

Media Release

Counsel for the Families Nicholas Davidson QC this morning received correspondence from the Police Commissioner Howard Broad responding to a request for information about the decision taken to seal the mine, advised by the Prime Minister last Friday.

The letter has been received in the context of the Receivers having been asked to advise their position with regard to recovery/ re-entry work.

The Families and their Counsel understand that the Receivers are in favour of what is described as “temporary” sealing of the mine. They understand that this would be a very significant step given that it will both halt the present recovery/re-entry work, and preclude investigations, which would otherwise be available before the Commission of Inquiry and the Coroner.

The Families will now immediately take up the Commissioner’s offer to provide information and explanation about the Decision taken to date.

They will press for re-entry work to continue, and nothing be done to preclude that work.