

ABEL UNDERGROUND COAL MINE

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
Meeting #15**

Monday 08th August 2011 at 5.00 pm

Abel Underground Mine Administration Building

MINUTES

1. OPENING & WELCOME: Chairman, The Hon. Milton Morris AO

PRESENT: Mr Milton Morris (Chairman), Mr Brad Ure, Mr Terry Lewin, Mr Allan Jennings, Mr Tony Sutherland, Mr Adam Heeney, Mrs Julie Corbett (mins) and Mr Phillip Brown.

2. APOLOGIES: Mr Alan Brown, Mr A Pace and Mr Greg Lamb (Bloomfield)

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

3.1 *Previous Minutes 2nd May 2011 were confirmed by those members present.*

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

4.1 *Business Arising.*

Mr P Brown advised that Mr Matthew Blackham has resigned from Donaldson Coal and Mr Tony Sutherland is Acting Site Manager at Abel Mine.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

5.1 The Chairman tabled a letter sent to Newcastle Council re purchase of Donaldson Coal by Gloucester Coal – repeat of letter sent to other Councils - no Comments.

6. COMPANY REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES:

6.1 *Development update*

6.1.1 *Abel Program 2011 – T Sutherland Refer to presentation enclosed.*

- Now operating under financial year rather than calendar year. Completed four extraction panels. Now have one pillar extraction machine and five development machines.
- 200 people are employed but by next financial year should be up to 230 and when fully operational, 300 people expected to be employed.
- By mid-September two extraction panels will be working at the same time.

6.2 *Monitoring and Environmental Performance – P Brown*

- Refer to presentation enclosed.

6.3 *Community Complaints and response to complaints – P Brown*

No environmental incidents since last meeting and no Complaints received.

6.4 *Information provided to the Community and any feedback*

6.4.1 *Non-compliance with the prompt distribution of meeting documents –*
Mr P Brown advised that the Meeting minutes will be available this week.

6.5 *Abel Upgrade Modification*

Mr Tony Sutherland provided information on proposed modifications to Abel's Operating Consent.

Refer to Presentation enclosed.

Revision History					
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1	0	Draft Minutes	J Corbett	08 th Aug 2011	
		Approved Minutes		7 November 2011	M Morris

- Mr B Ure asked if a public meeting should be held. He commented that the community should be involved in expansion plans.
- Mr A Jennings requested that the community be informed earlier rather than later.
- Mr P Brown advised that the Company has always been upfront with the Community and would assess which method of advising them once all details were confirmed including proposed subsidence predictions.

6.6 Subsidence Management Plan Update

6.6.1 Area SMP 2 – T Sutherland

Refer to presentation enclosed.

6.6.2 Surface Fissuring Effects- SMP Area 2

- Refer to presentation enclosed

6.7 Donaldson Coal now as part of Gloucester Coal

Donaldson Coal has now been incorporated in the Gloucester Coal website and will be updated more frequently.

7. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

No general business.

9. NEXT MEETING

- 9.1** The next meeting of the Abel Community Consultative Committee was set down for Monday 7th November 2011 to be held at the Abel Underground Mine Administration Building at 5.00 pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 5.55pm by the Chairman.