

ABEL UNDERGROUND COAL MINE

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
Meeting #11**

Monday 16th August 2010 at 5.00 pm

Abel Underground Mine Administration Building

MINUTES

1. **OPENING & WELCOME:** Chairman, The Hon. Milton Morris AO
2. **PRESENT:** Mr Milton Morris (Chairman), Mr Alan Brown, Mr Brad Ure Mr Allan Jennings, Mr Terry Lewin, Ms Keren Halliday (Bloomfield), Mr Matthew Blackham, Mr Tony Sutherland, Mr Mark McPherson, Mr Adam Heeney and Mr Phillip Brown (mins).
3. **APOLOGIES:** Mr Andrew Pace and Mr Alick Osborne
4. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**
 - 4.1 *Previous Minutes 3rd May 2010 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 2010**
Mr Matthew Blackham provided a presentation on the mine progress. See attached presentation.
 - 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**
No Complaints
 - 7.4 **Information provided to the Community and any feedback**
 - 7.4.1 **Website Information**
No comments.
 - 7.5 **SMP Update**
 - 7.5.1 **Baseline Subsidence and photographic monitoring reference**
Mr T Sutherland gave a presentation on the SMP update including subsidence monitoring. Refer to Attachments.

Mr A Brown asked what level of subsidence had been measured. Mr Sutherlands said 1.1 m.

Mr A Brown asked if there had been any fissuring. Mr Sutherland said that it was hard to identify at this stage. Some cracks had occurred.

Revision History					
Edition	Revision	Comment	Author	Date	Authorised by:
1	0	Draft Minutes	P Brown	13 October 2010	
		Approved Minutes		15 Nov 2010	Mr Milton Morris

Mr M McPherson advised that the cracks had only occurred on the gravel roads which had been compacted over years. Mr McPherson said they had dug 1/2 metre off the road and there were no visible cracking.

Mr Sutherland said that the road repairs had been boxed out and refilled and then rolled.

7.5.2 Subsidence Management Status Report

Refer to Attachments.

7.5.3 Updated Mine Plan – Colour Coding

Mr A Brown asked that if there was a change in the planning for the underground mine then it would be good to update the colour plan (yearly) and distribute.

Mr Blackham said that he was confident that the plan in the Environmental Assessment would still be correct.

7.5.4 Area 2 SMP

Refer to Attachments.

7.6 Mining Lease Application No 354 for the Ventilation Shaft

Mr T Sutherland gave a presentation on the vent shaft application. Refer to Attachments.

8. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Mr A Brown asked why the drilling rigs were being used in the area. Mr Sutherland advised that the rigs were for confirming geological information and quality information.

Mr Blackham advised that there was a band in the floor that was extremely hard and in general the coal seam was 2.1 m above the band. Mr Blackham said that this was one of the reasons that the drilling was being undertaken.

Mr McPherson also advised that on the eastern side of the area, a statistical model of the resource had been used with 200 m centres. They are duplicating this on the western side.

Mr B Ure asked when the Subsidence Management Plan for area 2 would be prepared. Mr Sutherland advised that it would be done by the end of September/October, 2010.

Mr Ure asked when do you do the Landholder Agreements done? Mr McPherson advised that they would be done during the SMP 2 process.

Mr Sutherland advised than the SMP Area 2 touches eleven different properties. They will commence the SMP process with a stakeholder meeting on the 9th September, 2010.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS:

10. NEXT MEETING

- 10.1 The next meeting of the Abel Community Consultative Committee was set down for Monday 15th November to be held at the Abel Underground Mine Administration Building at 5.00 pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 5.35 pm by the Chairman.