (Blackpins). There are approximately 23 names coal seams identified within the sequence, and numerous discrete and/or discontinuous partings which may be encountered during ongoing excavations.

Structure

- 1.2.23 The strata dip in a general south-easterly direction at between 3 and 11 degrees. There are two named faults that interact with the site, namely the Penydarren Fault and the Dowlais Fault.

1.3.0 Planning History

1.3.1 The planning history associated with the Ffos-y-Fran site, as available via the Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council online records, is provided within Table 1-1 below.

Table 1-1: Planning History

Application Ref.	Description of Development	Decision	Determination Date
52950161	Historic planning application which is not available online.	Approved	Unknown
52950423	Historic planning application which is not available online.	Approved	Unknown
P/98/0049	Temporary stockpile of excavated material from new A4060 construction (material to be used for landscaping of future works). Ffos-y-Fran Cwmbargoed DOWLAIS.	Temporary Approval	03/06/1998
P/98/0486	Variation of condition 1 of consent 52950161 to extend period of time for stocking and washing of coal beyond 31 st December 1998. Cwmbargoed Distribution Centre CWMBARGOED.	Temporary Approval	11/03/1999
P/99/0287	Opencast coal mining operation with associated reclamation works. Ffos-y-Fran CWMBARGOED	Withdrawn	23/06/2003
P/97/0111	Variation of condition 2 of application 52950423 to extend time period for stocking of coal until 31 st December 1998. Land Comprising Former Cwmbargoed Washery Site Cwmbargoed DOWLAIS CF48 4AE	Approved	11/09/2003
APP-152-07-014	Land reclamation incorporating the extraction of coal by opencast method. 400 hectares (988 Acres) of Land at Ffos-y-Fran East of A4060(T) Slip Road.	Refer to National Assembly	11/04/2005
P/07/0133	Extend and refurbishment of existing mineral processing and preparation plant and provision of water storage tank and coal haulage vehicle workshop for use in connection with mineral extraction operations at Ffos-y-Fran land reclamation scheme. Cwmbargoed Disposal Point Fochriw Road Cwmbargoed.	No Objection	04/09/2008
P/08/0182	Continue the use of Cwmbargoed Disposal Point with the provision of additional facilities for the duration of related operations at the Ffos-y-Fran land reclamation scheme. Cwmbargoed Disposal Point Glen View Terrace to Bridgend Road Fochriw.	No Objection	04/09/2008

Application Ref.	Description of Development	Decision	Determination Date
P/08/0091	Continuation of use of Cwmbargoed Disposal Point for the duration of related operations at the Ffos-y-Fran land reclamation scheme and the provision of additional facilities (mineral processing and preparation plant, coal washing plant, coal haulage vehicle workshop, water storage tank, information and advertisement hoardings, coal stacking and preparation facilities and other ancillary works). Cwmbargoed Disposal Point Fochriw Road Cwmbargoed.	Approved	03/09/2008
P/08/0316	Variation of condition 37 of planning permission A-PP 152-07-014 to permit the limited dispatch by road of up to 5% of the annual output of coal from the Ffos-y-Fran land reclamation scheme or a maximum of 50,000 tonnes of coal per annum (whichever is the lesser) via Cwmbargoed Disposal Point. Ffos-y-Fran Land Reclamation Scheme Ffos-y-Fran Merthyr Tydfil.	Refused	23/12/2009
APP/U6925/A/10/2129921	(APPEAL OF REF P/08/0316) Variation of condition 37 of planning permission A-PP 152-07-014 to permit the limited dispatch by road of up to 5% of the annual output of coal from the Ffos-y-Fran land reclamation scheme or a maximum of 50,000 tonnes of coal per annum (whichever is the lesser) via Cwmbargoed Disposal Point. Ffos-y-Fran Land Reclamation Scheme Ffos-y-Fran Merthyr Tydfil.	Appeal Allowed	06/05/2011
P/13/0130	Erect and operate a coal washing plant with ancillary buildings and infrastructure in associated with the existing facilities. Cwmbargoed Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4AE.	No Objection	16/05/2013
P/16/0012	Discharge of condition 53 (restoration and aftercare plan for Phase 1) of planning permission APP/152-07/014 so tha the development can be carried out in accordance with condition 53 of planning permission APP/U6925/A/10/2129921 relating to a land reclamation scheme incorporating the extraction of coal by open cast methods. Land at Ffos-y-Fran Land Reclamation Scheme East of Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4AE.	Approved	18/03/2016

Planning History Summary

- 1.3.2 The site and the surrounding area has a long history of ad-hoc and piecemeal minerals extraction which led to a problematic landscape which posed a risk to human health.
- 1.3.3 Opencast coal extraction was originally consented under planning permission ref. APP 152-07-014 which was known as the 'Land Reclamation Scheme'. Otherwise described as the "...final phase of the east Merthyr Reclamation Scheme". This consent essentially sought to restore the land through

progressive minerals extraction.

- 1.3.4 Planning permission for ref. APP 152-07-014 was granted on the 7th February 2005 after being referred to the National Assembly for Wales, and was approved based on reasons given from the Chair of Planning Decision Committee (2) 2005/2, and subject to the comments on conditions. These reasons are detailed below as follows:

“The scheme would bring substantial benefits both in terms of the restoration of a large area of derelict land at no cost to the public purse and in economic terms...The scheme would remove large areas of unsightly surface dereliction as well as unsafe features of both surface and underground dereliction from former mining use.”

“There would also be economic benefits both locally and on the wider stage. Local benefits would be in the provision of some 200 well paid jobs and the various payments of money towards a community fund, the Welsh Development Agency grant repayment, Council rates and several other matters. The value of these local economic benefits is estimated to be of the order of £130M. Wider benefits would include providing coal suitable for Aberthaw Power Station, on the efficiency and reliability of which a large proportion of the economic activity of South Wales depends. These economic benefits are a strong argument in favour of the proposals.”

- 1.3.5 There were concerns raised within the report which were balanced against the benefits, and these were:

“...the effects of dust and air pollution on the health of people living near to the site. Whilst there would be some deterioration in air quality as a result of the opencast operations, it would be slight and the air quality in Merthyr Tydfil would still be good and well within nationally accepted standards. It is possible that this slight change might affect the health of a small number of people who are already seriously ill and therefore more vulnerable. However, its general effect on the health of the community as a whole would not be significant.”

“Dust, noise and blasting from operations on the site would have the potential to be detrimental to the living conditions of nearby residents. However, extensive measures would be taken to minimise the creation and spread of dust and to minimise the transmission of noise and the effects of blasting operations. These would be subject to detailed control by means of planning conditions, which would include limiting working hours. On all of these matters I conclude the effects would not be significant or unacceptable.”

“I conclude that surface and groundwater resources would be adequately safeguarded both in terms of quantity and quality. The scheme would have a moderate effect on the historic landscape but would safeguard all features of high archaeological value. It would have a short-term impact on visual amenity but in the longer-term would be beneficial in providing a more attractive landscape. Despite the need to move a number of great crested newts under licensed control, the effect on nature conservation would be acceptable, and traffic effects would be negligible. It is significant that there are no objections to the scheme from any statutory consultees with responsibilities for safeguarding the various matters likely to be affected.”

- 1.3.6 It was concluded that the application was acceptable and in accordance with the development plan and national policies. It was noted that the benefits would outweigh the objections and concerns as the latter would be significantly controlled via planning conditions.

- 1.3.7 Subsequent to the above, Application ref. P/08/0316 (granted permission under appeal

APP/U6925/A/10/2129921) was submitted to vary condition 37 on App 152-07-014, which reads as follows:

“No coal shall be transported from the site except to the Cwmbargoed Disposal Point for onward transmission by rail.”

- 1.3.8 The application secured a variation in the wording to allow for transmission by road in addition to rail. Condition 37 was subsequently amended to allow for this variation, specifically 37(2). Therefore, whilst a number of conditions have been discharged and/or varied within the previous original permission, this Appeal Decision provided the updated conditions which now govern the site and thus this application refers to the variation of Conditions 3 and 4 within Appeal ref. APP/U6925/A/10/2129921.
- 1.3.9 Appeal ref. APP/U6925/A/10/2129921 therefore represents the extant planning permission for the site and the site operates in accordance with the conditions contained therein.

1.4.0 The Submission

1.4.1 This Environmental Statement Addendum (ESA) forms part of a suite of technical documents that are submitted as part of the S.73 application submission, including:

- Planning Application Forms and Certificates;
- Appeal Decision ref. APP/U6925/A/10/2129921 (the 'Haulage S.73' permission);
- Application Drawings;
 - Planning Application Site Area (SLR drawing no. FLRS/PA1);
 - Site Location Plan (SLR drawing no. FLRS/PA2);
 - East Merthyr Land Reclamation Scheme Phases and Related Proposals (SLR drawing no. FLRS/PA3);
- Planning Statement;
- Environmental Statement Addendum (Compliance Statement) (**Volume 1**);
- Technical Appendices (**Volume 2**); and
- Non-Technical Summary (**Volume 3**).

1.4.2 The ESA has been prepared as part of the S.73 application and reviews the findings of the original planning application for minerals extraction at the site, including its original Environmental Statement (ES), the subsequent S.73 Haulage application, and any information submitted to discharge conditions against the proposal and provide updated conclusions and mitigation where necessary. The ESA comprises three volumes as follows:

- **Volume 1** – Main Report;
- **Volume 2** – Technical Appendices; and
- **Volume 3** – Non-Technical Summary.

1.4.3 Within Volume 1, the main report is structured as follows:

- Chapters 1 to 4 are predominantly descriptive in nature, setting out the background to the site, the EIA process, applicable planning policy, description of development, and identification of any 'new' committed developments in proximity to the site. The Chapters are as follows:
 - **Chapter 1** – Introduction (this Chapter)
 - **Chapter 2** – Environmental Assessment Process
 - **Chapter 3** – Planning Policy and Context

- **Chapter 4** – Description of Development
- **Chapter 5** – Committed Developments
- Chapters 6 to 25 form the findings of the ESA, with each technical discipline detailing the applicable background information (changes to policy, legislation and guidance), the applicable scope of work, consideration of the original ES, any alternate or additional mitigation and residual effects. Figures and Tables are only included within the body of the Chapters where necessary. The Chapters are as follows:
 - **Chapter 6** – Utilities
 - **Chapter 7** – Footpaths, Bridleways and The Urban Common
 - **Chapter 8** – Traffic and Transport
 - **Chapter 9** – Soils
 - **Chapter 10** – Hydrology
 - **Chapter 11** - Geology
 - **Chapter 12** – Hydrogeology
 - **Chapter 13** – Geotechnical
 - **Chapter 14** – Archaeology and Heritage
 - **Chapter 15** – Ecology
 - **Chapter 16** – Landscape and Visual
 - **Chapter 17** – Noise
 - **Chapter 18** – Waste
 - **Chapter 19** – Air Quality
 - **Chapter 20** – Blast Vibration
 - **Chapter 21** – Socio-Economic
 - **Chapter 22** – Other Environmental Issues
 - **Chapter 23** – Cumulative and In-Combination
 - **Chapter 24** – Summary of Mitigation and Monitoring
 - **Chapter 25** – Conclusion

1.4.4 As detailed within the S.73 planning application submission, the proposals to vary Conditions 3 and 4 would not normally require the preparation and submission of an Environmental Statement or alike. On this basis, the work undertaken has been limited to the undertaking of a compliance based

review and ensuring that the proposed additional 9 month working period (and subsequent restoration period) would not alter the findings and requirements as outlined within the original ES.

- 1.4.5 In accordance with the EIA Regulations (Wales) 2017, which have come into force since the original application was determined, each Chapter has also duly considered a number of new topics which have been introduced (infrastructure, waste, population and human health, climate and carbon balance, and risks of major accidents and/or disasters). These considerations are contained within each Chapter in a section entitled 'Other Environmental Issues', whilst a summary of these considerations is contained within Chapter 21 (as listed above).
- 1.4.6 The Technical Appendices to the above chapters are provided within **Volume 2** of the ESA and have been limited to information which has not been previously submitted in support of either the original planning permission or subsequent Haulage S.73 permission. This is predominantly related to additional compliance and monitoring data which has been collected during the operational life of the mine. These Technical Appendices should be read in conjunction with the main report provided within **Volume 1**.
- 1.4.7 The Non-Technical Summary (NTS) is provided within **Volume 3** of the ESA. The NTS provides a brief summary of the proposed development, the technical assessments and the likely effects on the environment in non-technical language.

Compliance with EIA Regulations

- 1.4.8 Regulation 17(4) of the EIA regulations requires that '*An environmental statement must... be prepared by persons who in the opinion of the relevant planning authority or the Welsh Ministers, as appropriate, have sufficient expertise to ensure the completeness and quality of the statement*'. It is duly confirmed that the technical team are all accredited professionals within their field of expertise, with the relevant experience and competency to carry out the Technical Assessment work in support of an EIA.
- 1.4.9 The Technical Assessments contained herein have been prepared in accordance with best practice guidance and following a technical review of the scope of each assessment. Where appropriate, further information regarding the methodology and appropriate technical guidance is contained within each individual ESA Chapter.
- 1.4.10 Finally, in terms of EIA collation and co-ordination, SLR Consulting Limited is an IEMA accredited organisation and is a member of the EIA Quality Mark.

1.5.0 Viewing the ESA and Representations

Requesting Copies of the ESA Documents

- 1.5.1 The ESA and the original ES are available to view (free of charge) via the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council website on the following link: <https://www.merthyr.gov.uk/>. Alternatively, a copy will also be readily available at the Merthyr (South Wales) Limited site offices at Ffos-y-Fran.
- 1.5.2 A copy of the ESA can be requested from SLR Consulting Limited in either electronic (CD) or hard copy. The cost of duplicating the ESA will be charged at cost (i.e. no additional uplift) dependent on the format that the copy is requested. These costs are detailed below:
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 - Hard copy via post - £250.
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- 1.5.4 All other requests for copies of the application documents and ESA can be made via email at planning@slrconsulting.com.

Consultation and Representations

- 1.5.5 Should you wish to make representations to the S.73 application, including any comments on the content of this ESA, these must be made within 28 days of the application being validated by Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council. Any such representations can be submitted to Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council at the following email or postal address:
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