

BLUESCOPE (BSL) COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE Thursday 28 April 2016

BlueScope Administration (Altair Building) – Boardroom, 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Attendees: Chair: Gordon Bradbery

Maree Kerr (HCI); Nicki Sloan (Illawarra Forum); John Thirlwell (AIW); Rick Coleman (DET), Mark Peterlin (PKPM),

Trevor Brown (NSW Ports)

BlueScope: John Nowlan, Michael Reay, Craig Nealon, Matt Imber

Absent: Vicki Curran (PKPM), Toni Cains (NSW Health); Greg Newman (EPA)

Observers: Tony Miskiewicz (WCC), William Dove (EPA)

Minutes: Liz Barnden (BSL)

Intent/Purpose:

The purpose of the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) is to provide a forum for open discussion between representatives of BlueScope (BSL), the community and other stakeholders in relation to the environmental management and performance of operations at the Port Kembla Steelworks (PKSW) in accordance with Environment Protection Licence No. 6092 (EPL 6092)

Minutes

Item No	Item	Action	Who
1	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodian	The Chairman welcomed attendees and acknowledged the traditional custodians.	-
2	Apologies	Nil Apologies. Absent members as noted above.	-
3	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests/Conflicts of Interest	Nil. No further disclosures were noted. Carried	-
4	Previous Minutes	Moved to accept minutes: John Thirlwell Seconded: Maree Kerr The minutes were accepted.	-
5	Company updates: Brief overview Half Year Results; PKSW Current Position; Stave Exchange Work	John Nowlan provided a brief overview: Half Year results and the current position of the Port Kembla Steelworks Coated & Painted market product sales have been stronger than forecast; Steelmaking area: steel costs still negative; but not in the same position as before; Need to prove that we are competitive vs imported HRC; Cost reduction in Port Kembla Steelworks has been significant. Stave Exchange Work BF shutdown was in Feb 120 hours – 5 days; Needed to ramp down furnace; 10 days back to full capacity; Shutdown went well – stave changed; no serious environmental issues; overall clean and to plan;	-

		 Furnace has run well with only a few issues – conveyor bearing failure – resulting in an unscheduled shutdown; No emission issues; no safety issues; Next year the same shutdown will take place. General discussion 2.7 mtpa best the Steelworks has achieved since shutting No. 6 BF; Approx. 1.9 tonnes domestic; approx .8 tonnes export; If we imported raw materials – there would be more capacity. 	
6	Environmental Update: Update of the Ambient Monitoring Improvement Programme Reuse Initiative – Waste Gas Cleaning Plant activated undersize Char Trial	 Matt Imber provided the Environmental Update. Ambient Monitoring Improvement Programme Dec last year changes done. Continuous monitoring of PM10 in place. In addition a number of sites now measuring ambient heavy metal concentrations. Programme has been a real success story – results are published monthly on website. Specifically with respect to ambient Lead – all results to date have been below detection level an order of magnitude below NEPM limits. Significant improvement from previous system already realized, but further work is in progress to automate data transfer and interpretation. Reuse Initiative BSL is planning to trial the reuse of undersized char at the Sinter Plant WGCP (tentatively scheduled for late May/early June) The undersize char is screened from the process following treatment to maintain gas flow through the adsorbers. The activated char media acts as both a filter and an adsorbent for dust, trace elements, dioxins, volatiles and combustion gases. Big opportunity from a cost reduction perspective, working collaboratively with regulator to finalise trial parameters. Stockpilling at the moment – stockpile is approx10,000 tonnes Subject to the trial being undertaken BlueScope will provide an update of trial outcomes. 	-
	Story of Steel Program	Craig Nealon provided a brief outline of the Story of Steel Program Craig welcomed feedback/comments from Committee members on the newspaper articles published so far. General comments: Stories and photos provide a good future resource on the history and making of steel etc; Community are being provided a 'picture' on what we are; good for those who have family members that work at BSL; Media interest in BSL has increased Visually – looks good; BSL has a great attachment to the city; community fear of losing it; steel a strategic product and we want to keep it; showcasing this; Showing openness of the relationship with the broader community;	
7	Summary of Evaluation of CCC Meetings	General discussion was held re the results of the Survey (attached). It was agreed that the meeting would continue in the current format; and follow up would take place re the suggested agenda items. The Port Kembla Pollution Committee representative, Mark Peterlin provided an overview of this Committee.	
8	Other Business	BSL Research/Innovation The next meeting of the Committee will be held at UOW Innovation Hub. Details to follow.	LB
9	Close	5.20 pm	