

BLUESCOPE (BSL) COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday 16 September 2021

Teams Meeting

4.00 pm – 5.30 pm

Committee: Chair: Gordon Bradbery
Mark Peterlin (PKPM); Nicky Sloan (Community Industry Group); Bill Wilkins (AWI); Kelly Andrew (Healthy Cities), Peter Maywald (NH Forum 7), Harold Hanson/David Winterbottom (NH Forum 5), Amanda Giles (DET - Principal), Kelly Andrew (Healthy Cities), Bryan Beudeker (NSW Ports)

BlueScope: Dave Bell, Michael Reay, Craig Nealon, Natasha Porteous, Anita Rojas

Apologies:

Observers: Greg Newman (EPA), Glendon Lee (SESIAHS), 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">The Chair welcomed attendees.The Chair welcomed Bryan Beudeker, Environment Manager, NSW Ports to the CommitteeThe Traditional Custodians were acknowledged.	GB
2	Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nil <p style="text-align: right;">Noted</p>	LB
3	Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests/ Conflicts of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nil <p style="text-align: right;">Received and Noted</p>	All
4	Previous minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The previous minutes be accepted. <p style="text-align: center;">Moved Peter Mayfield; Seconded Mark Peterlin Resolved Unanimously</p>	Previous minutes issued

5	Company Update	<p>Dave Bell provided a Company update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All lines are flat out • Considerable amount of work being done in regards to the 6BF Reline Upgrade study • Financially – going well. On a crest of a wave looking forward – calendar year should finish well – June next year • Currently employing people; diversity has improved • Coal prices high – demand for Australian coking coal has gone up. Freight advantage being local. • Struggling with COVID situation – couple of cases this week eg <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Weekend – CPCM Springhill – a positive case where living together in house – self isolated and came back positive. Worked with NSW Health working out close or casual contacts. Ended up with about 26 close contacts 10-15 casual waiting for results. Lost about half of the operators 2 shifts – can't operate under these conditions. • We conducted an onsite vaccination hub – first private company using own nurses – 300 people / 600 doses. Opened to all employees contractors and families <p>Noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wollongong Hospital situation at present time; 3 ICU – stress and demand on staff immense. Accommodation Those who cannot isolate are being provided with accommodation. So fast and rapid. Isolating at home now impossible. Protect our strategic industries. Challenge is immense. <p style="text-align: right;">Noted</p>	DB
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	<p>Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incidents • Enquiries/Complaints • Improvements 	<p>Natasha Porteous provided an update:</p> <p>Incidents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No non compliances or significant incidents <p>Enquiries/Complaints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BF Casthouse floor emissions • Outage of our CCTV cameras - 6 hours • Failed water sprays <p>Complaints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 fall out complaints – sampled two for residents - okayed to take samples – awaiting on lab reports. Black particles on cars – confirming kish or not • Local community member – complaint re wind blown dust – could not identify issue or source. • 2 complaints re Sulphur-like odour – went to EPA – asked us to investigate. Nothing unusual occurring at the time; • 1 complaint about emissions in air – this was the day of the backburning in Sydney with smoke blowing down the coast and into Wollongong. We believe this is what the complainant was observing as there was nothing unusual occurring at the steelworks • 3 further complaints similar (emissions in air) – nothing unusual occurring at the steelworks. One complaint aligned when the Blast Furnace was shut down – so no slag granulation was occurring and the BOS was offline. This was planned shutdown for regular maintenance. <p>General Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Mayfield – community complaints – do we record the suburbs? Yes, if they provide the detail • Bill Wilkins – major remediation – few days significant bitumen type of odour – due to the way the winds blowing • Amanda Giles – Positive case at Cringila – non-operational 2 days. Midnight last night out of isolation – 3 children today. No smells etc • Harold Hanson – Sinter Plant Bypass? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Went well. All results under. Finished building stack; and one absorber offline for regular maintenance but back to normal now. • Peter Mayfield - Responsible Steel – excellent job. Asked well-constructed questions. Appreciated views. <p style="text-align: right;">Noted</p>	<p>NP</p>
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	<p>Additional Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6BF Reline update • Responsible Steel 	<p>Dave Bell presented an overview of:</p> <p>6BF Reline Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community updates during October • Est \$700-800M capital investment • 3 year duration – commencing around 2025 tbc • Approx. 250 jobs during build – local contractors when possible • Undertaken during standard operating hours • <p>Responsible Steel Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Stage 2 audit – spoke to key stakeholders –went well • 7 days of auditing the principles – Intensive process. We did very well in meeting the requirements. • Part that is missing is employee discussions. Not completed due to COVID restrictions – employees interviews (40) randomly. Need to undertake a site tour. Verify what we do via the employees. Verifying our systems are working. This needs to occur in person. Postponed until able to do F2F. • Generally positive and good feed back • Bill Wilkins – audited – went well • Nicki – painless process <p>Climate Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Action Report - well worth the read – encourage you all to read. • Appointed Chief Executive Climate Change– Gretta Stephens • PK Carbon Reduction Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Biochar ○ Scrap Melting ○ LDG Capture & Storage ○ COG injection into Blast Furnace ○ Hydrogen Electrolyser <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literature review – lead heavy metal contamination coming into the site – no. Greg access to those documents. • Mark Peterlin – PK Copper study. Recommendations from the hunter valley – 22 comprehensive recommendations. Greg to supply detail <p style="text-align: right;">Noted</p>	
6	Other Business	<p>General discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manildra Group and Bitumen Operation plant – issue re transport infrastructure – truck movement numbers. • Diagonally opposite PK railway station. ½ million truck movements annually (plus) 250 truck movements per week extra Bridge not designed for BW's <p style="text-align: right;">Noted</p>	
	Close	5.15 pm	