

Murray Mallee Community Consultative Committee (Mineral Sands)
Minutes of Meeting No 34
East Murray Community Centre
6:00 pm Tuesday 11th September 2012

Attendees:	
Peter Smithson	CEO District Council Karoonda East Murray
Adrian Pederick	Member for Hammond
Kevin Heidrich	Landowner
Damian Berger	NRM Board Representative
Hans Bailiht	DMITRE
Steve McEwen	CFO – Murray Zircon Pty Ltd
Larry Liu	GM Business Development – Murray Zircon Pty Ltd
Ab Hussein	Acting GM – Murray Zircon Pty Ltd
Michelle Waters	EHS Manager – Murray Zircon Pty Ltd

Apologies:	
Kevin Burdett	Mayor District Council Karoonda East Murray
Peter and Anne Crouch	Landowners
Sharyn and Fudd Francis	Landowners
Eddy Wu	CEO – Murray Zircon Pty Ltd

1.	APOLOGIES
	<p>Peter Smithson CEO District Council Karoonda East Murray welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated he would be chairing the meeting as Kevin Burdett (Mayor) was unfortunately unavailable.</p> <p>Apologies duly noted.</p>
2.	MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
	<p>Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 19th June 2012 were accepted as a true and correct record.</p>
3.	MINDARIE PROJECT UPDATE
	<p>Steve McEwen gave an overview of the site activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PCP: upgrade of the plant is complete; • Field Pumping Systems: complete; • Slurry Mining Unit: delayed by three weeks until November; • Soil stripping: Cells 1, 2 and 3 complete and commencing Cell 4; • Personnel: Process Operators commence on site on 17th September, additional key personnel still required (electricians, warehouse supervisor); • Mining Contractor: commences on site beginning of October and will be located in a temporary camp at the Karoonda Oval; • Camp: Preliminary works are being undertaken on site adjacent mine to be in use by end of November, MZ employees utilising Wanbi Farm Estate and Loxton Hotel in interim; • Bond: DMITRE reviewed operations and have asked MZ for a \$5.225 million bond for Mindarie C and A(2); and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suppliers Night: MZ showcased Mindarie operations at the Loxton Hotel to approximately 40 people interested in supplying goods and or services to MZ. The following day a similar meeting was held with the Loxton-Waikerie Council to promote business opportunities for the region. <p>PS: what are the numbers of employees expected?</p> <p>AH: 35 to 40 MZ people, 35+ mining contractor people. MZ are utilising temporary accommodation in Karoonda, Wanbi Farm Estate and Loxton Hotel but will primarily be the permanent mining camp on its completion.</p> <p>MW: visit from the SAEPA on 5th September to assess the proposed Radiation Management Plan for operations.</p> <p>SM: Australian Zircon has sold their 35% share in MZ for \$11.5 million and has no further ongoing involvement with the Mindarie Operations. Feeling is that this is very positive for MZ going forwards.</p> <p>Kevin Heidrich arrived (approx. 6.20pm).</p> <p>AP: what is the sign off mechanism for the rehabilitation? General discussion on lease conditions, PEPR outcomes, the MMCCC subcommittee, and landowner acceptance.</p> <p>KH: stated that he was unhappy with his rehabilitated Southern Titanium Trial Pit, and wanted to know what was going on in the greater district with regards to exploration.</p> <p>AH: discussed the current mining plan as 10 months at Mindarie C West, two years at Mindarie C East and that MZ's primary focus is to get Mindarie operational and not looking further afield just yet.</p> <p>SM: asked Kevin Heidrich to give MZ a call any time he wanted to discuss what exploration works MZ were working on.</p> <p>SM: MZ showcased Mindarie operations at the Loxton Hotel to approximately 40 people interested in supplying goods and or services to MZ. The following day a similar meeting was held with the Loxton-Waikerie Council to promote business opportunities for the region.</p> <p>SM: with regards to telecommunications, MZ have spoken with Telstra and they need stakeholder input to assist with the RDA Fund grant.</p> <p>PS: Optus have made it clear that they are only interested in the metropolitan area and not the rural business.</p> <p>AP: is in frequent contact with Mark Bolton and will keep up the dialogue on the telecommunications needs for the area.</p>
4.	DMITRE
	<p>HB: DMITRE have had a number of meetings over the last few months with regards to the bond calculations and have notified the company that the bond for Mindarie C and completion of Mindarie A(2) is \$5.225 million.</p>

6.	OPEN FORUM
	<p>AP: who has the contract for transport of the HMC ?</p> <p>AH: QUBE logistics is the preferred transport provider. They will be operating from 8am to 8pm and have acquired lightweight skel tipper trucks.</p> <p>PS: DCKEM have agreed on the Traffic Management Plan with a velocity restriction through Karoonda township.</p> <p>SM: MZ held a meeting with DPTI and they stated that there was no plan from government to upgrade the main highway.</p> <p>AP: is there a price issue for MZ as I've heard that Iluka aren't currently moving product off site ?</p> <p>HB: Iluka have large stockpiles and contribute to 25% of the world's market, so they are stockpiling so as not to flood the market.</p> <p>SM: the end user of the Mindarie product is our financial partner so MZ is secure in ongoing sales.</p>
7.	GENERAL BUSINESS
	Nil.
8.	NEXT MEETING
	11 th December 2012 6:00 PM East Murray Community Centre
9.	Meeting closed at 6:45 pm