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UPDATE (JUNE 2018) FROM THE NSW EPA REGARDING TIER 4 FINAL OR EQUIVALENT EQUIPMENT FOR NSW OPEN CUT COAL MINES

This advisory notice documents feedback CMEIG has received from the New South Wales (NSW) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the implementation of USA EPA Tier 4 Final (or equivalent) diesel engine emissions levels in NSW Open Cut Coal Mines. The feedback provided by the NSW EPA has been summarised below as an advisory for CMEIG members:

- The NSW EPA have consulted with the major engine and equipment OEMs for a number of years on the intention to require T4 Final or equivalent equipment for NSW open cut coal mines and note the intention to continue to do so.

- The NSW EPA noted they are aware of the need for a reasonable lead time for suppliers and their mining customers and have stated the intention to provide a lead time of order two years.

- The NSW EPA noted the afore-mentioned lead time is to allow an orderly transition to the T4F machines already required in North America, and to be required in EU from 2019.

- The NSW EPA noted while a firm date cannot currently be provided, the EPA are intending to progress this by the end of 2018, and hence the implementation date will be no earlier than the second half of 2020.

Note that CMEIG is separately aware of the following as stated on the NSW EPA website (Sources below):

"The Policy [NSW Government Resource Efficiency Policy] requires that, from 1 January 2018, the minimum performance standard for newly manufactured mobile non-road diesel plant and equipment purchased by NSW Government agencies must be US EPA Tier 4 or EU Stage IV compliant.

In addition, it is intended that NSW Government agencies will include a weighting for lower-emission machines in their tender processes, to encourage the use of cleaner leased machinery and contractors' machines."

Sources:

1. https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/air/non-road-diesel-marine-emissions/reducing-diesel-emissions-construction
2. https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/air/non-road-diesel-marine-emissions