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Endorsed Expansion Pricing DAAU – Sojitz MDS Mining Pty Ltd

Dear George,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the “Aurizon Network draft amending access undertaking (DAAU) seeking to amend Blackwater system’s reference tariffs and volumes, implementing expansion pricing for Meteor Downs South (the MDS Pricing DAAU)”.

The Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC) is the national industry body representing over 325 mining and mineral exploration companies across Australia. Our members are explorers, emerging miners, producers, and a wide range of businesses working in and for the industry. Due to the types of members we have, this topic is particularly interesting as we hope to see more expanding users productively entering the network in future.

I am writing to confirm that AMEC’s support for the key terms of the Draft Amending Access Undertaking that Aurizon Network Pty Ltd (Aurizon Network) has submitted to the Queensland Competition Authority (QCA) regarding the Endorsed Expansion Pricing Proposal for Meteor Downs South (DAAU).

AMEC is supportive of the key terms of the DAAU. In particular, AMEC supports the proposals that seeks to minimise the term that an expanding user is subject to differential terms of access to Non-Expansion Stakeholders. This reduces barriers to entry for new mines and reduces the impact of discrimination between incumbents and entrants.

We therefore seek the QCA’s approval of the DAAU in order to proceed with the pricing as proposed.

Yours sincerely

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