

# **Newnes Junction Sand & Kaolin Project**

## **Kaolin Mine & Sand Quarry**

### **Community Consultative Committee**

#### **Minutes of the fifth meeting – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

Meeting held at Clarence Fire Shed at 6pm

Chairperson: Ms Sue Graves – independent chair

Attendees:

- Col Hunter – Councillor on Lithgow C.C
- Skye Ellacott – Lithgow C.C
- Dave McConnell – Community representative
- Ron Goldbery – Newnes Kaolin General Manager (NK GM)
- Tony Proust – Newnes Kaolin Environmental Manager (NK EM)
- (not able to contact Sean Butler – NK sent letter and made phone call)

1. Welcome and apologies and minutes of previous meeting

No apologies. NK unable to contact Sean Butler or rep from Clarence Colliery

2. Terms of Reference:

Tony Proust will locate the latest DoPl guidelines for CCC and compare with our Draft Terms of Reference.

Chair recommended that at the next meeting, NK will table a draft letter to the Minister for Planning outlining where the project is up to – progress report

Tony Proust to contact Jesse Percival at Clarence Colliery to see if he is likely to attend future meetings.

Skye Ellacott advised that she is the staff rep while Col Hunter is the Council rep.

Tony Proust to compare our draft terms of reference with the new DoPI terms of reference and advise if additions/changes are required.

3. Progress with the Environmental Management Plan – 3 plans approved to date:

- Noise monitoring plan
- Air quality plan
- Rehabilitation & Landscape management plan

4. Progress at the Mine:

- Tony Proust explained that we have lodged the final EMP with the DoPI (met with DoPI today) which includes – Environmental Monitoring program, Water Management Plan, Cultural Heritage Management Plan and Flora & Fauna MP
- Ron Goldbery outlined the groundwater monitoring program – site has 8 boreholes around the site – refer to plan tabled at meeting.
- Ron Goldbery explained the biodiversity offset program especially the 25ha offset site in the middle of the Wollombi National Park which is in the final stages of purchase. This land will be incorporated into the WNP.

5. Green Offset program

Greens offsets – RG advised that \$50,000 will be provided by NK in first year then \$30,000 each year thereafter, for the life of the project

3 components: Dargans Ck Reserve rehabilitation, Newnes plateau rehabilitation and Lithgow Community nursery.

6. Ron Goldbery explained the project overall:

Sandstone will be transferred onto trains at Newnes – railed to site in Western Sydney for processing – from there the product can be railed to port for export if desired or trucked to customers. There is no processing of sandstone on site at Newnes.

3 potential products:

- Sand for construction
- Kaolin
- Sand for glass production

Quarry will be approximately 40m deep – designed to create a free draining void like Goochs Crater which is located 2kms north east of site - (see Rehabilitation Management Plan).

7. Swamp rehabilitation:

Sue Graves asked about the swamp rehabilitation component.

Ron Goldbery outlined the project will see the restoration of some local swamps and degraded areas in Dargans Ck Reserve (2kms south of the site) and on Newnes Plateau.

Col Hunter is a representative on the Dargan Creek Reserve Trust and is also a Council representative on the CMA.

Dargan Ck has been crown reserve without a Trust till recently – but now will have a Trust with \$ available in the future for rehabilitation.

Sue Graves pointed out that Clarence Colliery do swamp rehab at Happy Valley and other places.

Hawkesbury Neapean CMA will oversee the spending of the \$ in accordance with the Dargan Creek Reserve Trust who need to prepare, say, a five year plan for the rehabilitation of the swamp reserve and then apply for funding.

8. Timeline for quarry operations:

Once the EMS is approved by the DoPI – hopefully in February 2013, then NK needs to start designing and construct the site works – conveyors – rail loader etc

By next meeting NK will have a draft Pollution Incident Response MP as required by EPA.

Plan to have a second facts sheet available at next CCC meeting – by mid 2013

EMS will be published on the SCM website following approved.

9. Meeting closed 7:10pm

10. Next meeting June 2013 – details to be advised

11. Actions for next meeting:

- Draft terms of reference – consider amends if required
- Draft letter to Minister advising progress
- Pollution Incident Response MP
- Fact sheet