

Newnes Junction Sand & Kaolin Project Kaolin mine and sand quarry Community Consultative Committee

Minutes of fourth meeting – Thursday 26th July 2012

Meeting opened at 6:10pm at the Clarence Fire Shed

Chairperson: Ms Sue Graves

Attendees: David McConnell – Newnes Junction resident
Ron Goldbery (RG) – Newnes Kaolin General Manager (NK GM)
Tony Proust (TP) – Newnes Kaolin Environmental Manager (NK EM)

- 1) Introduction and welcome – chair
- 2) Apologies – Councillor C Hunter & Skye Ellacott of Lithgow City Council

Noted that no contact could be made with Sean Butler. Letter sent and calls made to mobile and landline without success.

- 3) There were no declarations of pecuniary interest
- 4) Minutes of previous meeting – 7/12/2011 - accepted without changes
- 5) Business arising

No business arising

- 6) Terms of reference and membership
No changes proposed

- 7) Company reports and overview of activities:

- a. Progress at the mine

- i. Project overview. NK GM advised that preliminary works had been completed in March 2011 including the clearing of approximately 2500m² of vegetation for materials storage and site office and the construction of a small detention pond and appropriate erosion and sediment control measures. NK happy to arrange a site inspection in the future when appropriate.
- ii. Physical commencement of project made in March 2011 – no more to report
- iii. Environmental Management Strategy (EMS)

- a) Flora & Fauna Management Plan is with Office of Environment & Heritage – waiting signoff on the Green offset program. Anticipate NK will

have a stakeholders meeting on site in August with the CMA, OEH and NK – details to be advised.

- b) Compensatory habitat progress – NK committed to purchase a suitable block of land and donate to the National Park. RG advised that a suitable block of land had been found and negotiations were continuing.
 - c) NK met with the NSW Office of Water in Parramatta earlier today. Project will be referred to their Major Projects section.
- iv. Projected timeline. NK expect all approvals to be in place by end of 2012 including compensatory habitat and green offset program. More details at next meeting.
 - v. Operational issues. Site of trial mining has been rehabilitated and the detention pond and erosion & sediment measures are working well.
- b. Issues arising from site inspections – there have been no formal site inspections to date. NK have been in communication with Clarence Colliery regarding previous concern with clearing by Clarence Colliery who have started work on a new Reject Emplacement Area to the north west of NK site. RG advised that the relationship between NK and CC is professional and productive. Both operations are separate and discrete.
 - c. Monitoring and environmental performance.
Nothing to report.
 - d. Community complaints and response.
No complaints have been received.
TP tabled the final version of the plan of the monitoring locations including:
Surface water, groundwater, meteorological stn, dust monitoring, air sampler, flora & fauna and noise
 - e. Information provided to the community
NK GM agreed to arrange a site inspection at a suitable opportunity.

TP advised that the first facts sheet was issued in January 2011. A further facts sheet will be issued when the EMS is finalised and approved.

8) General business.

- a) David asked if the rock pagodas will be impacted by the project. RG advised that the rock formations are in the National Park and will not be impacted by the project.
- b) There being no further business the meeting closed at 7pm

9) The next meeting will be on Wednesday December 5th 2012. To be confirmed.

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