

ABEL UNDERGROUND COAL MINE

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
Meeting #12**

Monday 15th November 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 16 August 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. He said that the pillar extraction has gone really well.

Mr McPherson commented that the current equipment isn't matched to thin seam mining. An area east of Brad Ure's won't be mined at this stage.

Mr A Brown asked if this was due to the thick band. Mr McPherson said yes that there is a very strong feature which is greater than 100 mm and cannot be cut with a miner. Mr Jennings asked if they will still maintain the meterage. Mr Blackham said not as much. They don't have sufficient cars to keep up with the meterage.

Mr Blackham said going forward with two pillar panels that they would expect 1,000 per mth.
 - 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.

Revision History					
Edition	Revision	Comment	Author	Date	Authorised by:
1	0	Draft Minutes	P Brown	15 February 2011	
		Approved Minutes		22 February 2011	

7.5 SMP Update

7.5.1 Subsidence management status report for SMP Area 1

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

The question was asked about Figure 7 relating to the figure 1.156 and whether it was a mathematical average. Mr Sutherland said that it was actual subsidence.

7.5.2 Area 2 SMP update

Mr T Sutherland gave a presentation on the SMP area 2 process.

7.5.2.1 SMP Minutes

The minutes of the SMP Stakeholder Meeting were circulated.

7.5.2.2 Risk Assessment undertaken

See presentation by Mr T Sutherland.

Mr Lewin asked about possible road damage to Blackhill Road and how it was managed. Mr Sutherland advised that there will be a Road Management Plan produced in consultation with Cessnock Council including signage, daily inspections etc.

7.5.3 Ventilation Shaft Update

Mr T Sutherland gave an update.

8. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Mr A Brown asked why the drilling rigs were being used in the area. Mr McPherson advised that there were three drill rigs operating. Two for Donaldson Coal and one near Mount Sugarloaf. He advised that the drilling was being done for infill drilling to see where the up and down margins were. The previous drilling undertaken was nowhere as near spaced as the western side. They were looking at the quality of the upper and lower Donaldson seams.

Mr Brown asked if the same parting that has been encountered during mining to the East has been identified with recent drilling. Mr McPherson said not at this stage.

Mr B Ure asked what happens with the quarry with regard to coal mining. Mr McPherson said that the coal under the quarry is owned by another and that Donaldson did not know what was going on there. Mr McPherson advised that Donaldson had mining rights from the bottom of the Borehole Seam downwards and that the quarry owners had the rights above this.

Mr A Brown asked what was happening with the Vent Shaft.

Mr Sutherland advised that the following works would be carried out:

- a. Upgrade existing track
- b. An 8 m hole would be dug for the collar.
- c. Daracon will construct the concrete collar
- d. Donaldson would drill a hole and then the raise borer would drill the 5.5 m hole.

Mr Sutherland advised that it was planned to complete the hole by the end of the year.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mr Morris advised the meeting that this would be the last meeting for Mr Mark McPherson at the Abel CCC. Mr Morris personally thanked Mr McPherson for his professionalism and his work with Donaldson.

Mr Morris also advised that he would sincerely thank Mr Alick Osborne for his involvement with the Donaldson Projects as well.

10. NEXT MEETING

- 10.1 The next meeting of the Abel Community Consultative Committee was set down for Monday 21 February 2011 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.