

Murray Mallee Community Consultative Committee (Mineral Sands)
Minutes of Meeting No 37
East Murray Community Centre
6:00 pm Tuesday 4th June 2013

Attendees:	
Kevin Burdett	Mayor DCKEM
Hans Bailiht	DMITRE
Sharyn and Fudd Francis	Landowners
Jennifer Roberts	NRM Board
Lewis Stoll	SACOME
Tim Smythe	PIRSA
Patrick Mutz	CEO – Murray Zircon Pty Ltd
Steve McEwen	CFO – Murray Zircon Pty Ltd
Michelle Waters	Environment Manager – Murray Zircon Pty Ltd
Yi Zhu	Environmental Technician – Murray Zircon Pty Ltd

Apologies:	
Brenton Lewis	Regional Development Australia
Peter Smithson	CEO DCKEM
Adrian Pederick	Member for Hammond
Tim Whetstone	Member for Chaffey
Peter and Anne Crouch	Landowners
Rodney Tonkin	Landowner
Ab Hussein	GM (Operations) – Murray Zircon Pty Ltd

1.	APOLOGIES
	Kevin Burdett (Mayor) District Council Karoonda East Murray welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated he would be chairing the meeting. Apologies duly noted.
2.	MINUTES AND ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
	Minutes from the meeting held on Tuesday 12 th February 2013 were accepted as a true and correct record. Minor note to correct date in footer to 2013 not 2012.
3.	MINDARIE PROJECT UPDATE
	Patrick Mutz welcomed everybody to the meeting and gave an overview of the site activities as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • currently the mine and the plant are still in the commissioning phase and have not yet reached full operating capacity; • to accommodate the operating rate Lucas has reduced their onsite staffing temporarily, currently 130-140 MZ and Lucas staff overall; • now have a full operating mine path from topsoil removal to rehabilitation of tailings; • success of the rehabilitation of the tailings is dependent on the ability to dewater the tailings and this is being demonstrated with solids settling out and three cells covered with overburden;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> designed and constructed a new feed hopper to the SMU to assist with increasing the operating rate to 500t/hr. Undertaking step changes from 2/3 to full capacity and previous hopper didn't allow for full 500t/hr; HMC shipping has been as per usual; mining camp is currently full and we have 12-15 people also accommodated at Wanbi Farm; at the final stage of exploration both in the north (towards Loxton) and the south (towards Karoonda), and will be waiting on assays to decide on next drilling campaign; Official mine opening ceremony on the 23rd May, will be an opportunity to showcase the project to Chinese dignitaries, media etc; going forwards we are working on crossing the road in the 4th quarter of this year so will be mine planning for Mindarie C East. <p>KB: is there any problems with drying the tails during winter ?</p> <p>PM – No the flocculent is used in solution so it is not affected by the low temperature or higher rainfall. A little less evaporation but not expecting any concerns with winter approaching.</p> <p>HB – when do MZ expect to complete the commissioning phase ?</p> <p>PM – we are hoping that the feed hopper will be the last step change into full capacity operations.</p>
4.	DMITRE UPDATE
	<p>DMITRE are happy with the progress of the mine and MZ are locked into a maximum mine path footprint which DMITRE are keeping a close check on.</p> <p>MZ have applied to renew the licence for the rubble pit (EML6232) and the Mercunda North strandline (ML6137).</p> <p>KB – it is pleasing to hear that DMITRE are happy with the progress of the mine and do not have any concerns. Obviously that means that the MZ operations are more appropriate and efficient than the previous operations. There is a much more positive attitude from the community and we have not heard any concerns with regards to truck movements through Karoonda.</p>
6.	OPEN FORUM/GENERAL BUSINESS
	<p>SM – since the previous meeting DCKEM has submitted the RDA grant application and expect to know something in July/August.</p> <p>KB – would like to acknowledge the amount of work Peter Smithson put into the RDA grant.</p> <p>SM- MZ would also like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of Peter in preparing the RDA grant.</p> <p>SM – has there been any feedback from the community on the camp or our people ?</p> <p>KB – the local SAPOL officer voiced his concerns over fatigue management, can you explain what has happened ?</p> <p>PM – there was an incident involving a contractors employee who lost control of his vehicle and unfortunately rolled it over. Obviously SAPOL questioned this person with regards to their fatigue and we have been asked the same question. The answer is yes MZ has a fatigue management</p>

	<p>program to educate employees and this particular person was an employee of Lucas our mining contractor. MZ has undertaken an internal investigation regarding the root cause of this incident. Under the SA safety regulations we can provide the opportunity for all employees to rest after their shift before driving home, however we have no power to enforce them to stay. It is a good opportunity for additional fatigue management training and for all employees to think on their own fatigue management. We are trying to hold a high standard and we take it very seriously.</p> <p>KB – asked Tim Smythe from PIRSA to introduce himself and his role.</p> <p>TS – Regional Manager PIRSA for economic development and mainly interested with showcasing the premium wine and food of the region.</p> <p>HB – have MZ received any complaints ?</p> <p>PM – we have received no complaints from the community with regards to the operations.</p> <p>KB – can you describe to what point the mine has physically reached ?</p> <p>PM – the minepath is currently on Max Curtis’ property and he spoke freely at an earlier landowner meeting with regards to being generally happy with everything, there was a small area that needed to be reshaped and that was completed to Max’s satisfaction.</p> <p>KB – comment on how approachable Patrick Mutz is and how that is a good reflection of the company.</p> <p>KB – asked Jenny Roberts to explain her role.</p> <p>JR – Mallee Coorong NRM Groups and tries to promote and educate people on NRM issues relating to weeds, land management, broomrape quarantine etc.</p>
8.	NEXT MEETING
	10 th September 2013 6:00 pm East Murray Community Centre
9.	Meeting closed at 7:00 pm