

ABEL UNDERGROUND COAL MINE
COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
Meeting #16

Monday 7th November 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 Heeneey, Miss Hayley North (mins) and Mr Phillip Brown.

2. APOLOGIES: Mr A Pace

3. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

3.1 *Previous Minutes 8th August 2011 were confirmed by those members present.*

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:

4.1 *Business Arising.*

Meeting held with Mr P Brown, Mr T Sutherland and Mr A Brown on the proposed 75W application. As a result of the letter from the Community Representatives, an Extraordinary Meeting was held where proposed Short Wall and Long Wall were discussed. Refer to notes from Mr A Brown.

4.2 Mr T Sutherland advised that Mr Charlie Spence will be starting on the 28th November 2011 as the Mine Manager for Abel Mine. Mr T Sutherland will return to Technical Services Manger, Underground Operations.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

5.1 Dealt with under Business Arising

6. COMPANY REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES:

6.1 *Development update*

6.1.1 *Abel Program 2011 – T Sutherland –*

- Refer to presentation enclosed.
 - For the rest of 2011 Abel Underground will have one development machine down, due to machines being off site for upgrade works.
 - A SMP Variation has been submitted and approved not to extract panels 9-14 in SMP Area 1 due to the issues involved in mining through a major geological structure.
 - Two Pillar extraction panels will be running at once for approximately four months.

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 *Website Information – P Brown*

Gloucester Coal Website had expected to be up and running, noted that there has been a delay in receiving photographs to display on the website.

6.5 *Information provided to the community and any feedback*

- P Brown presented plans for a Community meeting to be held in December 2011 at Black Hill Public School with an Information Newsletter to be published first to supply the community with current information prior to attending information sessions.
- Dates for this event are to be advised as soon as possible.

Revision History					
Edition	Revision	Comment	Author	Date	Authorised by:
1	0	Draft Minutes	H North	25/11/11	
		Approved Minutes		27 February 2012	M Morris

6.6 Subsidence Management Plan Update**6.6.1 Subsidence management status report for SMP area 1 – T Sutherland**

- Refer to presentation enclosed
 - Optus FOC relocation – Optus have advised Donaldson Coal that the planned date for completion of the relocation works will be December 2011.

6.6.2 Area SMP 2 – T Sutherland

- Refer to presentation enclosed.
 - T Sutherland advised that the SMP Area 2 application is due to be endorsed at the next SMP Interagency meeting scheduled for 16th November 2011.

6.6.3 Ventilation shaft update – T Sutherland

- Delay with the Raise Bore contract. The Contractor will be on site December 2011 to commence the upcast shaft raise bore work.

6.7 Abel 75 W update.

- Refer to presentation enclosed

7. Questions raised by A Brown**7.1 Procedural Integrity**

- It is mandatory that information that comes from the CCC meetings is a true record of documentation that is to be supplied in a timely manner. Has been noted that previous meetings have not been to this standard.
- The Community Representatives are to have correct information at hand at all times, so as the information supplied to the Community is the most up to date and correct. The Gloucester Coal website is to have this information available. Mr P Brown will raise issue with IT (also to include all information for all previous meetings, and all meetings held in the future).

7.2 Latest AEMR Status

- AEMR submitted to DIE and DoP. Copy of Report was handed out to all present at meeting.

7.3 Abel Independent Environmental Audit Status

- To be conducted end of November, 2011 by Trevor Brown and Associates.

7.4 Subsidence baseline and photo monitoring status

- Pre Mining Survey Panel 1 Photo's presented of above ground pictures taken. Advised that Photos are available for all panels.

8. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS**9. GENERAL BUSINESS****9.1 Membership**

Member of the Community Consultative Committee has missed three meetings in a row. Mr M Morris will contact the Committee member regarding his future participation in meetings.

10. NEXT MEETING

- 10.1** The next meeting of the Abel Community Consultative Committee was set down for Monday 27th February 2012 to be held at the Abel Underground Mine Administration Building at 5.00 pm.

The meeting was declared closed at 6.13pm by the Chairman.