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Dear Mr Gray,

**Review Event Submission – Central Queensland Flood January 2013**

With regard to the application by Aurizon Network in relation to the Review Event Submission for the pass through of costs associated with flooding in central Queensland in January 2013, Sojitz Minerva Mining Pty Ltd would like to provide the following comments for your consideration:

The Sojitz Minerva Mine is a single low volume coal user that is connected to the Port of Gladstone by means of the existing Blackwater system, then via a single freight line through Burngrove, Nogoia, the Wurba Junction and the spur line and loading loop that connects the Minerva train load out (approximately 413 kilometers in total).

During the 2010-11 Central Queensland Flooding events it was determined by Aurizon Network that only the amounts applicable to the Minerva and Rolleston branch lines were recovered from those individual users via a system premium, and the balance of the Blackwater incremental repair costs were recovered via an adjusted common corridor charge. Therefore only the Blackwater Net Tonne kilometres (NTK) system forecasts were used to determine the incremental change in the AT3 Reference Tariff component for common corridor users, while the Minerva and Rolleston tariffs were calculated as separate increases to the relevant branch lines' System Premiums.

Sojitz Minerva Mining Pty Ltd recognises that parts of the single Minerva line and Comet River bridge area suffered substantial damage in the 2010-11 Flood and that the process of adjusting the NTKs for the common corridor was, in most parts, reasonable.

However, in a reciprocally considered fair and reasonable approach, and given the coastal location of the 2013 Flooding event on the Blackwater and North Coast lines (refer Table 1 of SKM's Report for distances), we request that the Authority consider that the final 2013 Flood Claim be adjusted on an AT4 Reference Tariff (Net Tonne basis) to lessen the impact on mines situated at a substantial distance from the main Blackwater system.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Aurizon Network submission, and we await the outcome of your assessment.

Yours faithfully

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