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MINUTES

Muswellbrook Coal Company Community Consultative Committee 6th December 2022 Muswellbrook Coal Company's Administration Offices

Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Mr. Malcolm Ogg	Community Representative
Ms. De-anne Douglas	Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council
Mr. John Madden	Community Representative
Ms. Theresa Folpp (<i>via Teams</i>)	Muswellbrook Shire Council
Mr. Brett O'Kane (<i>Acting General Manager</i>)	Muswellbrook Coal Company
Ms. Julie Thomas (<i>Environmental Superintendent</i>)	Muswellbrook Coal Company
Mrs. Erin Muffett (<i>Minute Taker</i>)	Muswellbrook Coal Company

1. **Open Meeting**

The meeting was opened at 12:11pm by Ms Julie Thomas.

2. **Apologies**

Nil

3. **Correspondence**

Out – June meeting minutes sent out to CCC members on 1 August 2022.

September presentation emailed to CCC members on 22 September 2022.

In - Nil

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

Nil.

5. **Confirmation of Minutes**

Minutes from the previous ordinary meeting held on 7th June 2022 were confirmed as true and reliable. Moved – Mr. John Madden, Second by Ms. Theresa Folpp.

6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Nil

7. **Notification of Items of General Business Proposed to be Raised:**

Julie Thomas raised that at the end of the meeting she would like to discuss dates for the CCC meetings in 2023 as we approach Mine Closure.

8. Reports

Environmental Monitoring Data & Operations – Julie Thomas presented a PowerPoint presentation to the committee. The presentation contained an update on approvals, mine operations, project, rehabilitation, complaints and the results of the environmental monitoring data (weather, dust, gas, water, blasting and noise), at the mine site.

Mining Update

- Mining activities ceased in Open Cut 1. on 22/11/2022 and the processing of coal ceased on 05/12/2022. Open Cut 2 is being shaped for rehabilitation.
- Spontaneous combustion management continued.
- 433,936 tonnes of coal were mined, and 0.33 million cubic metres of waste was removed during the reporting period.
- 450.8 hours was lost due to adverse weather. 447. hours of rain, 0.0 hours to dust, 3.8 hours to fog.
- In April 2022, MCC submitted an application to MSC to make minor amendments to the development consent. Minor amendments to assist in the transition from mining into a closure execution phase and ultimately lease relinquishment. These modifications were triggered by a Resource Regulator reform package and changes are being made to align our development consent with this new package. This modification was discussed with MSC and the Resource Regulator prior to submission of the application. MCC has received feedback from MSC and has developed a response to the submissions. This will be submitted to MSC shortly.
- MCC is seeking a modification to the development consent to allow the stockpiling, handling and transportation of coal until 31st March 2023. The final strip of mining in Open Cut No.1 yielded more coal than forecast. The extra cost has led to schedule changes which resulted in MCC mining longer than expected. The schedule changes, combined with flooding along the rail line and the end of July 2022 contract expiry for MCC's haulage contractor have led to uncertainty on the coal haulage completion date. MCC has received feedback from MSC and has developed a response to submissions, which have been submitted to MSC. MSC are currently assessing this modification.

Question by Mr John Madden: Is it definitely a March finish date?

Mr Brett O'Kane: Yes. Our schedule has us finishing haulage in January 2023. We have allowed additional time just in case.

Project Update

- Exploration Licence A176 Update – A decision to relinquish was made and the required application to cancel A176 was submitted in August 2021. Approval is still pending.
- Idemitsu Australia has started the process to relinquish ML1513 – Sandy Creek Lease.

Question by Mr John Madden: A176 whereabouts is it?

Ms Julie Thomas: It's not West Muswellbrook. Mostly down to the east along the access road, some land near the old quarry and St Heliers.

- MCC is waiting on feedback from MSC regarding any submissions on the Old Pit Top development application.

Environmental Management Plan Update

- MCC has a requirement to update the Environmental Management Plans at the end of mining activities.
- All MCC Environmental Management Plans will be updated at the end of mining activities to reflect changes from an active mining operation to a site that is transitioning to mine closure.

West Muswellbrook Project

- No update – evaluation of results of recent drilling continuing.

MCC Mine Closure

- MCC has completed mining activities. Coal haulage activities are still continuing.
- Mine closure studies are ongoing. These studies are focused on lease relinquishment. This does not include future land use.
- In parallel with this work, alternate post mining land use studies are ongoing this includes Pumped Hydro and a Solar Farm.
- MCC are working with Transport NSW on interactions between MCC activities and the Muswellbrook Bypass.
- Hunter Gas Pipeline passes through MCC land. This is in the very early stages & at this point in time in concept only. This will be to the east of the mine and the bypass will be to the west.

Weather

- Wind Roses: for July, August, September, October and November were presented. Predominantly North Westerly and South Easterly Winds for the quarter.
- Rainfall: Above average rainfall in the last 5 months.

Dust

- PM_{10} : All within range, no exceedance to discuss.

Gas Monitoring

- Gas monitor results from Muscle Creek, were presented to the CCC. All results were within the realm of where we expect them to be. Full results are available on the company website.

Water

- Ground Water Sampling shows still within acceptable levels.
- Surface Water Monitoring – remains constant. Monitoring will detail more going forward.

Blasting

- Blast monitoring results up until November 2022 were presented and were compliant with the blasting criteria. MCC 's last blast was in November and for now blasting has ceased at MCC. MCC may be required to conduct small blasts occasionally during rehab.

Noise Monitoring

- Noise monitoring results up until November 2022, were presented and were compliant with the noise criteria. Noise monitoring will cease as this is only a requirement during night shift activities. MCC will no longer have any night shift activities moving forward.

Complaints

- The complaint history until November 2022 was presented to the CCC. MCC received a total of 7 complaints in 2022. There were no complaints receiving within the last 3 months, all related to Spontaneous Combustion odour or visual.

Question by John Madden: What is a visual complaint?

Ms Julie Thomas: When the steam or smoke can be seen. It is visual rather than odour.

9. Submissions

Nil

10. Announcements

Nil

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting date is Tuesday 6th June 2023.

Meeting will be held at 12:00pm in the Board Room at Muswellbrook Coal Company Administrative Office. Refreshments shall be provided.

12. General Business

Question by Ms Julie Thomas: What is the CCC's members feedback on our current meeting schedule of every June and December? Is everyone still comfortable to continue moving forward?

Mr Malcolm Ogg: As long each meeting isn't the same as the previous meeting

Ms Julie Thomas: What information would you like to see presented to the committee?

Mr Malcolm Ogg: I think it will change as things progress i.e., the pumped hydro keeping in touch on these proposals.

Ms Julie Thomas: We will cut back on the monitoring data and keep you up to date on projects.

Question by Mr Malcolm Ogg: At a previous meeting we discussed how would the mine closure be broadcasted to the community? How will that be conveyed?

Ms Julie Thomas: The Community Day held back in May was our way to farewell MCC within the community.

Mr Malcolm Ogg: What about documentation of mine records?

Mrs Erin Muffett: We are currently working on a continuation of the first book with the Muswellbrook Historical Society however this is still a work in progress.

Question by Ms De-anne Douglas: Is the rehab still 2 years?

Ms Julie Thomas: No rehab has always been proposed as 4 years.

Ms Deanne Douglas: We had been informed by someone at a meeting held here recently for

the solar project that rehab was for 2 years.

Ms Julie Thomas: Rehab will most likely be 3-4 years. All public information available indicates that rehab will be up until 2026.

Question by Ms Theresa Folpp: Are contractors for rehab hard to come by with the right skill set?

Mr Brett O'Kane: There are companies available who can do the rehab.

13. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting closed at 12:55pm.

14. Site Inspection

No site inspection was conducted on this occasion.