

# MINUTES OF MEETING TERALBA QUARRY COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC)

**DATE:** Wednesday 23 October 2019

**VENUE:** Club Macquarie, 458 Lake Rd, Argenton

**MEETING COMMENCED**: 4.03pm

## PRESENT:

| Member Name                   | Organisation                |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Margaret MacDonald-Hill (MMH) | Independent Chairperson     |
| Colin Wright (CW)             | Community Representative    |
| Richard Metcalf (RM)          | Teralba Public School       |
| Cr Wendy Harrison             | Lake Macquarie City Council |
| Mo Yunusa (MY)                | Metromix                    |
| Darryn Bosch (DB)             | Metromix                    |

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

| Name         | Organisation             |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Lisa Andrews | Independent Minute Taker |

# **APOLOGIES:**

| Janelle Kerr | Metromix |  |
|--------------|----------|--|

| ITEM  | ACTION               |
|---|----------------------|
| 1.0 Welcome and Introductions   | DB was introduced to |
| MMH, opened the meeting at 4.03pm and welcomed those present.                 | committee members.   |
| 2.0 Declaration of Interest   | No changes to        |
| MMH advised that she was appointed by the Secretary of the Department of      | members'             |
| Planning, Industry and Environment as the Independent Chairperson for Teralba | previously made      |
| Quarry.   | declarations         |
| 3.0 Confirmation of Previous Minutes  | Moved: RM            |
| MMH asked that the previous minutes of Wednesday 8 May 2019 be confirmed.     | Seconded: CW         |
| 4.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes                                    |                      |
| Nil.  |                      |
| 5.0 Correspondence  |                      |
| Nil.  |                      |
| 6.0 Reports/Updates   |                      |
| 1. Sales - YTD October 395,457 t compared to 382,837 t LYTD                   |                      |

- 2. No of Blasts YTD September 13 Blasts
- 3. Continued financial support of Teralba Primary School and the Teralba Bowling Club (Sponsored a tournament).
- 4. Community Complaints Currently Nil for 2019.
- 5. On Going Monitoring:
  - (i) Water
  - (ii) Air
  - (iii) Noise
  - (iv) Blasting
  - (v) Transport; and
  - (vi) Meteorological Conditions
- 6. Non Compliances In June the result for unfiltered suspended solids exceeded 50mgL. The cause of this was that the water sample was taken after a significant rain event and the water in the Adit Dam was still settling.

#### **2019 Activities**

|                      | YTD Sept 2019 | LYTD Sept 2018 |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Sales (kt)           | 395           | 382            |
| Production (kt)      | 453           | 361            |
| Truck Movements      |               |                |
| East through Teralba | 6430          | 7293           |
| West – Rhondda Rd    | 11736         | 10585          |
| TOTAL                | 18166         | 17878          |

#### Rehabilitation

Photographs were shown of the 2015, 2017, 2018 and 2019 rehabilitation works on site and its progress/comparison between 2018 and 2019.

- Surface Area: 7,742m2
- ➤ What was Planted: 0.84Ha of seed mix and 1,090 plants made up of the below species:
  - Corymbia maculata 50
  - Eucalyptus acmenoides 50
  - Eucalyptus paniculata 50
  - Eucalyptus umbra 50
  - Angophora costata 50
  - Acacia implexa 120
  - Acacia ulicifolia 120
  - Podolobium ilicifolium 120
  - Lomandra filiformis 120
  - Entolasia stricta 120
  - Imperata cylindrica 120
  - Themeda australis 120

MY explained that protection around the plants needs to be reinforced due to wallabies eating the tops off the plants. Accordingly, some stocks have been lost and therefore additional planting will be undertaken to compensate for this. Next year's program will be amended to include adjustments for losses.

#### Stage 2A

Preparations for Stage 2A extraction has begun. Aerial photographs and explanation provided by MY. (See figures in table overpage.)

|                         | Stage 2A – Strip 1 |         |
|-------------------------|--------------------|---------|
| Geology 2016            | Volume             | Tonnes  |
| Overburden              | 115,962            | 296,539 |
| Extremely to highly wth | 46,135             | 112,780 |
| Moderately wth          | 25,083             | 64,216  |
| Slightly wth to Fresh   | 32,351             | 85,730  |
| TOTAL                   | 219,531            | 560,265 |

#### 7.0 General Business

- o CW asked what overburden was. MY explained that it was material that was not used for product, however, would be used for capping/rehabilitation.
- O CW asked for an explanation of biodiversity credits. MY explained that biodiversity credits are used to offset the loss of biodiversity values for the development of the quarry. To increase the quarry to the next stage biodiversity credits are required (either by monetary contribution, purchasing from the biodiversity bank or sourcing 'like' vegetation in another area) to compensate for the loss of vegetation from the development. Land is held in perpetuity and managed to mitigate weeds, feral pests, etc. WH commented that all developments are obliged to meet these requirements with MMH stating that this is to ensure environmental sustainability.
- o CW enquired about the previous dust exceedance and the measurement used. MY explained the measurement (1 billionth of a metre).
- CW asked why Metromix were unable to access the dust monitor in Margaret Street. MY explained this monitor is on private property and they have been unable to gain access from the home owner. Following several attempts, a decision has been made to find an alternate sampling point.

### 8.0 Next Meeting

MMH advised the committee that complaints concerning quarry operations have been negligible over last few years:

- o 2016 4 complaints
- o 2017 1
- o 2018 0; and
- o 2019 0 to date.

Accordingly, as the quarry is operating in compliance with its conditions of consent and mindful of community members time as volunteers on the CCC, MMH suggested that the meetings move from bi-annually to annually. Members agreed that this was appropriate on the proviso that a meeting could be called if any issues were to arise.

Agreed.

RM offered to host the meetings in the Teralba Primary School Library.

Agreed.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 6 May 2020** commencing at 4pm.

## Meeting closed at 4.35pm

As this was the last meeting for 2019 - MMH thanked all members for their attendance and wished them a Merry Christmas and happy, safe & healthy New Year.

#### Action Items - Nil.