



**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT LIDDELL COAL
PREPARATION PLANT 6th June 2006**



PRESENT: John Douglas (MSC), Samantha Spicer (MSC), Brian Thomas (SSC), Grant Farrar (LCO), Gavin Hose (LCO), Steven Peart (LCO).

IN ATTENDANCE: Stephen Garland (LCO) (from 11:10am)

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The meeting opened at 10:10am

1.2 APOLOGIES: Ed Wegner, Michelle Nicholls, Julie Clydsdale

Moved by John Douglas, seconded by Brian Thomas.

2 GENERAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES

2.1 In the event of a safety emergency evacuation, procedure is to follow Grant Farrar out to the declared Muster Area in the Car Park.

3 PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION

3.1 Nil.

4 PREVIOUS MINUTES

4.1 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th October 2005 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Moved by John Douglas, seconded by John Douglas.

5 BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 There was no business arising from the previous minutes

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 6.1 The Liddell Coal Operations Review was presented by Grant Farrar and Steven Peart. The following items were discussed:
- Overview of current mining area
 - Safety Performance;
 - Production Performance;
 - Environmental Performance;
 - Environmental Review - Monitoring Air, Noise, Blasting and Water
 - Environmental Activities

6.2 It was noted that 1 environmental incident occurred on site since October 2005. The incident was an oil spill of around 100L. Grant Farrar clarified that what was shown as a reportable incident in the presentation was an incident that was reportable to Xstrata and not to the EPA.

6.3 No community complaints had been made in the period from October 2005.

6.4 Brian Thomas expressed concern regarding the high PM₁₀ dust reading on the 17th March 2006. In Ed Wegner's absence, Steven Peart had undertaken some preliminary correlation of the three previous high readings; with results correlating with regional high winds and high daily temperatures, on 17th March 2006 no such link was determined. Brian Thomas suggested that cross checking results against other mine sites in the area could be a means to more accurately interpreting results.

Brian Thomas suggested that comparing the 12 Month Moving Mean with the Annual Average Criterion needed clarification.

6.5 Brian Thomas asked if there were any exceedances of the allowable lower threshold 115dBL blast overpressure limit.

Steven Peart responded that 1 exceedance of this allowable type was recorded from the remote blast monitor at 116.6dBL on 25th February 2006 at the Burlings monitoring point. However, an independent reading from a portable blast monitor recorded 107.4dBL. HLA could not verify the variable results. The higher reading of 116.6dBL was recorded as the result for this event.

6.6 Steven Peart informed the Committee of the DNR's recent concerns regarding salinity levels in Bowmans Creek. The subsequent investigation undertaken by Mackie Environmental Research was summarised. The report found that 'contributions to salinity levels in Bowmans Creek from mining operations appears to be inconsequential at the present time'. Rather, the variable salinity levels reported in Bowmans Creek were the result of the current dry spell.

The Committee was satisfied with the investigations findings.

6.7 Steven Peart noted that a Regulatory Compliance Audit of Liddell's Development Consent was undertaken in November 2005. The Committee was informed of the 2 outstanding issues; being the establishment of blast monitoring at the Chain of Ponds Hotel, and the requirement to submit a Environmental Protection Licence variation to include noise monitoring locations.

- 6.8 Grant Farrar presented a summary of the forthcoming Liddell expansion DA modification and Brian Thomas asked what effect of the increased rate of production would have on rehabilitation.

Grant Farrar informed the Committee that the mine plan would actually contribute to quicker progressive rehabilitation of the mine. This would occur through the removal and dumping of overburden in areas which will provide for an earlier final landform over a considerable area.

- 6.9 Following this meeting, a tour of the Mountain Block rehabilitation and current mining operations was planned.

7 ACTION ITEMS

Steven Peart will investigate the high PM₁₀ reading on the 17th March 2006 and the comparison between the 12 Month Moving Mean and the Annual Average Criterion and report back to the Committee.

8 BUSINESS FOR NEXT MEETING

- 8.1 It was suggested by John Douglas that a presentation of Liddell's conceptual mine closure plan be given at the next meeting.
- 8.2 John Douglas requested to see samples of used High Volume Air Sample filters.

9 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next scheduled meeting is set down for the Tuesday 14th November 2006 at 2:00PM at the Liddell Coal Preparation Plant.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11:55am.

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Chairman