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Dear Mr Cox

Independent Inquiry into Hazelwood Mine Fire - State's Response
Information regarding call to 000 on 9 February 2014

We refer to our previous communications in this matter and to the evidence given in the hearings thus far.

As you are aware, in the course of giving evidence on Monday, 26 May 2014, the Fire Services Commissioner (**Commissioner**) was requested by the Board to ascertain whether a call had been made to 000 by GDF Suez on 9 February 2014 (see transcript for 26 May 2014, page 49).

In the course of giving evidence yesterday, Mr Shanahan, a GDF Suez employee, referred to a call been logged by Diamond Protection (the firm we understand provides security services for GDF Suez) of a call been made to 000 at 13:40 on 9 February 2014 (see transcript, page 274).

In order to address the query raised in the course of the Commissioner giving evidence on 26 May 2014 we have taken steps to contact the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (**ESTA**) to ascertain whether a call was made by GDF Suez on 9 February 2014. We understand that the logs that are kept by ESTA make reference to calls being received and list the relevant phone number from which the call was made.

To date, ESTA has been unable to find any record of a call been made from numbers utilised by GDF Suez. Given that Mr Shanahan refers to a call been made by Diamond Protection, we request that you urgently provide us with the number from which that call at 13:40 on 9 February 2014 was made (or numbers from which the call could have been made).

Given that the Board has requested that the Commissioner provide an answer to this query on Friday, 30 May 2014, we request that you urgently provide us with this information preferably by close of business today.

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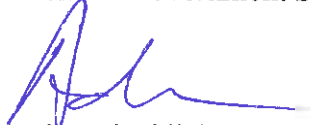

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Please feel free to contact Dr Adrian Hoel, of our office, in relation to this matter if you have any further queries (03 8684 0244).

Yours faithfully
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