



**BLUESCOPE (BSL) COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

**Thursday 20 August 2020**

**Via Telephone Conference**

**4.00 pm – 5.30 pm**

**Committee:** Chair: Gordon Bradbery  
 Mark Peterlin (PKPM); Nicky Sloan (Community Industry Group), Trevor Brown (NSW Ports); Bill Wilkins (AWI); Kelly Andrew (Healthy Cities), Peter Maywald (NH Forum 7), Harold Hanson/David Winterbottom (NH Forum 5)

**BlueScope:** Dave Bell, Michael Reay, Craig Nealon, Natasha Porteous, Cherie Sammut

**Apologies:** Bill Wilkins, Harold Hanson, Trevor Brown

**Observers:** Greg Newman (EPA), Glendon Lee (SESAHS), Renee Winsor (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 Custodians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Chair welcomed attendees.</li> <li>The Traditional Custodians were acknowledged.</li> </ul>	-
2	Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bill Wilkins, Harold Hanson, Trevor Brown</li> </ul> <p align="right"><b>Received and noted</b></p>	-
3	Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests/Conflicts of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil</li> <li>Nicky Sloan – Community Industry Group residing on BlueScope property</li> </ul> <p align="right"><b>Received and Noted</b></p>	-
4	Previous minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The previous minutes be accepted.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moved Mark Peterlin; Seconded Kelly Andrews</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p align="right"><b>Resolved Unanimously</b></p>	Previous minutes issued
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Company Update</li> </ul>	Dave Bell provided a Company update:  Full Year Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New BSL Purpose Statement – “We create and inspire smart solutions in steel, to strengthen our communities for the future”</li> <li>Results               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>90% drop \$900M vs \$97M. Overall not a bad result. Net Cash positive. BSL 7.6% invested capital. ASP (CIPA) – 10% ROC overall. Positive cash flow</li> </ul> </li> </ul> Operational: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COVID – still expecting a ‘fall off the cliff’ at some stage</li> <li>Pairing back spending, recruitment freezes etc.</li> <li>However, operations flat out. July all lines running to capability; despatching as much as we can; Government stimulus package helping this. 3% up in sales.</li> <li>No COVID in PK plant as yet – rigid processes in place</li> <li>Western Port (VIC) – one positive COVID</li> <li>Biggest hit in profit – actual spread difference between costs of iron ore, coal, zinc and aluminum vs selling price. Selling price not increased; remained flat. Iron ore more expensive than coal for first time in many years; coal prices very low</li> <li>Cyber attack also caused glitch</li> </ul>	

- Environment:
  - Incidents
  - Enquiries/Complaints
  - Improvements

- BSL have a short term objective to reduce our carbon intensity by 1% year by year eg increasing our scrap charge. Working actively on things like this. Reline – working on stoves that supply the blast furnace – heat recovery type Lots of work in front of us.

Cherie Sammut provided an Environment update:

- Incidents
  - No significant environmental incidents to report.
- Enquiries
  - June: resident concerned about air emissions. They emailed and called over phone; explanation; three reduction projects – happy with this response
  - The Chair reported: Recycling area significant dust from exit onto Springhill Road travelling north. The Road was very dusty, and particulates were highly visible. There was found to be a significant amount of water with suspended particulates on trucks departing the site. Trucks now wait until water mostly dried off. RMS cleaned up road.
  - July/August: Member of public rang claiming BSL pumping tonnes of pollution into atmosphere. Did not want to be called back. Just wanted it to cease. Environment officer on call.
- Improvements
  - Full Year: good track record 234 environmental projects registered and completed
  - WSSC: 22% increase in recycling
  - Timber pallet reuse and recycling: Previously sent for mulching/landfill – reuse the good pallets onsite; locally use and rebuild – 235 tonnes was being sent to landfill or mulch
  - Food recycling in canteens on site: Quite successful – 8 buildings – 600 people – diverted 40-45 tonnes of food waste from going to landfill
  - Water: 4ML reduction per day; renewed our Sydney Water recycling water
  - Energy: reducing fan sizes; turning pumps off whilst not in use etc; 1.5MW reduction; LED lighting upgrade. 1000tonne of CO2 reduction

Craig

Annual Sustainability Report coming out September – will be posted on Bluescope Illawarra

The Australian Chapter of the Alliance, of which Healthy Cities Illawarra is the current secretariat, is hosting a Zoom workshop in place of the Bi-Annual Conference. It was asked that BlueScope present a case study based on some of the successful environment projects completed.

Natasha /Cherie

- Additional item:  
Update on Sinter Plant Bypass dioxin exceedance incident (outcomes).

Natasha provided up Update on Sinter Bypass Dioxin exceedance

- Reviewed by EPA
- Received 2 penalty infringements for exceeding - \$15000 each
- Additionally – in draft – implemented four pollution reduction projects
- Executive Summary posted

**Received and Noted**

6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BlueScope's measures in regards to volatile product(s). Refer Mark Peterlin's email dated 11 August and his concerns on the storage of volatile and explosive material and gases. What are the safety margins?)</li> </ul>	<p>BSL contributed to a report commissioned by Port Authority - Qualitative Assessment of Hazards and Risks from Port &amp; Industrial Operations</p> <p>BSL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slabmaking previously treated process water with chlorine</li> <li>Have ceased injecting ammonia into waste gas cleaning plant</li> <li>Gas Holders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BF or CO gas – worse case calculations – explosion – would be contained on site</li> </ul> </li> <li>BTX – by product cokemaking process – potential fire – worse case contained at source</li> <li>Cokemaking sulphate of ammonia – not explosive</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greg Newman (EPA) – AIE gasification plant . Not in EPA remit – coordinated by Planning Department.</li> <li>Holistic approach</li> <li>Chair - Assurance that gas in liquid state is very stable compared to gaseous state – gas injected straight into pipeline.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Received and Noted</b></p>	
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carryover from last meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development strategy for Port Kembla/Illawarra Recovery Taskforce – BSL involvement</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BSL (Dave Bell) joined the local Illawarra Economic Crisis and Recovery Taskforce led by Adam Zarth.</li> <li>What can we do as an Illawarra business community – immediate focus is COVID crisis, but also forward thinking re developments etc</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Received and Noted</b></p>	
8	Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nil</li> </ul>	
9	Close	5.20 pm	