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# Community Consultative Committee Meeting Minutes

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MINUTES OF CALGA COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Meeting Date: Monday, 16 April 2012 commenced approx 5.10pm

Venue: Rocla Quarry

Present: Tony Tuxworth (Chairperson)

Pat McCue (Rocla) Paul Slough (Rocla) Alex Echt (Rocla)

Graeme Ausburn (Community Representative) Tassin Barnard (Community Representative) Helen Simmonds (Community Representative)

Julie Renshaw (Minute taker)

Terri Thomson (Community Representative)

Apologies: Margaret Pontifex

A short site tour of the quarry was carried out with an explanation of current operations.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the three (3) –community representatives who had been present at the October 2011 meeting sort permission from the Committee and the Chairman to voice-record the proceedings of the meeting as per the NSW Dept of Planning document "Guidelines for establishing and operating community consultative committees for mining projects" which says that meetings can be taped with the permission of the Committee and the Chairman.

Pat McHugh, on behalf of Rocla, refused to agree for personal reasons and Rocla need to be given an opportunity to review the relevant legislation.

Tassin felt that there were more compelling reasons to tape minutes from now on due to the inability to agree with what was allegedly discussed in previous meetings, particularly the meeting of 18 October 2011.

It was agreed to not record the (16<sup>th</sup> April 2012) meeting, but this topic will be the first agenda item of the next meeting.

# Item 1

# Minutes of Previous meeting held 19 September 2011

It was agreed that the minutes of the September meeting were sufficiently accurate.

Moved: Graeme Ausburn Seconded: Tassin Barnard

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#### Minutes of Previous meeting held 19 October 2011

The three (3) community representatives who had been present at the October 2011 meeting stated that they did not agree with the minutes of that meeting on the basis that relevant material had been omitted. They distributed a copy of their original feedback on the minutes with relevant areas highlighted which they wanted included in the final version of the minutes. After some discussion the Chairman proposed that the Committee review the matters highlighted by the community representatives and endeavour to amend the minutes to the satisfaction of all members. It was agreed that the minutes be reviewed.

The matters were discussed which resulted in the minutes being amended to the satisfaction of the members of the committee.

These changes are reflected in the attached amended October 2011 meeting minutes.

#### Item 2 - Non compliances

Paul Slough advised that Rocla's routine noise monitoring in December identified a non-compliance which was investigated and found to be caused by a noisy pump. He advised that it had been repaired and retested in February and was found to be in compliance.

Rocla is working with Government Department to try to resolve the issues (non-compliance) identified in the Umwelt Report.

# Item 3 - Current operation of quarry

- Operating in Cell 3/3 (Dams 10, 11 & 12) Extracting and silt going to Cells 3/1, 3/2 A & B. Part of the area in cell 3/3 occupied by dams will not be mined as bottom of dams is lower than expected.
- Mobile screen plant has been moved from Cell 3/4 to Cell 3/6
- · Stripping overburden from end of Stage 3
- In the process of finalising the haul road (road through silt dams)

# Item 4 - Rehabilitation

Paul advised the following:

- A small portion of rehabilitation on the existing bund wall had been carried out
  with the replanting of larger gum trees proving a better option than the smaller
  species that was planted previously.
- The quarterly Rehabilitation Report needs to be completed. Rocla is not happy with the present Consultant and are looking to change consultant. The Report will include the assessment of animal habitat.
- Cumberland Ecology has been engaged to carry out an Ecology Assessment including noxious weeds and feral animals on the site. There was evidence of existing threatened species and this was to be investigated.
- Drainage Diversion drainage is being provided on an ongoing basis.

Paul advised that they were running out of areas to rehabilitate. Rocla are looking into interested people to carry out weed control particularly in the front area of the site.

Action:

Tony Tuxworth advised that he would obtain information regarding consultants who would carry out this type of weed control and pass on to Paul.

Item 5 - 2011 Annual Environmental Management Report Update

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## - 2012 Annual Environmental Management Report Update

Community representatives congratulated Rocla with the expedient issue of the AEMR.

#### 2011 AFMR

The 2011 AEMR was discussed. The community representatives said that they had not yet been able to review it in its entirety and may subsequently bring other concerns to light but, in the interim, there were some issues that they wanted to raise. These were:-

Page 5 – Table 2.1 July (Received Water Access Licence 20WA211660 from NSW Office of Water)

The community representatives advised that 20WA211660 is not a Water Access License as claimed. A copy of 20WA211660 was supplied to the committee showing it is a Water Supply Works Approval which only permits a bore to be sunk. 20WA211660 does not permit the taking of water.

After discussion, it was agreed that the approval was for Water Management Works and not an actual Water Access Licence and Rocla advised that the AEMR will be amended accordingly.

Page 31 – 5.1.1 Umwelt Report (Item 2 – Water Access Licence)

Concern was raised by the community representatives regarding Water Access Licenses in that the nominated usage was not included in the AEMR.

Rocla representatives agreed that they have two (2) Water Access Licenses but no Licenses were obtained in 2011 in the period covered by the 2011 AEMR.

After discussion it was agreed that the AEMR should be amended accordingly.

Page 32 – ("Condition 3/19 [of Conditions of Consent] Overburden was removed from the Stage 3/6 area and stockpiled elsewhere on site. While no long term groundwater report has been undertaken, work has since ceased in this area."

The committee members raised concern about the extent of overburden removal from Stage 3/6 contrary to condition 3/19. Excavation of this area may have also included the extraction of some sandstone.

Rocla advised that Department of Planning is satisfied with information submitted and Rocla is awaiting a response.

# 2012 AEMR

Rocla to prepare 2012 AEMR as soon as possible.

# Item 6 - Review of Environmental Management Reports

- Noise assessment carried out quarterly the noise assessment identified the noise exceedance from the pump.
- Dust assessment is carried out on a monthly basis no issues have been identified.
- Groundwater testing carried out on a monthly basis Paul advised that Rocla has collected levels & analysis data from fourteen (14) different groundwater bores, testing electro conductivity, ph levels, dissolved oxygen as outlined in Item 2. Paul advised that there were some issues with the operation of the loggers which record water levels in some of the bores. The loggers have been

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- sent away for analysis which had indicated that they were faulty. New loggers are on order and will be installed as soon as they are received.
- Paul advised the last Rehabilitation Report was carried out in August 2011, therefore due for another one soon and will be more comprehensive. (See Item 4)

No non-compliances were identified from the groundwater testing.

# Item 5 - General Business

Tassin suggested that members of the committee have an alternate member to attend in their absence to avoid the inconvenience of having to reschedule meetings as per the NSW Dept of Planning document "Guidelines for establishing and operating community consultative committees for mining projects". The committee agreed to this proposal, however, it is necessary to check Department of Planning's rules and regulations before a decision is made. Tony Tuxworth to follow up.

Tassin also made an enquiry about what the process is for bringing along an observer to the meetings as per the NSW Dept of Planning document "Guidelines for establishing and operating community consultative committees for mining projects". It was commented that it had been done in the past. It was decided to include this item in the next agenda for discussion.

Next meeting Monday 10 September 2012 at 5pm.

Meeting closed approximately 9.00pm

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# MINUTES OF CALGA COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING



Meeting Date: Monday, 10 September 2012 commenced approx 5.15pm

Venue: Rocla Quarry

Present: Tony Tuxworth (Chairperson)

Pat McCue (Rocla) Paul Slough (Rocla)

Alex Echt (Rocla)

Margaret Pontifex (Community Representative)
Terri Thomson (Community Representative)
Tassin Barnard (Community Representative)
Helen Simmonds (Community Representative)

Julie Renshaw (Minute taker)

# Item 1 Discussion - Recording of Meetings

Tony Tuxworth distributed to the committee members, a response from Department of Planning to correspondence received from community representatives of the community consultative committee. There was some discussion in relation to Paragraph 4 of the letter relating to the role of the committee and the detail contained in the meeting minutes. A copy of the Guidelines for Establishing and Operating Community Consultative Committees for Mining Projects was also distributed and the section relating to the purpose of the committee was discussed.

Tony Tuxworth read the email from Dept of Planning to Rob Corkery (Rocla's Consultant) in relation to his letter of 23 January 2012. This letter raised issues in relation to a number of conditions of consent including compliance with conditions of consent which require the implementation "to the satisfaction of the Director - General. (Copy of the email is attached to these minutes).

MP read her letter to Kane Winwood (Dept of Planning). She advised that she had received three (3) responses.

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# Item 2 Minutes of Previous meetings October 2011 & April 2012

Move that the previous minutes be accepted. Helen

Tassin Barnard & Terri recorded their dissent stating that the minutes of April 2012 are incomplete and believe that there were significant omissions.

Tony Tuxworth advised that the suggested changes to the minutes by Tassin were not consistent with what was discussed at the previous meeting and suggested that we will review October 2011 minutes separately with Tassin, Terri & Graham so that they can be finalised. Rocla agreed to this meeting taking place.

#### **Item 3 Non Compliances**

Paul Slough advised that there was a non compliance identified in the June/July Noise Assessment. This related to the noise from the pump that had been identified in a previous assessment. The pump was fitted with an acoustic exhaust which resolved the noise exceedence initially but exceeded the noise criteria again in the latest assessment (June/July). This may have been due to the westerly wind direction. The pump has now been enclosed and the enclosure is to be lined with acoustic insulation to further reduce noise. The enclosure of the pump has reduced the noise substantially. Rocla will be carrying out further acoustic work to further lower the level of noise. This has been reported to the EPA and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DG) in accordance the conditions of the modified consent.

Rocla have received sixteen (16) noise complaints from Walkabout Park.

**Outcome:** It has been discussed on each occasion with the complainant (Walkabout Park) to determine source of the noise.

# Item 4 Current Operations & Rehabilitation

- Material is currently being extracted from Stage 3 Cell 3.
- Overburden placement (top side of Cell 3) adjacent to the Southern boundary has been completed.
- · Rehabilitation of southern boundary to commence next Autumn.
- Ongoing development of main entry road to the new admin facility and wash plant area
- Starting site civil works for preparation of new wash plant and associated infrastructure.

The development consent has been modified by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to allow for the relocation of amenities and washplant. This will be carried out in three stages. Stage 1 of the washplant consists of replacing the existing washplant with new one down the bottom.

# Item 5 Rehabilitation

Paul Slough advised the following in relation to rehabilitation:-

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- A new rehabilitation consultant has been engaged as the previous contractor could not commit to completing the work required on a regular basis. The contractor has been engaged through RW Corkery
- · Preparing acoustic bund adjacent to front gate for replanting.
- · Weed spraying has been ongoing around the quarry's perimeter.
- · Seed banking of natives will commence when in season.
- Planting of overburden placement on southern boundary to commence next Autumn
  as we have missed this planting season. (As an interim measure, hydro mulching
  may be carried out to stabilise the area until rehabilitation occurs.)
- Engaged new consultant to conduct Annual Rehabilitation Management Report for 2012, sorting out particulars, planned to be completed end October 2012. Feral animals and endangered species section of the report has been completed.

#### Item 6 2012 Annual Management Environmental Report

Rocla will be starting to collect all of the information required to prepare the AEMR very soon and have the report available by the end of February as required.

# Item 7 Review of Environmental Management Reports

A review of the Environmental Management Reports indicated the following

#### Noise

Noise exceedances were observed as outlined in Item 3 above

#### Dust

No surface dust exceedance was identified.

# Ground Water

There was no significant variation in the ground water levels

#### Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation has been carried out as noted above.

# Item 8 General Business

Paul Slough tabled a copy of Notice of Determination of the modified Development Consent from the Department of Planning and Infrastructure dated 29 June 2012.

Latest modifications include the change to a number of consent conditions:-

Condition No. 3A has been added to the consent (item 9 of the modified consent) this condition requires Rocla to notify the Director General and any other relevant agencies of any incident associated with the development as soon as practicable after the applicant becomes aware of the incident. Within seven (7) days of the date of the incident, the applicant shall provide the Director General and any relevant agencies with a detailed report

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on the incident. Pat advised that this has come about as a result of changes to the Environmental Protection Act.

Condition 6A (b) – Requires that within three (3) months of the submission of an incident report under Condition No 12 the applicant shall review and if necessary, revise the strategies, plans and programs required under this consent to the satisfaction of the Director Congral

Amended *condition 8* in relation to particulate matter MP<sub>10</sub> was discussed and Rocla have agreed to provide a response from the Air Monitoring Consultant in relation to compliance with monitoring for PM<sub>10</sub>. Personal monitoring of dust will continue.

Additional *Condition 10* of Consent requires that a complaints' register needs to be updated on a quarterly basis and placed on the web site.

Pat advised the consent modification related to the relocation of the administration and amenities, the wash plant and dry processing plant to the bottom of the quarry.

Rocla advised that funds have been made available for only the relocation of wash plant. Therefore, the work will be carried out in stages which include:

Stage 1 - Relocation of wash plant

Stage 2 - Access road and admin area.

Stage 3 - Installation of a dry processing plant to feed the wash plant and the mortar plant.

It is anticipated that this work will be completed by December 2013.

# Alternative Reps/Observers

Tony Tuxworth has discussed this with the Department of Planning and advised that observers can attend the meetings at any time however the chairperson should be advised before the meeting.

Should the members of the committee wish to nominate an alternate person to attend on their behalf, details of that person needs to be provided to the committee and accepted. It will be up to the relevant committee member to brief their alternate prior to the meeting.

## Progress of Work Cell 6 Stage 3

The progress of the work within Cell 6 Stage 3 was discussed. Rocla advised that no further mining will be carried out in this area until the relevant conditions of the consent are complied with.

Meeting closed 7.30pm

Next meeting 18 March 2013, 5.00pm

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