NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF DRAFT PUBLIC ENVIRONMENT REPORT (PER) Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) – Section 98(1)(c) VULCAN SOUTH COAL MINE EPBC 2023/09708

Vitrinite Pty Ltd (Vitrinite), owner of Queensland Coking Coal Pty Ltd (QCC) and Queensland Coal Aust. No. 1 Pty Ltd (QCA1), proposes to construct and operate the Vulcan South Coal Mine (the Project). The Project is located in the Bowen Basin, adjacent to several established mining operations. The Project will extract approximately 13.5 Mt of coking coal (steel-making coal) and will operate for nine years.

The project involves the development, operation and rehabilitation of an open cut and highwall mine, producing up to 1.95 million tons per annum (Mtpa) run of mine (ROM) coking coal. Associated infrastructure including administration and workshop facilities, explosives magazine and surface handling facilities will also be constructed as part of the project.

The proposed action has been determined a controlled action under the EPBC Act. The controlling provisions are 'Listed threatened species and communities (sections 18 & 18A), and a water resource, in relation to coal seam gas development and large coal mining developments (sections 24D & 24E)'.

The draft PER for the proposed action can be viewed online at: <u>https://vitrinite.com.au/community/assets/public-notification-documents/#vulcan-south-public-</u> environment-report or in hard copy at:

- the Moranbah Library Grosvenor Complex, Batchelor Parade, Town Square Moranbah QLD 4744; or
- the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation Office in Emerald 99 Hospital Road, Emerald QLD 4720.

Persons with special needs (e.g. for whom English is a second language, or those with vision impairment), or those requiring a hard copy, may contact Vitrinite on (07) 3174 4816 for assistance in accessing the documentation. Additional hard copies of the PER documentation can be made available on request, at a subsidised cost of \$200 per copy.

Interested persons and organisations are invited to comment in writing on the draft PER to Info@vitrinite.com.au, or PO Box 400, Currumbin QLD 4223.

The deadline for public comments is 5pm AEST on 3 October 2024.