

**Murray Mallee Community Consultative Committee
Summary of Meeting No 14
Held at East Murray Community Centre
10:00 am Tuesday, 5th June 2007**

Attendees:

Kevin Burdett (Mayor - DCKEM), CHAIR
Sam Walker (Resource Development Program Manager - MRG),
Chris Koufalas (Principal Project Officer - MRG),
Hans Bailiht (Senior Assessment Officer - MRG)
Peter Smithson (CEO – DCKEM),
Damian Berger (Mallee Coorong Natural Resource Management Group),
Brenton Lewis (Murraylands Regional Development Board),
E. F. Francis (landowner),
Ann Crouch (landowner),
Gerard Bosch (Manager Exploration, Australian Zircon NL (AZC)),
Phil Baillie (General Manager - Operations, AZC)
Wayne Jaensch, (Logistics Manager - Genesee & Wyoming).

Mayor Kevin Burdett, in the absence of Ted Tyne, chaired the meeting and welcomed new attendees Sam Walker (MRG) and Phil Baillie (AZC).

1 Apologies:

Ted Tyne (Director, Mineral Resources Group (MRG)), Garry Wardle (Senior Mining Engineer - (MRG)), John Berger (Murray Mallee Strategic Task Force), Adrian Pederick (Member for Hammond), Grant Dixon (landowner), Gale Pfitzner (landowner), David Barr (landowner).

2 Minutes and Action Items

The distributed minutes of the previous meeting (No 13) held 3rd April 2007 were accepted without amendment.

There are no outstanding Action Items.

3 Business arising

There was no business arising.

4 Project Update

Phil Baillie, GM - Operations, AZC, gave a brief update on the current status of the project, highlights include:

- The clearing of vegetation beneath the power line to Pyap is nearly complete and AZC plan to energise the line in mid June.
- Two D11RCD bulldozers have been stripping overburden and starter pit complete with ore exposed and stockpiled ready for commissioning. Two shift operation for last month but may revert to single shift.
- Topsoil and subsoil stripping for the starter pit complete. Topsoil stockpiles have good vegetation growing while subsoil is barren indicating stripping was undertaken as expected. Subsoil sprayed with polymer (with rain) stabilised the soil.
- Erection of three of the four Primary Concentrator Plant (PCP) modules is complete and spirals and pumps are currently being installed. Concentrate Upgrade Plant (CUP) steelwork almost complete. Five-storey dry plant is going up.
- The handover from construction is now scheduled for 18th September, which will be followed by commissioning and ramp up of throughput.
- Construction workforce approaching 25 and structures and equipment are rapidly going in.
- No further news on the changes in the configuration of the spur line to a rail load-out facility.
- First phase of recruitment of staff now complete and there will be no more for a while. Expect 40 new starters coming on over the next 2 months. Approximately 57% of those recruited come from the Murraylands/Riverlands.
- AZC has made it clear that it will not be providing or become involved in the provision of accommodation but will post further information on available regional accommodation on-site.
- The AZC office is now permanently manned with three of the four key managers now on site and Sandy Redden (started early June) installed as receptionist. Expect new phone and contact details once the new exchange is installed in two weeks.
- AZC supported the “Loxton Rotary Pride of Workmanship” awards and committed to major sponsorship of the Riverland Renaissance Festival.

General discussion on matters relating to project status followed.

- Wayne Jaensch of Genesee & Wyoming (Australia) gave a brief presentation about G&W operations. It is expected there will be three trains per week transporting product from the site. These are predicted to occur on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

5 General Business

- Question was raised regarding the 70km radius for employment and this was addressed as a safety precaution for fatigue management. Confirmation of work shifts was 4 days on, 4 days off. People living outside the 70km radius are still encouraged to apply, however they will need to organise their own accommodation within 70km if successful in gaining employment (eg shared accommodation with others in similar situation).
- Broadband initiatives are to be investigated by Murraylands Regional Development Board.
- Concerns regarding the use of UHF channel 28 being used by AZC. AZC will be moving to a scramble channel (possibly 3 licensed channels) and is waiting for a communications tower to be built (in approximately one month).
- The Murraylands Regional Development Board wish to hold a board meeting at EMAS on 25th October 2007 and requested a site tour for about 20 – 30 people.
- AZC’s communication with the general community was raised. Option of a public tour was recommended to inform people of the operation. This could not occur until the construction and commissioning phases were completed. Phil suggested that a newsletter be circulated prior to commissioning or a local newspaper feature be arranged as a means of updating the broader community on developments.
- It was acknowledged that many local businesses were benefiting from the activities at the mine site.
- Water use for production is expected to come on line in September. Monitoring of water is currently underway. The effect of AZC's water use on landowners is to be monitored and discussions regarding bores or alternative water supply will be held on a case-by-case basis.

7 Action Items

None.

8 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to be held at the East Murray Community Centre @ 10.00am on Tuesday, 7th August 2007.

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Chair

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