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Dear Mr Hatfield

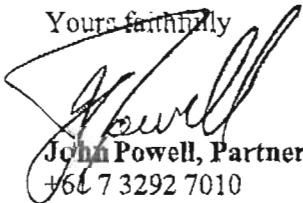
Applications for Authorisation A91009 and A91010 ("Application") lodged by Tarong Energy Corporation Limited

We refer to the above Application.

Tarong Energy Corporation Limited confirms that it supports the joining of New Hope Corporation Limited ("New Hope") and New Acland Coal Pty Ltd ("New Acland") to the Application for authorisation in respect of the Coal Supply Agreement dated 13 June 2006 between Tarong Energy Corporation Limited, New Hope and New Acland.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns with regard to the content of this letter.

Yours faithfully


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