

# **Newnes Junction Sand & Kaolin Project Kaolin Mine & Sand Quarry Community Consultative Committee**

**Minutes of the tenth meeting – Wednesday 10 June 2015**

Meeting held at Clarence Fire Shed at 6pm

Chairperson: Ms Sue Graves – independent chair

Attendees:

- Col Hunter – Councillor on Lithgow C.C
- Paul Cashell – Lithgow C.C
- Martin Howe – Clarence colliery
- Ron Goldbery – Newnes Kaolin General Manager (NK GM)
- Tony Proust – Newnes Kaolin Environmental Manager (NK EM)

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

Apology – Lauren Stevens – LCC and Karen McLaughlin – local resident

Acceptance of previous minutes: Col Hunter moved a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting; seconded by Tony Proust.

## **2 Request to join the CCC**

The meeting was advised that a local resident and a member of the Dargan Reserve Trust – David Peters – would like to join the CCC.

Meeting agreed that David will be invited to attend the next meeting.

## **3. Business arising from previous meeting**

Report on action items from last meeting:

- a) The updated version of the PIRMP was tabled. NKEM advised that the plan was still preliminary and will not be tested and adopted until the project commences on site at Newnes Junction. – date to be determined.
- b) Meeting advised that Peta Lette has left Lithgow CC – now Damon Cupitt. NKEM

will make contact with Damon in due course.

- c) NKGM advised that we met with the Lithgow Community Nursery earlier in the day. A more detailed and updated report of this meeting will be tabled at the next CCC meeting.
- d) NKEM advised that a draft bushfire evacuation plan for the employees of the project will be prepared in due course as a component of the PIRMP – future action item
- e) Col Hunter raised the issue of a bushfire hazard reduction management plan – which may be required. NKEM to investigate and report back at next meeting
- f) NK EM advised that the Forestry Corp signed MoU sent to the DoP as required.

#### **4. Pollution incident response Management Plan**

A draft PIRMP was tabled by Tony P

\* bushfire caused by our operations is remote – but needs to be added

#### **5. Groundwater monitoring**

NKGM outlined the results to date of the Groundwater monitoring.

There are three sets of groundwater bores – all with shallow and deep piezometers – northeast – northwest and south of the project site.

All 6 piezometers are automatically monitored.

These two graphs represent the three shallow bore groundwater levels – and the three deep bore groundwater levels.

Along the bottom of each page is the daily rainfall log based in the data from the Coerwull Primary School rain gauge in Lithgow.

The symbols – X, triangle, square, circle etc indicate when manual dips (samples) are taken to confirm the automatic results.

These results are an important component of the ‘background’ data required to determine the baseline before the project begins operations.

#### **6. Progress at the Sydney site**

NKGM advised on progress with the processing site at Glenlee Rd Narellan, south west of Sydney. The site has an existing rail spur line off the main railway line. The owners anticipate the rezoning will be finalized in the next few months. Following the rezoning it is expected that we can lodge a DA to process raw sand.

NKGM hopes to have more to report at the next meeting.

## **7. Progress at Mine**

- a) NKGM advised they are working on rail schedules between Newnes and Narellen which is a work in progress.  
Anticipate one larger train a day – 6 days a week - instead of two smaller trains.  
Anticipate the trains will be half height shipping containers on rail flat top trucks loaded by front end loader. Simple loading operations to begin – automated loading operations to follow.
- b) NKGM confirmed that we are making sure that NK meets its environmental commitments – 2 meetings of the CCC each year – minutes on project website – annual EPA licence etc
- c) Project timeline – 12 to 18 months after we get zoning approval for the Narellen site
- d) Groundwater monitoring – see details above
- e) No complaints received

## **8. General Business**

Sue Graves raised the point that the winter meeting is a difficult time. Suggested we try to move to a schedule of an autumn/spring meetings.

Agreed that the next meeting will be December 2015 with the 2016 meetings to be in April and November.

## **9. Action Items**

- 1) Invite David Peters to the next meeting
- 2) Make contact with Damon Cupitt at LCC with a view to inspecting the site in the future
- 3) Investigate possible bushfire hazard reduction MP
- 4) Prepare draft bushfire evacuation plan in 2016 – future action item
- 5) Groundwater monitoring data to be placed on project website
- 6) Report on meeting with Lithgow Community Nursery and site visit

## **10. Meeting closed 7pm**

## **11. Next meeting December 2015 – details to be advised**