

We hope this Project Update finds you, your family, and your friends safe and well during this challenging period.

When COVID-19 restrictions were first announced in March 2020, Hanson responded immediately by closing the Victorian Head Office in Doncaster and introducing COVID safe practices in all Hanson facilities. On 2 April 2020, Hanson published its response to the COVID-19 challenges impacting the business. This can be viewed at <https://www.hanson.com.au/news-media/responding-to-covid-19/>.

Also in March 2020, Hanson suspended the works involved in the preparation and submission of the Bunyip North Quarry Environment Effects Statement (EES). For further information, refer to **Project Update #17**.

Since Hanson suspended works in March 2020 Earth Resource Regulation (ERR) has updated several relevant guidelines. The new guide can be viewed at [https://earthresources.vic.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0012/598539/Geotechnical-guideline-Sept-2020.pdf](https://earthresources.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0012/598539/Geotechnical-guideline-Sept-2020.pdf). To meet these new requirements in the forthcoming EES there is a need to collect additional data, specifically in regard to the resource and geotechnical models.

To respond to this prerequisite, and to ensure no delay to the EES process when it is resumed, Hanson has decided to undertake a drilling program.

It is proposed for the drilling works to be undertaken by Apex Drilling Pty Ltd, from **Monday 19 October 2020** for up to 12 days (not including weekends).

The drilling works will comprise the drilling of four holes, two in the proposed location of the southern and south-eastern pit wall, and two in the proposed location of the north-western pit wall. The holes will be drilled using a track or truck mounted drilling rig, and in situ tests and material sampling for laboratory testing will be also be conducted.

All the works being undertaken will be conducted in accordance with the Victorian Government's restrictions relevant to permitted workplaces in the mining sector (for further information log on to <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/mining-restrictions-covid-19>) and for the professional / technical services sector (for further information log on to <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/professional-scientific-technical-services-covid-19>) which relate to architecture, surveying, building inspection and engineering services where required on site. Further, Hanson's COVID Safe Plan will also be applied to all activity on site, including the presence of a COVID Safety Officer.

The information collated during the drilling program will ensure Hanson's compliance with Victorian Government regulation and data requirements of the EES.

**For further information** about the Bunyip North Quarry project, or to contact the Project Manager:

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