

**ABEL UNDERGROUND COAL MINE**

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE  
Meeting #8**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 5.00 pm**

**Abel Underground Mine Administration Building**

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**MINUTES**

1. **OPENING & WELCOME:** Chairman, The Hon. Milton Morris AO
2. **PRESENT:** Mr Milton Morris (Chairman), Mr Alan Brown, Mr Allan Jennings, Mr Terry Lewin, Mr Matthew Blackham, Mr Tony Sutherland, Mr Adam Heeney and Mr Phillip Brown (mins).
3. **APOLOGIES:** Mr Andrew Pace, Mr Brad Ure, Mr Lachlan Crawford (Bloomfield), Mr Mark McPherson and Mr Alick Osborne
4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**
  - 4.1 *Previous Minutes 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009 were confirmed by those members present.*
5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**
  - 5.1 *Business Arising.*  
Dealt with in Reports below.
6. **CORRESPONDENCE:**  
Nil
7. **COMPANY REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES:**
  - 7.1 **Development update**
    - 7.1.1 **Abel Program 2009**

Mr Matthew Blackham provided a presentation on the mine progress. See attached presentation.

Mr Blackham advised that there are 152 people employed at Abel with the number increasing to 180 by November 2009.

Mr A Jennings asked what are the tonnes per week that is being produced. Mr Blackham advised 13,000 tonnes.

Mr A Brown asked what the seam thickness was at present. Mr Blackham advised that the seam thickness is approximately 2.4 – 2.5 m of coal.
    - 7.2 **Monitoring and Environmental Performance**

Mr P Brown presented a report on environmental monitoring. See attached for presentation.
    - 7.3 **Community Complaints and response to complaints**

Mr P Brown advised that there had been no complaints. Refer to presentation for details.
    - 7.4 **Information provided to the Community and any feedback**
      - 7.4.1 **Website Information**

No comments.

Revision History					
Edition	Revision	Comment	Author	Date	Authorised by:
1	0	Draft Minutes	P Brown	30 October 2009	
		Approved		1 February 2010	M Morris

**7.5 Subsidence Management Plan Update**

Mr T Sutherland gave a presentation on the SMP update including subsidence monitoring. Refer to Attachments.

Mr A Brown asked if the subsidence would get greater with the increase in depth. Mr M Blackham advised that it was the opposite in that the deeper the mine progresses then the less impact by subsidence.

**7.6 2009 Dam Survey**

Mr P Brown advised that the dam survey will be undertaken over the coming months and that there were a total of 168 dams to be inspected. Mr A Heeney will be contacting the owners to discuss access.

**7.7 Status of Annual Environmental Management Report**

Mr P Brown advised that it is expected that the report will be finalised by 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2009.

**7.8 RTA Upgrade works – schedule, timeframe etc.**

Mr P Brown advised that the RTA had started another section of the roadworks in order to catch up time lost due to rain etc. Mr P Brown advised that he would send an email with the timeframe for the completion.

**8. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS**

There were no community comments.

**9. GENERAL BUSINESS:****10. NEXT MEETING**

10.1 The next meeting of the Abel Community Consultative Committee was set down for Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010 to be held at the Abel Underground Mine Administration Building at 5.00 pm.

***The meeting was declared closed at 5.30 pm by the Chairman.***