

Drilling program

Earlier this month, we sent you Project Update #18 advising that, due to new design guidance for quarries released by the State Government on 29 September 2020, Hanson was required to undertake an additional drilling program to ensure a more robust data set for the resource and geotechnical models is collated.

As advised, the drilling program conducted by Apex Drilling, commenced on Monday 19 October 2020 and was expected to run for up to 12 days including weekends.

Unfortunately, over the past long weekend, the drillers' support truck was stolen from the Hanson site. Working with local police, the Apex Drilling truck was located and has been returned to site. Equipment loss and damage is currently being assessed, and further investigation is being undertaken.

This incident has caused a delay in the drilling program and triggered an extension to an expected completion date of 13 November 2020.

As advised in Project Update #18, all the works being undertaken are being conducted in accordance with the Victorian Government's restrictions relevant to permitted workplaces in the mining sector, and Hanson's COVID Safe Plan is also be applied to all activity on site. This includes the presence of a COVID Safety Officer.

Resumption of EES

In light of the updated COVID-19 regulations announced by the Premier on 27 October 2020, Hanson has advised the Minister for Planning, and all statutory and regulatory agencies comprising the Bunyip North Quarry Environment Effects Statement (EES) Technical Reference Group, that preparation and submission of the EES has been resumed.

The seven month suspension of preparation of the EES by Hanson was a targeted response to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency and the measures directed by the State Government of Victoria to control the spread of the disease.

Now that there is greater certainty around COVID-19 regulation, Hanson believes the completion of the EES submission can now be conducted safely and effectively, and proceed to public exhibition.

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