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Mining and Petroleum Operations
Department of Natural Resources and Mines
Building E, 25 Yeppoon Road, Parkhurst QLD 4702

RE: Whitehaven WS Pty Ltd (ACN 625 165 004) – Winchester South Infrastructure Mining Lease Application - Statement Justifying the Area of the Permit and its Shape and the required Surface Area

The alignment of the Winchester South Infrastructure Mining Lease Application (MLA) crosses the Eagle Downs Coal Mining Lease ML70389. This alignment has been selected following numerous discussions with South32/Aquila (who jointly own ML70389). The MLA alignment follows a fault zone which runs through the Eagle Downs Mine and as such the alignment minimises any coal sterilisation on ML70389.

All of the surface area within the Winchester South Infrastructure Mining Lease Application area (see attached Figure) is required for the following purposes:

- Winchester South Mine access road;
- Raw water pipeline; and
- Electricity Transmission Line (ETL).

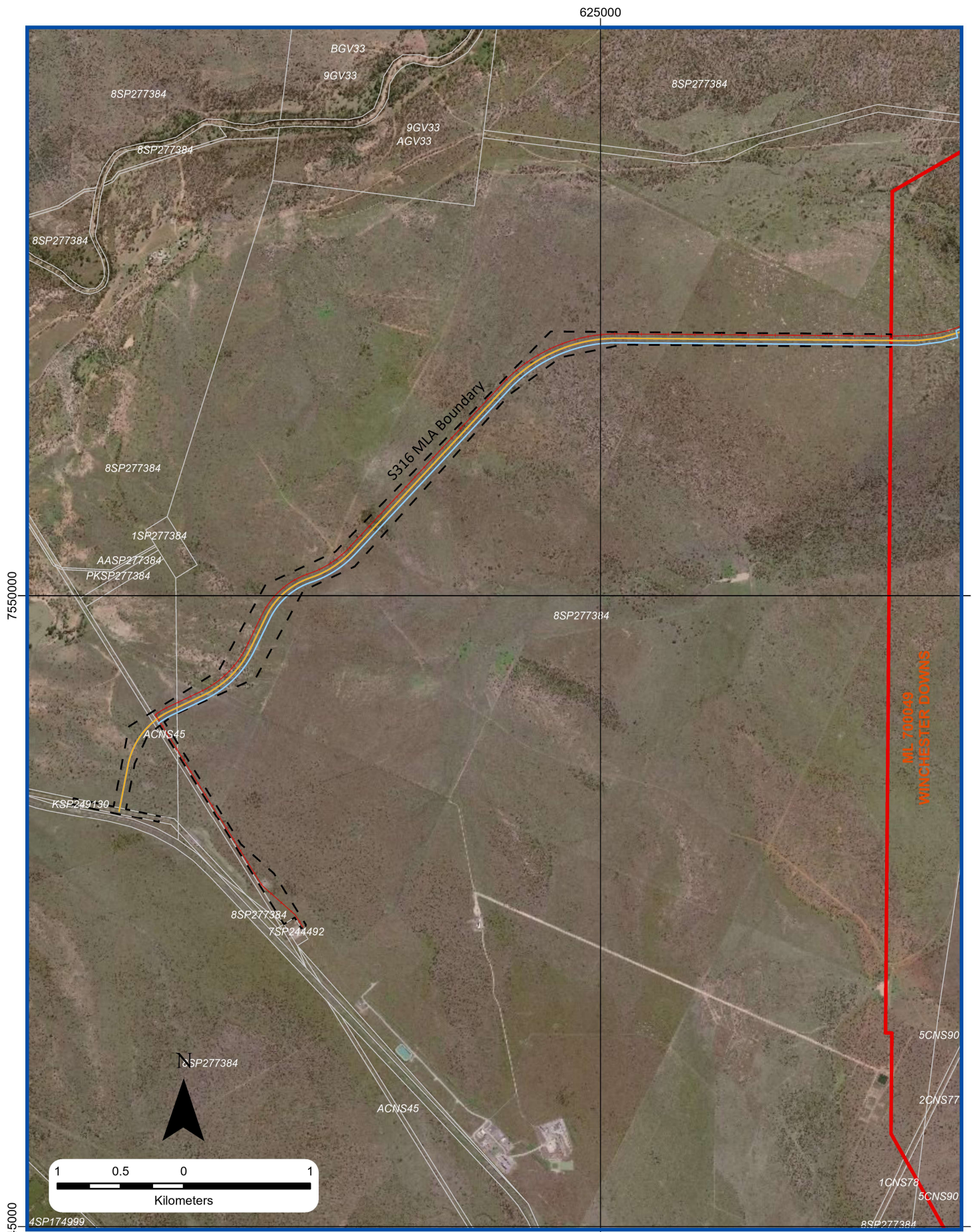
The mine access road for the Project will adjoin the existing Eagle Downs Mine Access Road. The Eagle Downs Mine Access Road runs through a parcel of land (Lot 8 SP277384). The Project ETL will connect to the Powerlink's 132 kV switching station (Eagle Downs Substation) which is located on Lot 7 SP244492. The raw water pipeline will connect into the Eungella Southern Pipeline which is located within the same easement as Powerlink's 132kv Moranbah to Dysart ETL.

As a result, there are no areas that can reasonably be removed either from the Winchester South Mining Lease Applications or the surface area requirements identified for them.

Yours Sincerely,



Todd Harrington
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Legend

- S316 MLA Boundary
- MLA1-3 Boundaries
- DCDB Isaac Regional
- Access Road
- Electricity Transmission Line
- Water Supply Pipeline