

# **Newnes Junction Sand & Kaolin Project Kaolin Mine & Sand Quarry Community Consultative Committee**

**Minutes of the ninth meeting – Wednesday 10 December 2014**

Meeting held at Clarence Fire Shed at 6pm

Chairperson: Ms Sue Graves – independent chair

Attendees:

- Col Hunter – Councillor on Lithgow C.C
- Lauren Stevens – Lithgow C.C
- David McConnell - Newnes Resident
- Ron Goldbery – Newnes Kaolin General Manager (NK GM)
- Tony Proust – Newnes Kaolin Environmental Manager (NK EM)

## **1. Welcome and apologies and minutes of previous meeting**

No Apologies recorded

Acceptance of previous minutes: Col Hunter moved a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting; seconded by Lauren Stevens.

## **2. Terms of Reference – measurement of performance**

Terms of reference of the project

- Establish and maintain a good working relationship between Newnes Kaolin Sandmine, the community and other stakeholders in relation to Newnes Kaolin activities;
- Provide comment on the mines environmental performance, discuss community concerns and oversee the resolution of community complaints;
- Provide advice on how best to communicate relevant information on the mine and
- Work together towards outcomes of benefit to the mine, immediate neighbours and the local community.

Sue G raised the issue of how the terms of reference could be measured. What performance indicators can we use to measure how the terms of reference are working/

The key performance indicators could be;

- Number of complaints about the project once operations commence
- Environmental audit requirements
- Environmental monitoring
- Attendance at CCC meetings
- CCC minutes on project website

Meeting agreed on the need to identify terms of measurement of the terms of reference.  
A discussion on the composition of the CC concluded that the CCC composition was fine - no changes required.

Meeting agreed to add Lauren Stevens to the CCC.

### **3. Business arising from previous meeting**

Karen L has received a copy of the letter to the Minister.

Tony P to send the Forestry MoU to the Dept of Planning

Ron G to make contact with the Lithgow Community Nursery and arrange some seed collection. George Q has retired. Best to contact Helen Drew or Suzanne Lolback or Trish Kidd

### **4. Pollution incident response Management Plan**

A draft PIRMP was tabled by Tony P  
Comments received included;

- \* need to spell out the POEO
- \* Lauren S to help identify a typical Pollution Incident Response form
- \* need to add diesel spill to possible hazards
- \* need to add area in hectares
- \* uncontrolled surface discharge was 'remote'
- \* bushfire caused by our operations is remote – but needs to be added

### **5. Safety equipment in the PIRMP**

There was a short discussion on the safety equipment required at the mine site prior to commencement of the construction phase including:

- \* site office with reliable phone connection – landline or mobile
- \* possibly UHF radio
- \* updated contact list

### **6. Progress at Mine**

NKGM advised on progress with likely processing site at Glenlee, south west of Sydney.

NK now working on the concept of one longer train each day instead of two shorter trains.

NK will be calling for tenders to operate the trains but NK still to finalise the train slot for the operation.

NK have engaged a rail consultant to advise on the proposed rail operations.

## **7. General Business**

Sue Graves raised the point that the Lithgow Community Nursery should be contacted in the near future to coordinate a programme for seed collection on the mine site prior to commencement of mining operations.

TP will action this.

A request was made by Col Hunter that the ground water monitoring data be posted on the NKPL website.

RG will approach Aquaterra to prepare a summary report of the data for posting on the site.

## **8. Action Items**

- 1) Finalise the PIRMP with changes noted above
- 2) Invite Peta Lette LCC to inspect the site at suitable opportunity
- 3) Contact Lithgow Community Nursery and discuss future seed collecting before next meeting
- 4) Prepare draft bushfire evacuation plan
- 5) TP to send final Forestry MoU to DoP

## **9. Meeting closed 6:45pm**

## **10. Next meeting June 2015 – details to be advised**