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Dear Mr. Nevitt:

BHP BILLITON, MV2003L2-0013
Verification Comments for Interim Closure and Reclamation Plan (ICRP) Section 4.

Please accept ENR's verification comments for Section 4 review of BHP Billiton's (BHPB) ICRP. ENR is satisfied with BHPB's response for tracking numbers 7, 8, 35, and 297 and finds all comments resolved. In addition, ENR would like to note, the outstanding tracking numbers 81, 212 and 254, from Section 2, have also been resolved.

ENR supports comments made in IEMA's verification letter with respect to the inclusion of information or reports completed after the January 2007 "cut-off" date proposed by BHPB. ENR encourages BHPB to include, at a minimum, information from the five listed documents, as detailed in IEMA's letter.

In addition, ENR reiterates BHPB's commitment to revise Appendix F, Reclamation Research Plan; to reflect linkages between uncertainties to specific objectives and activities; to provide more detailed information on research tasks; and to provide an updated research schedule.

Once BHPB has completed the revisions, it is understood that the Working Group will have three weeks to review the revised Plan. ENR requests an extension to the three weeks in order to complete a thorough review.

ENR would also like to express our appreciation to the Board for a job well done on facilitating a successful review of BHPB's ICRP.

Sincerely,

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