

ABEL UNDERGROUND COAL MINE

**COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
Meeting #4**

Wednesday 17th September, 2008 at 5.00pm

Donaldson Coal Administration Building

MINUTES

1. **OPENING & WELCOME:** Chairman, The Hon. Milton Morris AO
2. **PRESENT:** Mr Milton Morris (Chairman), Mr Alan Brown, Mr Allan Jennings, Mr Terry Lewin, Mr Lachlan Crawford (Bloomfield), Mr Mark McPherson, Mr Matthew Blackham (Abel Mine Manager), Mr Adam Heeney and Mr Phillip Brown (mins).
3. **APOLOGIES:** Mr Brad Ure, Mr Andrew Pace and Mr Alick Osborne
4. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY OR OTHER INTERESTS:** The Chairman asked if there was a need to include this in future Agendas. Those at the meeting agreed to delete it from future meeting Agendas.
5. **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**
 - 5.1 *Previous Minutes 18th June, 2008 were confirmed by those members present.*
6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**
 - 6.1 *Business Arising.*
 - 6.1.1 Community trust – Mr McPherson advised that Mr Terry Lewin had assisted in drafting a form which will be circulated shortly. Mr McPherson advised that applications will be sought twice yearly for funding from the Trust.
7. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mr Morris advised that he had forwarded a letter to the Minister for Roads regarding the Blackhill Road intersection on John Renshaw Drive. Mr McPherson advised that he had contacted the RTA project manager who said that they will be commencing work in February 2009 but was unsure of which end they would start on.
8. **COMPANY REPORTS AND OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES:**
 - 8.1 **Development update**
 - 8.1.1 **Abel Program 2008**

Mr Matthew Blackham provided an update on the mine's progress including the construction of an interview/assessment recruitment centre; the mine has produced approximately 13,000 tonnes of coal to date. Mr Blackham tabled a plan showing that the mine had progressed to the south side of John Renshaw Drive. (See Attachments
 - 8.1.2 **Independent Audit Report and AEMR**

Mr A Brown tabled a document titled **ABEL CCC MEETING 17 SEPTEMBER 2008** (See Attachments). Mr P Brown advised that the Company would provide answers to the document. Refer to Attachments.
 - 8.2 **Monitoring and Environmental Performance**

Mr P Brown introduced Mr Adam Blundell of Ecobiological to talk about the upcoming dam flora fauna surveys.

Mr P Brown tabled the report Donaldson Monitoring Dust and Meteorological Data Monthly Report for May 2008.
 - 8.3 **Community Complaints and response to complaints**

Mr P Brown advised that there had been no community complaints relating to Abel.
 - 8.4 **Information provided to the Community and any feedback**
 - 8.4.1 **Website Information**

Mr P Brown advised that the approved management plans have now been placed on the Company's website. Mr P Brown also tabled the Abel Newsletter that was circulated recently. Mr A Brown noted that the June CCC meeting minutes had not been posted on

the website. Mr P Brown advised that the website is undergoing an upgrade and this is being done by Donaldson Head Office.

9. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS:

- 9.1 Mr A Brown asked about the coal subsidence documents. Mr McPherson advised that the Company had only prepared one for John Renshaw Drive to date. Mr McPherson said that secondary extraction is not planned until the last Quarter in 2009. It is anticipated that the first documentation would be submitted by the end of First Quarter to the Government. Mr McPherson advised that the owners of land in this period would be the Catholic Diocese, Coal and Allied, Ian Rae, Brad Ure and The Allans.
- 9.2 Mr A Brown asked if the Company would be monitoring the mining subsidence under the Company owned land to model the effects. Mr McPherson said that they would. Mr Blackham advised that the Company was monitoring John Renshaw Drive and that there had been an upsidence of 30 mm before mining underneath it.
- 9.3 Mr T Lewin asked about the forms for the Trust. Mr McPherson said that they would be sent out shortly.
- 9.4 An email was tabled from Mr A Pace who could not attend the meeting. Mr Crawford tabled a response.
- 9.5 Mr A Brown tabled a document with questions regarding the AEMR and the Independent Environmental Audit. See attachments for questions and answers.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS:

11. NEXT MEETING

- 11.1 The next meeting of the Abel Community Liaison Committee was set down for Monday 8th December 2008 to be held at the Donaldson Coal Administration Building at 5.00 pm.

MEETING CLOSED: 5:56 pm.