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## Directive

I Stephen Smith, an Inspector appointed under Section 125, of the Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999 issue a Directive to suspend operations for unacceptable level of risk, pursuant to 167 of the Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999.

<b>Subject:</b> Monitoring	<b>Mine ID:</b> MI02976
<b>Mine Name:</b> Grosvenor Coal Mine	<b>Operator:</b> Anglo Coal (Grosvenor Management) Pty Ltd
<b>Activity:</b> Postal Mine Record Entry	<b>Activity Date:</b> 08/04/2020
<b>Record Date:</b> 09/04/2020	<b>MRE Item No.:</b> 1

### Title: Non-compliant gas monitoring

#### Directive Given:

The SSE is to suspend Longwall mining operations at Grosvenor underground coal mine due to the methane monitoring system in the Longwall return roadway not complying with section 243A of the Coal Mining Safety and Health Regulations 2017.

#### References:

s.243A CMSHR 2017

A person to whom a directive is given must comply with the directive as soon as reasonably practicable. Risk to a person resulting from a hazard at the mine must be within acceptable limits at all times.

**Reasonable Time for Compliance – Due Date:** 30/04/2020

**Action Taken by Mine to Comply with Directive:**

**Directive –**

1. If an inspector, inspection officer or industry safety and health representative believes risk from coal mining operations is not at an acceptable level, the inspector, officer or representative may give a directive to any person to suspend operations in all or part of the mine.
2. The directive must be given orally or by notice.
3. If the directive is given orally, the person giving the directive must confirm the directive by notice to the person in control of the mine or part of the mine affected by the directive and to the relevant site senior executive.
4. Failure to comply with subsection (3) does not affect the validity of the directive.

**Method of Giving Directive –**

This directive orally on 09/04/2020 at 9:30AM

**Directive Given To –**

This directive is given to the following person/s -

Site senior executive Trent Griffiths

**Method of identification Used –**

In issuing this directive I identified myself as a person appointed under Section 125 of the Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999.

I will produce my identity card for the other person's inspection at the first reasonable opportunity (it not being practicable to produce or display the identity card at the time of exercising the power)

**Part of mine affected by directive –**

Longwall 104

**A copy of the directive was given to –**

A copy of this directive or notice was given to the person in control of the mine or part of the mine affected by the directive on 09/04/2020 at 10:00 AM.

A copy of this directive or notice was given to Site Senior Executive on 09/04/2020 at 10:00 AM.

**In giving this directive I believe risk from operations is not at an acceptable level.**

The reason for my belief or suspicion is based upon the following -

The automatic methane sensor that is installed in the canopy of the last Tailgate shield does not meet the requirement of s.243A.

If depending on this sensor "D", it is to be located in the return airway of the longwall face outbye of the intersection of the longwall return ventilation split and longwall face

**Operations at the mine or the parts of the mine specified are suspended until the above action is taken**

**Stephen Smith:** 

**Date Issued:** 09 / 04 / 20

**Warning** - Failure to comply with this directive is an offence. If you disagree with this directive, you may apply for a review of the directive. A summary of the review provisions is provided below.

## Provisions of the Coal Mining Safety and Health Act 1999 in Relation to Directives

### 174. Directives

- (1) If an inspector, inspection officer, or industry safety and health representative has given a directive, the inspector, officer or representative -
  - (a) must enter it in the mine record as soon as reasonably practicable after giving it; and
  - (b) must state the reason for the directive in the mine record.
- (2) A person to whom a directive is given must comply with the directive as soon as reasonably practicable.  
Maximum penalty - 800 penalty units or 2 years imprisonment.
- (3) The site senior executive must enter in the mine record the action taken to comply with the directive as soon as practicable after the action is taken.  
Maximum penalty - 40 penalty units.
- (4) The site senior executive must make copies of directives available for inspection by coal mine workers.  
Maximum penalty - 40 penalty units.
- (5) A directive remains effective until -
  - (a) for a directive by an industry safety and health representative - it is withdrawn in writing by the representative or an inspector; or
  - (b) for a directive by the chief inspector - it is withdrawn in writing by the chief inspector; or
  - (c) for a directive by an inspector other than the chief inspector - it is withdrawn in writing by the inspector or another inspector; or
  - (d) for a directive of an inspection officer - it is withdrawn in writing by the inspection officer or an inspector; or
  - (e) for a directive by an industry safety and health representative, an inspection officer or an inspector and not otherwise withdrawn - the chief inspector varies or sets aside the directive after reviewing it under subdivision 4; or
  - (f) the Industrial Court stays, varies or sets aside the directive.

### **Subdivision 4 - Review of directives**

#### 175. Application for review

A person who is given a directive from an inspector (other than the chief inspector), inspection officer or industry safety and health representative may apply under this division for the directive to be reviewed.

#### 176. Procedure for review

- (1) The application must -
  - (a) be made in writing to the chief inspector; and
  - (b) be supported by enough information to allow the chief inspector to decide the application.
- (2) The application must be made to the chief inspector within -
  - (a) 7 days after the day on which the person received the directive; or
  - (b) the longer period, within 2 months after the day, the chief inspector in special circumstances allows.
- (3) The chief inspector must consider the application within 7 days after receiving it and immediately advise the applicant in writing whether the chief inspector considers the applicant has complied with subsection (1).
- (4) If the chief inspector does not consider the application is supported by enough information to allow the chief inspector to decide the application, the chief inspector must advise the applicant what further information the chief inspector requires.
- (5) When the chief inspector is satisfied the applicant has complied with subsection (1), the chief inspector must immediately advise the applicant in writing of that fact.

#### 177. Review of directive

- (1) The chief inspector must, within 14 days after giving the advice mentioned in section 176(5), review the directive and make a decision (the “**review decision**”) -
  - (a) to confirm the directive appealed against; or
  - (b) to vary or set aside the directive appealed against.
- (2) The chief inspector may give a directive in substitution for a directive the chief inspector decides to set aside.
- (3) Within 7 days after making the review decision, the chief inspector must give notice of the decision to the applicant.
- (4) The notice must -
  - (a) include the reasons for the review decision; and
  - (b) if the notice does not set aside the directive, tell the applicant of the applicant’s right of appeal against the decision.
- (5) If the chief inspector does not -
  - (a) review the directive within the time allowed under subsection (1); or

(b) having reviewed the directive, advise the applicant of the review decision within the time allowed under subsection (3); the applicant may appeal against the directive under part 14.

**178. Stay of operation of directive**

- (1) If a person applies under this division for a directive to be reviewed, the person may immediately apply to the Industrial Court for a stay of the directive.
- (2) The court may stay the directive to secure the effectiveness of the review and any later appeal to the court.
- (3) A stay -
  - (a) may be given on conditions the court considers appropriate; and
  - (b) operates for the period fixed by the court; and
  - (c) may be revoked or amended by the court.
- (4) The period of a stay must not extend past the time when the chief inspector reviews the directive and any later period the court allows the person to enable the person to appeal against the decision.
- (5) An application made for a review of a directive affects the directive, or the carrying out of the directive, only if the directive is stayed.
- (6) However, a directive under section 167 must not be stayed.