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MINUTES

Muswellbrook Coal Company Community Consultative Committee

13th December 2016

At Muswellbrook Coal Company's Administrative Office

Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Mr. Scott Brooks	Muswellbrook Shire Council
Mr. John Madden	Community Representative
Mr. Grant Clouten (<i>Senior Operations Manager</i>)	Muswellbrook Coal Company
Ms. Julie Thomas (<i>Environmental Coordinator</i>)	Muswellbrook Coal Company
Mrs. Kim Reilly (<i>minute taker</i>)	Muswellbrook Coal Company

1. **Open Meeting**

The meeting was opened at 12:12pm by Mr Scott Brooks, acting Chairman.

2. **Apologies**

Mr. Noel Downs	Community Representative
Mrs. Glenda Watts	Community Representative

3. **Declaration of pecuniary or other interests**

Nil.

4. **Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes from the previous meeting held on 13th September 2016 were confirmed as true and reliable

Moved – Mr. Scott Brooks

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Scott Brooks spoke on the consent modification. Said there is an opportunity for people to join the CCC Committee. The MSC guidelines allow for up to 5 community members and there are currently 3 community members on the committee. All existing members are encouraged to reapply for roles on the CCC if they wish to remain involved with the CCC.

A discussion about the timing and how the members are appointed was held. MCC are to advertise for applications to the CCC. MCC are to review the applications and are to provide a recommendation to MSC. MSC will then appoint the members to the CCC.

6. **Notification of Items of General Business Proposed to be Raised**

Nil.

7. Correspondence

John Madden asked about the plans for the Daracon quarry lease. MCC responded that there is an agreed Closure Plan in place. The earthworks and planting have been undertaken by Daracon and the performance of the works will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. The rehabilitation for the quarry is separate to the rehabilitation for the mine.

8. Reports

A. *Environmental Monitoring Data & Operations* – Ms Julie Thomas presented a PowerPoint presentation to the committee. The presentation contained an update on approvals, mine operations, rehabilitation, complaints and the results of the environmental monitoring data (weather, dust, water, blasting and noise), for the previous quarter (*July – September 2016*) at the mine site.

B. *Report Discussion* –

Mining Update

- i. Mining activities continued in Open Cut 1 with some material being dumped in Open Cut 2.
- ii. Spontaneous combustion management in Open Cut 1 and Open Cut 2 continued
- iii. 378,397 tonnes of coal was mined and 1.745 million cubic metres of waste was removed during the reporting period.
- iv. 691 hours was lost due to environmental conditions – mainly wet weather.

W. Muswellbrook Project

- No update

Sandy Creek Project

- A176 lease has been renewed

Continuation Project

- Approval for the Continuation Project modification was granted by MSC on 26 October 2016
- Mining Operations Plan / Rehabilitation Plan has been drafted.
 - This document describes the mining and rehabilitation activities to take place on site with plans showing the yearly progression of activities until 2026
 - It details the criteria MCC need to comply with to demonstrate that the rehabilitation has been successful
 - The document has been sent out for consultation with comments due back 16 December 2016
 - The document has been submitted to Division of Resources and Energy for approval.
- The following management plans are currently being drafted and are due to be submitted to MSC by 26 January 2017 –
 - Spontaneous Combustion Management Plan
 - Air Quality Management Plan

- Noise Management Plan
- Blast Management Plan
- The following management plans are due to be submitted to MSC by 26 April 2017 –
 - Environmental Management Strategy
 - Visual Amenity, Lighting and Landscaping Plan
 - Water Management Plan
 - Rehabilitation Strategy
- The following management plans are due to be submitted to MSC by 26 October 2017
 - Mine Closure Plan
 - Bushfire Management Plan

Weather

- i. *Windroses*: Primarily north westerly wind directions for July and September with a mixture of north westerly and south easterly wind directions in August.
- ii. *Rain*: Above average precipitation in January, June, July and September.

Dust

- i. *Dust Deposition*: Average levels at all sites were within the compliance levels.
- ii. *TSP (Total Suspended Particulates)*: All sites below criteria.
- iii. *PM₁₀*: All sites below criteria.

Water

- i. Quality of surface water is influenced by natural conditions. Ground water has decreased in pH & EC due to the increased rainfall. Underground water levels also consistent with some minor variation in water levels.

Blasting

- i. All sites below criteria.

Complaints

- i. The complaint history until November 2016 was presented to the CCC. There was a general discussion around the types of complaints. These were mainly odour complaints.

Question by John Madden: Would there be an extension on the extension in the future?

Grant Clouten replied: Only with Sandy Creek but at this present stage it isn't viable and is subject to a separate approval for that expires 2020.

9. Submissions

Nil

10. Announcements

Nil

11. Next Meeting

Tuesday, 7th March 2017 – the rest to be advised for 2017.

Meeting will be held at 12:00pm in the Board Room at Muswellbrook Coal Company Administrative Office. A sandwich lunch and refreshments shall be provided.

12. Adjourn Meeting

Mr. Scott Brooks thanked MCC for being made welcome to the CCC

Meeting closed at 12:50pm.