Assessment of revised Dargues Reef application continues

The Department of Planning and Environment has been notified by Unity Mining that it is changing its modification application for its Dargues Reef mine to remove the proposal to use cyanide for processing gold on the site.

No decision has been made on the remainder of the application. The proposal will still need to go through the normal process and be considered against stringent standards.

The Department will continue to rigorously assess the company’s application in consultation with other government agencies, including the NSW Environment Protection Authority.

The remaining components of the application involve:
- extending the life of the mine by 4 years (to 2022)
- increasing the total ore extracted from 1.2 million tonnes to 1.6 million tonnes
- increasing the capacity of the tailings storage facility
- constructing a Waste Rock Emplacement
- constructing a vehicle crossing over Spring Creek.

The company is currently preparing a response to the issues raised in submissions following the public exhibition of its application.

Once that is received, the Department will finalise its assessment taking into account submissions and the company’s response and will make a recommendation to the independent Planning Assessment Commission.

The final decision on the revised modification application will be made by the Commission.

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