



**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT LIDDELL COAL
PREPARATION PLANT 18 NOVEMBER 2003**

PRESENT: John Douglas, Julie Clydsdale, Gwyn Davis, Natasha Hansford,
Mary Robinson, Trevor Wells, Ed Wegner.

IN ATTENDANCE: Michelle Nicholls, Fiona Scane.

1 APOLOGIES: B Langdon, Amanda Payton, V Istomin.

1.1 The meeting opened at 1:00 pm.

2 PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARATION

2.1 Nil.

3 PREVIOUS MINUTES

3.1 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 May 2003 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

4 REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF OPERATIONS

4.1 Trevor Wells updated the community representatives on the progress of operations since the last meeting:

- Mining 3.2Mtpa ROM in 2003
- Forecast 3.5Mtpa ROM for 2004
- Hold DA to produce 4.5Mtpa Rom, however given current market will only produce to 3.5Mtpa until conditions improve at port and with price.
- Signed new contract with HVE and 2 new excavators have commenced on site.
- Mining concentrating in the South Cut.
- Plan to rehabilitate the Mountain block during 2004 to 2006.
- Confirmed finished mining in the Mountain block.

4.2 John Douglas enquired as to the number of employees on site. Total is 154 people including HVE and subcontractors.

4.3 Mary asked whether 12 hours shifts were worked on this site. HVE remove overburden under a 12 hour shift at present. The CHPP currently works 8 hour shifts but will be moving to 12.25 hour shifts in 2004.

5 REPORT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING RESULTS

- 4.4 Ed Wegner updated the community representatives on the environmental monitoring results since the last meeting:
- DMR & DIPNAR performed their annual environmental inspection and were impressed by Liddell's results and drainage around the site.
 - Rehabilitated 38ha in the Reservoir and Railway blocks. Planting has taken well.
 - There have been no significant reportable items. Liddell self reported that a couple of blast monitoring had failed.
 - There has not been much opportunity to discharge water over the last six months. Approximately 20ML has been discharged during the period.

- 5.1 Confirm copies of the Annual Environmental Management Report (AEMR) have been sent out to each representative.

IT WAS NOTED that Natasha Hansford, Julie Clydsdale and Mary Robinson had not received copies. It was noted that Mary Robinson acting as substitute for for Bill Langdon, would not have been provided with a copy of the AEMR. It was resolved that Ed Wegner would provide a copy of the report to those required.

- 5.2 Ed Wegner updated the committee with the progress of Management Plans. All plans forwarded to the Department have now been approved. The Site Water Management Plan, Soil and Water Management Plan and Joint Acquisition Management Plans are in final draft and once completed will satisfy all Development Consent Plan requirements until 2007. Training on these environmental plans has now commenced.
- 5.3 Suggested that as the Annual Environmental Management Report is very detailed and scientific it would be of value to the committee if Ed Wegner was to in future provide a brief overview via power point presentation.
- 5.4 John Douglas queried whether there had been any issues with salinity on the mine site. Ed Wegner confirmed that in terms of rehabilitation of areas containing potentially saline spoil material, there is a proven technique involving soil testing and diagnosis, soil remediation and conditioning as necessary, prior to seeding taking place. This process has been successfully employed at Liddell over a number of years.

6 REPORT ON INCIDENTS & COMPLAINTS LOG

- 6.1 Ed Wegner confirmed there had been no complaints or reportable incidents in the previous six months.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

- 7.1 Mary Robinson will provide 3 nominations for Singleton community representatives as currently all 3 community representatives present are from the Muswellbrook shire. It is noted that Julie Clydsdale was nominated and appointed to represent Singleton Shire Council.
- 7.2 John Douglas requested that due to Council Elections in March/April 2004, was it possible to bring forward the next meeting to February? After much discussion it was agreed that meetings should be held in May and November of each year as that was best for all.

8 SITE TOUR

- 8.1 Following this meeting the Community Consultative Committee Representatives were taken on a tour of the mine site.

9 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

- 9.1 The next scheduled meeting is set down for the Tuesday 18 May 2004 at 5:30 pm at the Liddell Coal Preparation Plant.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 1:38 pm.

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Chairman