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For the attention of Paul Questa

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Dear Sir/Madam

Park Road, Church Gresley, Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE11 9QE
Application for a Permit to Enter or Disturb Coal Authority Mining Interests

I refer to your application on behalf of your client for permission to enter the Coal Authority's property. Attached to this letter is the signed permit certificate and supporting documentation which allows you to carry out the works to the specifications in the documents you submitted within "the site" as shown on the attached plan.

Please note that you may require permission from other property owners such as the surface land owner or other mineral owners.

You should be aware that mine gas may be present within coal seams, voids in shallow mine workings, mine entries, voids above such workings and in any permeable strata or surface fill material. More guidance on managing the risk of hazardous gases can be viewed on our website.

Consequently there is a risk of encountering mine gas during the proposed works. All boreholes and excavations should be regularly tested, particularly at times of falling barometric pressure, for all gases associated with coal mining, commonly carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, methane, oxygen and hydrogen sulphide.

If mine gas or mine water is encountered, you should ensure that such occurrences are documented and that appropriate actions are taken. Any surface construction must take account of the risks associated with building on land that may be susceptible to surface emissions of mine gases and mining related instability. Care should be taken to ensure any exposed coal seams and all boreholes and excavations are effectively sealed with a cement based material at the earliest opportunity to prevent continued ingress of air.

Please ensure that the site supervisor and operatives working under this Permit, have a copy of and are familiar with the attached *Guidance for site operatives on the risk of hazardous gases when drilling or piling through coal*.

The accompanying permit certificate and supporting documentation should be distributed to all interested parties (especially the site operatives) and be available on site for inspection by ourselves or by the HSE.

This permit certificate is issued on the understanding that, under no circumstances will works other than those specified, be carried out without the prior written approval of the Authority.

You must employ systems for managing health and safety; identifying hazards, assessing risks, creating risk profiles and establishing control measures to control risk to 'As low As Reasonably Practicable' (ALARP). You must ensure at all times that control measures are maintained to prevent and if necessary mitigate against any loss of control. Risks must be controlled to ALARP.

It is your duty to consider if the Borehole Sites and Operations Regulations 1995 apply to your activity and comply with the regulations as required. However, your health and safety systems should include as assessment of potential hazards and if relevant, a plan for the prevention of fire and explosions including the potential for blowouts (gas/fluids); on-site and off-site receptors should be considered and how any risks to them will be mitigated.

Manned entry into Coal Authority property is strictly prohibited. Under no circumstances should any person enter any Coal Authority property such as mine entries, underground workings or crop-workings.

It is the responsibility of the Designer to ensure that the proposed works are sufficient for any planned developments at the site, especially if the discharge of a planning condition is necessary. If at any point you consider that additional works may be required please contact me to discuss this.

Please submit full details of all works undertaken as required by section 8 of the permit terms and conditions, when the works are complete. At this time you will need to confirm if the permit should remain in place. If you wish to discuss this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me using the contact details shown.

Important:

Please be aware unrecorded mine workings may be present beneath or near the site that may be disturbed by your proposed works. Faults can act as pathways for gas and water, cause surface instability and result in dissimilar coal conditions/hazards due to their relative displacement of strata.

Our records also indicate a fault is present within close proximity to the site.

Please quote the Coal Authority Reference No.24043 on all future correspondence.

If you want further information on the Permitting process, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-a-permit-to-deal-with-a-coal-mine-on-your-property>

The Permitting Office is open: Monday to Thursday – 8:45am to 5pm and Friday – 8:45am to 4.30pm for any queries.

Yours faithfully

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