

Murray Mallee Community Consultative Committee
Summary of Meeting No 1
Held at DC Karoonda East Murray chambers
2.30 pm Thursday, 24 June 2004

Attendees: Paul Heithersay (Minerals and Energy - (M&E)), Garry Wardle (M&E), John Berger (landowner), Trent Mader (Riverland Development Corp - (RDC)), Gale Pfitzner (landowner), Gerard Bosch (Southern Titanium - (STN)), Peter Hinner (STN), Kevin Burdett (Mayor - District Council Karoonda East Murray - (DCKEM)), Peter Smithson (CEO – DCKEM).

Apologies: Kevin Heidrich (landowner), Grant Dixon (landowner), Darren Eates (landowner), Peter Campbell (Murraylands Regional Development Board - (MRDB)), Darryl McNeilly (Murray Mallee Soil Conservation Board – (MMSCB)).

The meeting commenced at 2.30pm with Paul Heithersay (Acting Director – PIRSA Mineral Resources Group) assuming the Chair. Paul welcomed all attendees and briefly introduced the Mineral Resources Group's role in the development approval process. All attendees briefly introduced themselves and their relative roles as stakeholders.

Discussion followed on the format and objectives of the committee.

Membership.

- The Directorate of PIRSA - M&E will provide the Chair and one other representative.
- Four landowner representatives, (currently John Berger, Darren Eates, Kevin Heidrich and Gale Pfitzner) plus a fifth landowner who is at that point in time affected by the mining operations.
- STN - 2 representatives.
- DCKEM – 2 representatives (Mayor & CEO).
- Regional Development Boards – 2 (Riverland & Murraylands).
- Soil Conservation Board – 1 representative.
- Community representative – 1. This position is unallocated at the moment and any community member interested in being involved should contact one of the committee members
- The committee can invite additional/temporary members or attendees as the need arises especially special interest groups and specialised expertise.
- Any members of the public may attend and be heard subject to the consent of the Chair.
- Membership will be reviewed each June meeting.
- Quorum - The Chair is to decide if there are sufficient members available for the meeting to go ahead. Progress may continue via electronic media.

Minutes.

- Minutes to be taken alternately by M&E and STN.
- Minutes to reflect discussions and resolutions.
- Action items are to be identified in the minutes.
- Draft minutes to be distributed to committee members one week after the meeting by email or fax by DCKEM. Committee members to respond to minutes secretary with amendments within two days of receipt.
- A meeting summary or communiqué is to be sent to all landowners via DCKEM's newsletter.
- The amended Minutes and the Agenda for the next meeting are to be distributed to members one week prior to the next meeting.

Action Item Paul H and Garry W to propose format of minutes and summary

Remuneration.

- The suggestion of remuneration for committee members who are not compensated by their place of employment was raised. Issues discussed included;
 - Some members will be paid to be at the meeting, some will be funding themselves.
 - People may lose interest quickly if it costs them to attend.
 - People from further afield eg Loxton, will not attend, as it presents too great a burden.
 - Without compensation, only people having their own agenda will remain on committee.
- Further consideration is to be given to this at the next meeting.

Action Item PIRSA to look at fees.

Response is this committee does not fall under Premier and Cabinet's determination for Government appointed committees but M&E will pay reasonable travelling costs to non-company and non-government stakeholders at the prescribed rate (\$0.60 / km). This will be reviewed after the first year.

Frequency of meetings.

- Meetings are to be held on the first Wednesday of the months of February, April, June August and October at 10.00am.
- It was suggested the East Murray Community Centre is a centralised location for local landowners. The alternative of the Wanbi Hotel dining room was also suggested.

Action Item P Smithson to check on availability of Wanbi.

Objectives of Committee.

The meeting discussed what would be the objectives, outcomes and guidelines of the committee. It was agreed these should be circulated to the community for comment or amendment. The results are summarised below.

Mission Statement. Murray Mallee Community Consultative Committee

- Our aim is to maximise the opportunity presented to all stakeholders by the operations of the Zircon mining project in the Murray Mallee region.

Objectives.

- To provide a forum for the **Murray Mallee Community Consultative Committee** to provide feedback and guidance to Southern Titanium, PIRSA - Minerals & Energy and DCKEM on all matters relating to the planned Zircon mining operations in the area.
- To ensure accurate and effective communication between all stakeholders by the development of a communication strategy, including the use of information meetings and communiqués.
- To facilitate a wide community consultation on issues relating to the planned mining operations in the area.
- To use the Committee to provide access to government departments, including the Minister for Mineral Resources Development.
- To utilise available research facilities to determine best practice principles are employed.

Outcomes.

- All outcomes will be sustainable, beneficial, fair and reasonable to all stakeholders.
- All stakeholders will have a comprehensive understanding of the regulatory and facilitatory role of PIRSA – Mineral Resources.
- Everyone will have a clear understanding of the roles of all other stakeholders.
- The environmental impact is minimised beyond community expectations so that all stakeholders benefit.

Committee Principles.

- Commitment from all participants to contribute in an open and orderly manner with due respect to others;
- A stable membership with representatives familiar with the operation and able to speak authoritatively on behalf of those they represent;
- Committee members who are familiar with the proposed operation (regular site inspections can assist);
- A Chair who keeps control of the meeting and keeps it focused;

- Representatives must be able to keep personal interests at bay;
- Adequate notice of meetings and distribution of minutes to members and the local community;
- Appropriate timing of meetings where possible to facilitate attendance by community representatives with work or care obligations
- An agreed reporting framework and format;
- Full and open follow-up by both government and company representatives on any unresolved issue within a nominated timeframe;
- The ability to call in temporary members to address specific issues e.g. DEH, DLWBC etc;
- Clear and open nomination and selection of community representatives;
- The nominated Chair is the only person who can speak to the media on behalf of the Committee. Individual members may speak about how they are personally affected but not with respect to Committee matters.
- Any individual concerns with operational issues should be pursued in the first instance with Southern Titanium and not the Committee. The existence of the Committee should not subvert landowners from approaching the mining company at any time.

Potential Issues include;

- Access to land
- Rehabilitation of agricultural land
- Rehabilitation of native vegetation
- Topsoil management
- Flora and fauna management
- Water resources
- Air quality
- Traffic management
- Community consultation
- Mining sequence schedule

Next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the East Murray Community Centre @ 10.00am on Wednesday, 4th August 2004.

Meeting closed at 4.53 pm.

Signed.....
Chair

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