

# **Newnes Kaolin Sand quarry & Kaolin mine**

## **Community Consultative Committee**

**Minutes of the twenty fourth meeting - 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**Meeting at Clarence fire shed at 4:10pm**

Chair – Ms Susan Alexander

### **Attendees**

Kevin McCosker

Col Hunter

Ron Goldbery – Newnes Kaolin General Manager

Tony Proust – Newnes Kaolin – Environmental Manager

### **1) Welcome and apologies and minutes of previous meeting**

The meeting acknowledged the passing of **Sue Graves** who was the chair from the beginning of the CCC in 2011. Sue was very supportive of the project and her help and advice was much appreciated and we will all miss her.

We welcome Susan Alexander as our new incoming chair.

**Apologies** - Lauren Stevens

### **2) Declaration of pecuniary interests**

### **3) term of reference & membership – note above and action item below**

### **4) Minutes of previous meeting - Meeting accepted the minutes as a true record**

### **5) Business arising from previous minutes**

#### **Standing Action items**

- Tony P to email draft Bushfire MP to Kevin Mc and David P for comments
- Need to re-mark the 10 flora monitoring site - ongoing
- Latest AEMR & monitoring results – will be on project website in due course.
- Site monitoring continues in accord with DA consent - ongoing
- David Peters will consult with Jane to identify 8 species locations in regard to future bushfire - ongoing
- Evacuation routes to be included in PIRMP - ongoing
- Ron G advised need to mark edge of wetlands prior to commencement - on-going
- NK to secure meteorological station from vandalism- ongoing

### **6) Progress at the mine**

#### **Company reports and overview of activities**

- Tony Proust advised that the 2022 AEMR was submitted as required. Due to the extreme wet conditions in January/February we requested an extension of one month for the submission

of the AEMR to allow time for the consultants to complete their work. In particular the ecologist needed more time to get on site due to the very wet conditions.

- RG advised there is an increasing demand for kaolin around the world. Kaolin can be changed into metakaolin which is used as a partial replacement for cement making it a more sustainable resource because it results in reduced CO2 emissions when used in concrete.
- There is also a shortage of construction sand. Consequently the future of the project is bright. We continue to seek investors however to expedite the project.
- RG advised that the processing site at Glenlee is not locked in because the site has changed hands and negotiations with the new owner are moving very slowly. Consequently we are looking for other potential sites.

#### Projected timeline.

Depending on find appropriate investors the time line is as follows:

2023 – appln for new SEARs

2024 – approval and construction

2025 – set up mine

2026 – project commences

RG advised that if we cannot find a suitable processing site we may consider the possible export of the raw material but this is a less desirable option

#### Operational issues

Tony confirmed that the Met stn is not operational and will need to engage consultants to undertake repairs. Fortunately we have an alternative source of air quality data if required.

The Mine Operations Plan will need to be reviewed in 2023.

- a. Glenlee – see above
- b. Issues from site inspections. Nothing to report
- c. Complaints - No complaints received.

#### 7) General business –

Kevin advised that the local community has formed a new association:

Being the Association of Bell, Clarence and Dargin.

Website ABCDinc.org.au

KM also suggested we meet on site to discuss and identify bushfire escape routes which will be included in the Bushfire MP.

#### 8) Next meeting

December 2022 – TBC

meeting closed at 4.55pm approx