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### **Newnes Junction Sand Quarry & Kaolin Mine Project**

#### **Community Consultative Committee**

##### **Minutes of the sixth meeting – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

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
- Jesse Percival – Clarence Colliery
- 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

- Apologies - Dave McConnell and Karen McLaughlin
- Declaration of pecuniary or other interests

Col Hunter advised that he is also a Trustee of the Dargans Creek Reserve Trust and is the Upper Macquarie representative for the HNCMA Local Government Advisory Panel.

- Actions for next meeting

1) Draft terms of reference – Tony Proust advised that he has compared the current Terms of Reference with the DoPI CCC guidelines and no changes are required.

2) Draft letter to the Minister was tabled for discussion

3) Draft Pollution Incident Response MP will be tabled at next meeting

4) Draft Facts sheet tabled

Col Hunter moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted.

2. Terms of Reference:

See above – no changes required

3. Progress with the Environmental Management Strategy (EMS)

The Department of Planning formally approved the EMS on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2013 as follows:

- EMS under condition 1 of schedule 6
- Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Monitoring program under condition 38 of schedule 3  
and
- Water Management Plan under condition 18 of schedule 3
- The Department has reviewed and approved the Flora & Fauna Management Plan  
subject to all Memoranda of Understanding being signed as part of the Compensatory  
Habitat MP under condition 26(b)

Ron Goldbery advised that 3 of the 4 MoUs have been signed being those with the HNCMA, DCRT and the LCN.

The MoU with the Forestry Corporation is still being finalised.

4. Progress at the Mine:

- Ron Goldbery advised that the groundwater monitoring program is on-going
- Ron Goldbery advised that the next step is to secure the processing site in Sydney.

This is likely to be an industrial site in St Marys which has rail access but on-going discussions are required before any final decision is made. Ron advised he will table a plan of the St Marys site at the next meeting.

5. Projected time line to commencement of quarry operations

Once the processing site in Sydney is secured NK will start the design and construction phase at Newnes including access, site works, water management, conveyors and rail loader which is expected to take at least 12 months. This is likely to be in the second half of 2014.

6. Operations issues

The following day – July 31<sup>st</sup> – NK will be meeting with Clarence Colliery to do a walk over of the proposed access to agree on a route for the access road. This became necessary when Clarence Colliery built their Reject Emplacement Area across the proposed access.

Ron Goldbery outlined the planned utilisation of the kaolin which was treated as a waste product in previous quarry operations.

7. Swamp monitoring:

Jesse Percival advised that Clarence Colliery do regular monitoring of the Newnes Plateau Shrub Swamp

Ron Goldbery advised that NK have undertaken a couple of site inspections on the Newnes Plateau with Forestry Corp with a view to understanding the type of rehabilitation which the project could fund under the proposed MoU

Col Hunter advised that it may be possible in the future to consider funding rehabilitation work in Farmers Creek which is partly owned by Lithgow City Council and is an important component of the local water supply. This could involve a possible MoU with LCC in the future.

8. Issues arising from site inspections

The first site inspection will be scheduled immediately prior to the Dec 2013 meeting of the CCC

9. Monitoring & environmental performance

Groundwater and flora and fauna baseline data has been obtained and g/water monitoring will continue. The meteorological monitoring station has been installed as required. NK will investigate possible baseline dust monitoring prior to any further work on site. Need to refer to the Air Quality MP

10. Community complaints

There have been no complaints to date

NK have prepared a second Facts sheet which was tabled at the meeting, made available to the Clarence Fire Shed and distributed to residents.

11. General Business

A draft letter to the Minister for Planning was tabled for discussion.

Sue Graves suggested a minor change which was confirmed by the meeting.

Tony Proust confirmed that the letter will be sent ASAP.

## 12. Meeting closed 7:05pm

## 13. Next meeting December 2013 – details to be advised

14. Actions for next meeting:

- NK to table plan of St Marys site with site photos and aerial photo
- NK to table a draft Pollution Incident Response MP
- NK will schedule a site inspection at Newnes Junction site immediately prior to the next CCC meeting in December 2013
- NK to report on the on-going groundwater monitoring program and baseline data