



BENGALLA MINE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE



Minutes of Meeting No. 112

Location: Bengalla Boardroom
Date: Wednesday 25 November 2015
Present:

Name	Affiliation
Clr Malcolm Ogg	CCC Chairperson
Jo-Anne Scarini	Bengalla Mining Company (General Manager)
John Campbell	Bengalla Mining Company (Manager Technical Services)
Craig White	Bengalla Mining Company (Environmental Specialist)
Laurel McGinnity	Bengalla Mining Company (Environmental Advisor)
Debbie Day	Bengalla Mining Company (Community Relations)

Meeting opened: 4.00pm

1. APOLOGIES:

Noel Downs
Jonathon Moore
Chris Knight - DoP

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved

3. OTHER BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES/ACTION LIST

- Rehab tour – complete
- Management of vacant properties. Debbie Day advised that there is currently only one vacant property owned by Bengalla and that is currently being used by the drillers.

4. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

6. COMMUNITY REPORT

Debbie Day presented information on Bengalla's community involvement for the period August to October 2015.

- Bengalla continues to engage with the community. A number of events and major sponsorships were supported by Bengalla over the reporting period as outlined in the presentation slides.
- Bengalla Community Support Team sponsorships and donations were listed for the period.
- Five new apprentices commenced at Bengalla on 23 November.
- An update was provided on Community Development Fund and Aboriginal Community Development Fund for the period.

7. DRY CREEK

John Campbell provided an update on the Dry Creek project including the culvert upgrade, commencement of the clean water diversion for CW1 and clearing for the pipeline. It was confirmed that Robson's has the contract for the civil works.

8. MODIFICATION 1

Craig White provided an update on the status of modification 1 to its development consent.

The public exhibition period concluded on 7 September with submissions from nine of the regulators without any public submissions being received. The Response to Submissions was lodged with the Department of Planning on 19 October, 2015. Bengalla is awaiting draft report (Modification 1 conditions) from the Department prior to submission to the Secretary of Planning.

9. MODIFICATION 2

Craig White advised that Bengalla has had consultation with Muswellbrook Shire Council over the Modification 2 and in particular in relation to the overburden emplacement area facing Muswellbrook. Council has asked Bengalla to improve its final landform outcomes and a commitment has been made to seek to improve an area of the overburden emplacement area to introduce some undulation at the top of the overburden area. Craig provided slides showing modelling of proposed modification 2 to the overburden emplacement area. Bengalla proposes to lodge Modification 2 in mid-January 2016 following further consultation with Muswellbrook Shire Council.

10. MONITORING RESULTS

Environmental monitoring review for period August to October 2015 was presented by Laurel McGinnity.

- Air Quality
 - PM₁₀, TSP and dust depositional compliance monitoring data was presented.
 - For the reporting period, annual average and 24-hour average PM₁₀ as well as TSP data were below the Development Consent criterion.
 - For the reporting period, annual average and maximum increase dust deposition data were below the Development consent criterion.
- Noise Management:
 - It was noted that there were two exceedances of the attended noise monitoring criteria during the period. The noise exceedances occurred in August 2015 and September 2015. In each instance equipment was shut down with noise remeasured on the same night with results recorded to be compliant.
- Blast Monitoring
 - Bengalla remained in compliance with all consent limits.
- Water Usage:
 - Water use for the reporting period was 481.17ML.

- Progressive Rehabilitation
 - Bengalla target is 20 hectares to be seeded for 2015. To date 15.83 hectares has been shaped with 10.8 hectares seeded.
- Complaints:
 - Year to date, Bengalla has received 26 complaints by 15 complainants.
- Environmental Incidents:
 - During the period Bengalla had four environmental incidents being:
 - Hydrocarbon spill of approximately 300L;
 - Two noise non-compliances;
 - One hydrocarbon spill from a hydraulic hose failure on coal
- Bird Ring trial
 - Update provided on bird ring trial. At this stage results inconclusive due to reduced bird droppings in both monitors. Further monitoring to continue.

11. REPORTS FROM CCC COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Debbie Day raised questions on behalf of Jonathon Moore:

- Timing of rehab on Wybong Road side of mine. John Campbell advised that it is in the mine plan for 2017 which will occur in conjunction with Modification 2 macro relief;
- Signage at Dry Creek project gate. Debbie Day confirmed that signage was in place west of Wybong Road. Larger signage was being ordered.

12. CCC NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

- The November newsletter was approved by the Committee.
- Suggested newsletter articles for February 2016:
 - Dry Creek Project;
 - Divestment
 - Modification
 - Overview of Education and community projects.

13. 2016 MEETING DATES

Suggested dates for 2016 were confirmed with meeting planners to be sent by Debbie Day

Meeting closed at 5:30pm

Attachments:

- Meeting Presentations slides.

ACTION LIST

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