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Dear Elizabeth,

SUBMISSION FOR EXEMPTION FROM CLAUSE 2.5.2.2 OF THE TECHNICAL RULES FOR NEWMONT MINING SERVICES PTY LTD

Thank you for arranging the telephone conference on Tuesday, 18 August 2015 between the Authority, Geoff Brown & Associates (**GBA**) and Western Power to discuss Western Power's submission for exemption from the Technical Rules in relation to Newmont Mining Services Pty Ltd (**Newmont**) connection at Parkeston, near Kalgoorlie.

The meeting explored and resolved compliance issues raised in the exemption submission and in GBA's draft review report. As a result of the meeting, Western Power has reached a revised position which is based on the following:

- Network Technical Rules N-1 compliant transfer levels will be maintained by the use of a high speed inter trip system
- The inter trip design ensures N-1 load shedding will be avoided as required by clause 2.5.2.2(b)
- The inter trip arrangement will be included as a condition in Newmont's connection agreement as per clause 3.1(b)
- The amended connection arrangement will have little or no impact on the network or its Users
- Network loading levels for providing the requested increase to overnight power transfers will not exceed current maximum levels
- The objectives of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004* and the Technical Rules will be met

Thus, Western Power now believes it is possible to upgrade Newmont's connection and maintain Technical Rules compliance without an exemption and looks forward to the Authority's final determination on this matter.

Yours sincerely



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