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**Sent:** 16 February 2012 15:42  
**To:** Mitchell,Don (Environmental Services)  
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Dear Don

Further to your Email 3 February 2012, please find attached, as requested, our comments on the above EIA Scoping Opinion.

Should you wish to discuss any of the issues raised, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Regards

**Claire Streater**

**Admin Officer**

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**[By Email: [don.mitchell@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:don.mitchell@derbyshire.gov.uk)]**

16 February 2012

For the Attention of: Don Mitchell – Planning Control

Dear Mr Mitchell

**EIA SCOPING OPINION: SCOM/4/46**

**Proposed surface coal mining at Hill Top Farm, Clay Cross, Derbyshire**

Thank you for your consultation letter of 3 February 2012 seeking the views of The Coal Authority on the EIA Scoping Opinion for the above proposal.

The Coal Authority Response

The Coal Authority considers that the scope of the Environmental Statement as proposed by Provectus (January 2012) addresses an appropriate and comprehensive range of issues.

In preparing the Environmental Statement, The Coal Authority would specifically request that due consideration is afforded to any potential impacts of the proposal on the hydrology of the area and the potential impact on the surface coal mining operation of mine gases.

The applicant should be aware that The Coal Authority operates two minewater monitoring points approximately 3km north of the proposed application site, which may provide useful information for the hydrology section of the ES. The applicant should also be aware that historically mine gases have proved to be an issue within this part of Derbyshire.

In accordance with our consultation requirements, we look forward to receiving the planning application and Environmental Statement for comment in due course.

I trust this is acceptable, please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information or would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

*Mark Harrison*

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