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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission  
23 Marcus Clarke Street  
Canberra ACT 2601

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**Hunter Valley Coal Chain Coordinator Limited (HVCCC) – Continuation of activities**

**Authorization number AA1000658-1**

Thank you for the invitation to make a submission. Malabar Resources Ltd (Malabar) makes the following submission in strong support of the HVCCC application.

**Malabar Background**

Malabar owns and operates the Maxwell Underground Mine (Maxwell) in the Hunter Valley.

Maxwell commenced production in 2023 and has a consented 26-year mine life. Malabar has resources and reserves that extend well beyond the current consent with Malabar committed to long term metallurgical coal production.

Importantly we are targeting high quality metallurgical coals that are exported to customers across the globe for the production of steel and other metals. Hence we are confident of long term demand for our products.

All of Maxwell's coal is exported via rail and the Port of Newcastle.

The HVCCC has provided a framework that has enabled a seamless entry and access to rail and port scheduling and coordination. Malabar is a member organisation of the HVCCC and committed to long term involvement to ensure the Hunter Valley Coal Chain operates efficiently.

Malabar supports the application.

Yours sincerely



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