



LD Operations Pty Ltd

TEM-0006

Minutes of Meeting

LDO Workplace:	Chain Valley Colliery		
Venue:	Chain Valley – Conference Room		
Date:	15/05/2012	Time:	09:00am
Meeting Topic:	Community Consultative Committee		
Participants:	Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MM) – Chair Tabitha Kuypers (TK) – Wyong Shire Council John Oakes (JO) – Community Craig Nash (CN) – Community Peter Cripps (PC) – Community Neil Wynn (NW) – Community Chris Ellis (CE) – LDO/LakeCoal Bob Corbett (BC) – LDO/LakeCoal Peter Ross (PR)– LDO/LakeCoal David McConnell (DM)– LDO/LakeCoal Apologies – Andrew Whitbourne & Lake Macquarie City Council		

Agenda Items

No	Item	Action Whom	By When
1.	MM opened the meeting at 9:02am	Note	
2.	Welcome and introductions, each member gave an introduction and background to the other members	Note	
3.	The role of the committee was discussed.	Note	
4.	PR addressed the committee on the company's commitment to ongoing community consultation, advising that the company sees this as essential given the locality of the mine.	Note	
5.	CE presented a background of Chain Valley Colliery including operating time, leases and mine workings. In response to PC, PR/CE confirmed company website to be updated.	Note	

6.	An update of the current mining activities was presented, and an explanation of how miniwall mining is undertaken was also covered. PR advised video on miniwall as agenda item for next meeting	Note CE	0708/2012 (next ccc meeting)
7.	CE presented the monitoring results for water quality criteria at the discharge point over the last annual return period, which showed compliance with the criteria.	Note	
8.	NW asked if annual return data available on the website. CE advised that it wasn't yet, but details of the annual return would be made publically available on the EPA public register website, as has been the case for a number of years.	Note	
9.	NW asked if monitoring undertaken by the company or is there monitoring also undertaken by regulators? CE advised that monitoring is conducted by / on behalf of the company, but in accordance with relevant standards and analysis is completed at a NATA accredited laboratory.	Note	
10.	NW advised that the "unnamed creek" that receives discharge was historically known as "Swindles Creek" (spelling uncertain).	Note	
11.	Details of the March 2012 bathymetric survey for the Domains 1 and 2 area was shown and discussed.	Note	
12.	Discussion on potential impacts to Lake Macquarie, by subsidence, specifically on benthic communities.	Note	
13.	CN advised of "mud" in Chain Valley Bay seen when diving appears to be lower quality in general / impacted compared to some other areas of the Lake. BC clarified that subsidence effects would result in vertical movement/lowering of the bed, but not Lake bed substrate composition. CN clarified that his comment didn't relate to how/why any impact might have occurred, just that it looks impacted.	Note	
14.	TK had a question on direction of prevailing winds. CE noted prevailing winds were included as part of the EA, covered in the acoustic assessment.	Note	
15.	Throughout the meeting numerous references were made to the environmental assessment – a link this document to be provided in the minutes of the meeting: http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/index.pl?action=view_job&job_id=4244	CE	Within meeting minutes
16.	Question on where documents for future environmental assessments, monitoring results and complaints summaries will be available from. CE noted either company website, Department of Planning and Infrastructure website or both.	Note	
17.	A complaints summary and actions taken were shown from January to April 2012. Comments were sought on the layout of the information that would be included in the website complaint summary sheet. CE noted that these complaints summaries would be available on the new website in August and updated on a monthly basis.	CE	31/08/2012 (as required by Project Approval)
18.	Discussion occurred regarding actions taken as a result of complaints. PR advised that action taken included action up to drivers being permanently removed/banned from site.	Note	

19.	Lengthy discussion held on the proposed widening of miniwall panels in the Domains 1 and 2 areas. Including where the environmental assessment would be available from, additional predicted subsidence and timing of environmental assessment work.	Note	
20.	A map/plan showing mapped seagrass communities was requested. CE to include this plan of mapped seagrass in next CCC meeting.	CE	07/08/2012 (next CCC meeting)
21.	A discussion on the proposed extension to mining in areas under Lake Macquarie (within the Fassifern seam) was held. CE advised that the proposal would most likely be lodged under Part 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 and result in the submission of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIS). The EIS and assessment process is expected to be undertaken in 2012/2013.	Note	
22.	A discussion on potential life of mine applications was held, including the prior Moonee lease area. PR advised of the current applications and engagement the company is undertaking in respect to this area. PR noted that obtaining additional resources would be a key driver for the rail haulage option feasibility. It was noted that currently there are no plans to continue the environmental assessment associated with mining under residential areas. This "Part A" life of mine application remains on hold.	Note	
23.	A discussion on committee members (specifically lack of any community member from the Summerland Point / Gwandalan area) was held with regard to potential to have someone from the area appointed to the committee. PR advised that LakeCoal would certainly not object to such an application, the resident would just need to go through the same appointment process with the Department of Planning and Infrastructure.	Note	
24.	Committee members were advised that a number of requirements under the Project Approval required consultation with them and as such they may be contacted for input in the future, specifically for the independent traffic audit, road transport protocol and with regard to the community trust. In addition consultation was offered with regard to some of the management plans being prepared.	Note	
25.	Comments / discussion on the community trust. A better understanding of how this will operate and update to be provided in the next CCC meeting.	CE	07/08/2012 (next CCC meeting)
26.	Community members were asked to contact CE initially to nominate potential trustee members (for the community trust).	Note	
27.	Comments / discussion on the road maintenance contribution requirements to Wyong Shire Council. NW asked if a copy of the agreement could be made available to the CCC. PR advised that the commercial agreement (yet to be reached) may be confidential, however the company would advise the CCC when such an agreement had been reached with Council.	CE	Advise CCC when road maintenance agreement in place.
28.	Draft management plans being compiled would be provided to the CCC for comments. It was noted that comments may not all	CE	07/08/2012

	be addressed/incorporated, but the intention is certainly to include/address relevant comments.		(next CCC meeting)
29.	<p>Discussion held on proposed environmental monitoring (noise and air quality) and locations of monitoring for depositional dust, noise and real time monitoring.</p> <p>Preliminary proposed locations were shown and comments or suggestions sought (as all locations are on privately owned land not owned by LakeCoal).</p> <p>JO suggested a potential monitoring site exists within Macquarie Shores and he could approach owners regarding this.</p> <p>CE to provide monitoring detail to JO to allow site to be confirmed or otherwise.</p>	CE	15/06/2012
30.	Further details were provided on the rail haulage feasibility study, including basic design information, significant features, potential stockpile location, completed studies and ongoing work.	Note	
31.	PR highlighted that the main consideration in the feasibility of the rail haulage will come down to resource availability at the Colliery and being able to get agreement with the land owner for the project.	Note	
32.	It was noted that approval for construction and operation of the road and rail loading facilities would most likely be required under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.	Note	
33.	<p>CE asked for any comments or information the committee would like to see in future presentations from the company.</p> <p>MM noted that agenda items could be added, but these should all be advised of at least two weeks prior to the meeting.</p>	Note	
34.	The committee agreed that a site visit of the surface area would be undertaken at the time of the next meeting	Note	
35.	The next meeting was scheduled for 9am on Tuesday the 7 th August 2012.	Note	
36.	<p>Question on coal seam gas, is Chain Valley doing anything in this area.</p> <p>CE advised that no coal seam gas is proposed, only standard mine ventilation for safety purposes.</p>	Note	
37.	<p>Question on disseminating information into the community</p> <p>NW and JO advised they are involved in local community groups and would provide updates through these forums.</p> <p>Discussion on providing CCC members contact details on the website. General concurrence with provision of email addresses, however each member to confirm with CE if this is acceptable prior to this information being made publically available.</p>	All members to confirm that listing email contact information publically is acceptable	07/08/2012 (next CCC meeting)
38.	Meeting closed at 11:05am	Note	