
MINUTES

Meeting No. 7 of the
Gujarat NRE Wongawilli Colliery Community Consultative Committee
Tuesday, 3 December 2013

Held at Wongawilli Community Hall, West Dapto Road, Wongawilli

ATTENDANCE

Col Gellatly	- Chairperson
Katrina McDonald	- Community Representative
Kevin Roots	- Community Representative
Peter Turner	- Community Representative
Ron Zwicker	- Wollongong City Council
Nathan Garvey	- Biosis
Sasa Cugalj	- Environmental Officer (NRE)
Mat Campbell	- Community Relations Manager (NRE)

APOLOGIES

Dave Clarkson - Group Approvals Manager (NRE)

Col Gellatly declared the meeting open at 6.00 pm.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared by any members present.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Discussion took place about the new owners of NRE. Concern was expressed by members about the possibility of the mine closing and left unrehabilitated. Mat advised that a bank guarantee is in place relating to rehabilitation for both sites. Mat to report back to the committee next meeting in relation to the amount of the bank guarantee.

The chairperson stated that there is approximately two weeks of mining left at Russell Vale, with further mining pending approval. Matter likely to be considered by the Planning Assessment Commission in March/April. If approval is granted, mining would not recommence until May/June.

Mat stated that driveage work would be ongoing.

APPROVALS

No new information to report.

PREVIOUS MATTERS ARISING

- Peter questioned the outstanding report on the information he requested at the last meeting on the general trends relating to iron, manganese, aluminium, zinc, etc, for longwall panels 11 to 20.
 - Mat Campbell to check on this.
- Col will talk to the Department of Planning about the need for additional community representatives to this CCC.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Sasa Cugalj reported on environmental issues, as per the presentation.

Environmental Manager, Chris Irving has left NRE and he has not been replaced.

Peter had e-mailed Chris a question after the last meeting regarding groundwater licences. Sasa will follow this up.

The chairperson asked about the deer program. Sasa advised that 30 deer were culled and that a further study on deer management on site would be requested.

Katrina stated that dust is still a problem but that noise has not been an issue. Expressed concern about coal on the side of the road in Jersey Farm Road which could wash into the water at the back of the village. Mat Campbell will investigate this issue.

Discussion took place about the depositional dust gauges on site and concern was expressed that NRE has not yet released the information from these. Sasa commented that readings from a few months of 2013 are missing but hopes to get this information to the committee next week.

Peter raised issues about the piezometers. About a year ago he had asked Dave Clarkson to provide the background data from which the graphs were produced. Sasa to follow up on this.

COMPANY REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY ISSUES

- Katrina raised concerns on behalf of residents who lease land adjacent to the colliery and who had requested the land be fenced.
 - Sasa to follow this up.
- Kevin asked whether Jindal has any plans for the miner's cottage.
 - This matter will be raised as an issue.
- Peter commented that he and Ann Young were to make a visit of the swamps.
 - Sasa to organise this.

PRESENTATION BY BIOSIS

As requested at the last meeting, Nathan Garvey from Biosis has attended tonight's meeting.

Nathan gave a very comprehensive presentation in relation to the work that Biosis has performed for NRE.

NEXT MEETING

Col and Mat will work out set dates for next year's meetings.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

Tabled Documents

- Minutes of Wongawilli CCC meeting held on 10 September 2013.

ACTIONS REQUIRED

Item No.	Action Required	Responsibility	Deadline
1	Provide information on the bank guarantee in relation to mine rehabilitation in the event of NRE's closure.	Mat Campbell	
2	Follow up on a question regarding groundwater licences which was e-mailed by Peter Turner to Chris Irving following the previous CCC meeting.	Sasa Cugalj	
3	Investigate coal on roadside of Jersey Farm Road.	Mat Campbell	
4	Provide readings from depositional dust gauges.	Sasa Cugalj	
5	Follow up with Dave Clarkson the provision of background data relating to piezometer readings, which was promised a year ago.	Sasa Cugalj	
6	Follow up on concerns of residents who lease land adjacent to the colliery in relation to fencing of the land.	Sasa Cugalj	
7	Does Jindal have any plans for the miner's cottage?	Sasa Cugalj	
8	Organise a visit to the swamps with Peter Turner and Ann Young.	Sasa Cugalj	
9	Liaise with Department of Planning regarding the need for additional community representatives to the CCC.	Col Gellatly	

Ends