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Dear David and Bob,

Re Entry to Pike River Drift

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the current opinions of Dr Roy Moreby of Morvent Mining Ltd and Mr John Rowland of Dallas Mining Services Pty Ltd [the **Undersigned**] with respect to the proposal of Mr Bob Stevenson and Dr David Creedy as Pike River family's technical advisors, to re-enter the drift at Pike River mine.

We were both involved with the risk assessment meetings held at Greymouth in June 2014 and supported the strategy for drift re-entry formulated at that time. One outcome of that meeting was a report concerning a proposed strategy for staged re-entry of the drift using nitrogen injection and existing auxiliary fans located at the portal. This report, entitled "*Pike River Drift Re Entry - Ventilation and Gas Management*", has been placed in the public domain by Solid Energy at

<http://www.solidenergy.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/Roy-Moreby-Report-RevPike-River-Re-entry-Gas-and-VentR2.pdf>

We have considered your proposal entitled "*Introducing a method for safe re-entry of Pike River Mine Drift*" [the **Plan**]. With respect to ventilation and gas management issues, we consider the **Plan** to be a credible proposal that is consistent with "normal" mining practice, consistent with findings of previous risk assessments concerning re-entry to the drift and one that could be undertaken with an acceptable level of risk. With respect to other hazards identified in the risk assessments, such as strata control, we also consider that these could be managed to an acceptable level of risk using "normal" mining controls and interventions, as they were during development of the drift.

We support your various justifications and rationale for re-entry to the drift under the **Plan** and are willing to provide further technical advice and support should your proposal be successful.

Yours sincerely



Dr Roy Moreby



Mr John Rowland