



**Tomingley Gold Operations – Community Consultation Committee Meeting**

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2013

Time: 6pm

Location: Tomingley Memorial Hall

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Meeting Opened: 6pm	
<p>Apologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barbara Dunn (BD)</li> </ul> <p>Committee Members Present :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul Brydon (PB)</li> <li>• Sallie McGaw (SM)</li> <li>• Michael Clarke (MC)</li> <li>• Benjamin Rees (BR)</li> <li>• Tony Ellis (TE)</li> <li>• Colleen Measday (CM)</li> <li>• Sally Bouchier (SB)</li> <li>• Tim Ferraro – Independent Chairperson (TF)</li> <li>• Sean Buxton (SBu)</li> <li>• Vaughan Brown (VB)</li> </ul> <p>Observers Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NIL</li> </ul>	
Tim Ferraro - Independent Chairperson opened the meeting and welcomed members.	
<p>Declaration of any pecuniary interest in Alkane</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No change</li> </ul>	
<p><u>SBu - Operations Update</u>            Full Management Team now on board. Team is busy setting up the systems to operate the mine.            Gearing up for onboarding the mining crew.            Processing recruitment will start in about 8 weeks.            SBu was asked by TF about the skill split of oncoming operators. SBu outlined that generally, 30% will be skilled, 40% some mining exposure, 30% unskilled.            Where possible traineeships will be offered to TGO employees.</p> <p><u>VB - Mining Preparation Update</u>            A contract mining crew will start mining before</p>	

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<p>Tomingley Gold Operations (TGO) dry hire mining equipment and operate with their own crew.</p> <p>To minimise noise, TGO will operate on day shift until noise bunds are constructed.</p> <p>There will be a two part mobilisation to site. Part one will be the overburden removal equipment and crew followed by the dry hire equipment mobilisation a month later.</p> <p>The Highway Diversion was proceeding and needed to be built to RTA standards for a 90km/hr road.</p>	
<p>PB asked if Alkane had committed to a target percentage of indigenous employees. CM replied that Alkane has not committed to a certain percentage of indigenous employees.</p>	
<p>VB - Blasting</p> <p>The first 10 to 15meters of mining in the pits will be done by free digging. Deeper than this drilling and blasting occurs. TGO's blasts will be up to 1.5m high in terms of ground movement and we expect the blasts to dissipate quickly due to the ground conditions. There should be very little ground movement experienced in the town. Air Blast is sometimes confused with ground movement.</p> <p>Following blasting TGO then excavate the ore.</p> <p>Blasting is aimed to be 2 to 3 times per week. Times will not be specifically advertised because of the safety risk with members of the public wanting to view a blast.</p> <p>A letter box drop and information session will be held prior to mining commencement and prior to blasting.</p>	
<p>CM – Environmental Monitoring</p> <p>Issued members with a map showing the locations monitoring is undertaken on and off site.</p> <p>CM explained the purpose of each type of dust, noise, biodiversity and water quality monitoring.</p> <p>CM ran through the Monthly Environmental Monitoring Report.</p>	
<p>TE asked where the eastern surface water diversion drain discharges to. SBu explained that at the end of the drain the water will disperse across the paddocks in a similar manner to the current water flow.</p>	
<p>CM - Discussed the Community Complaints received to date, noting that these had been satisfactorily resolved,</p>	
<p>CM – Explained that letters had been delivered to residents living within a 2km radius of blasting areas offering them a Pre-Blasting Structural Property Survey</p>	
<p>SM explained that there is difficulty in locating some documents on the Alkane Website. In particular the community consultation committee meeting minutes.</p>	<p>CM to advise website designers of this problem and as them to look into improving the “search” function.</p>

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<p>When the “search” function is used it does not return any results for “community”.</p>	<p>CM to add a Community Consultation Committee Contact Details document to the website so that contact information for Community Consultation Committee members is easy to find.</p>
<p>SM requested an update on the numbers of local people employed at TGO.</p> <p>SBU responded saying that currently there were 11 Full-time and 1 Casual employed in the TGO management and mining start up team.</p> <p>Up and coming recruitment included Geologists which will be advertised on <a href="http://www.seek.com.au">www.seek.com.au</a> and Pit Technicians which will not be advertised on “seek” but will be advertised locally targeting Peak Hill, Tomingley and Narromine.</p> <p>SBU also outlined the TGO process to taking a mix of skilled and unskilled staff, which may assist with local employment.</p>	
<p>SM asked about the progress of the TGO Notice Board.</p> <p>CM responded by saying that as most of the members of the CCC were unaware of the current notice board which is located in the park next to the BP, that the placement of a second notice board next to this one might not be the best way to get information about the project read.</p>	<p>All members will bring ideas to the next meeting as to the best place to erect the noticeboard so that the most people will read the information on it. Or suggestions as to an information delivery system that might work better than the notice board.</p>
<p>TE wanted to know what the Voluntary Planning Agreement money was going to be spent on. He had heard that the VPA was worth \$118,000 per year, 45,000 for road maintenance, 8000 for the hall etc.</p> <p>TE believes that the majority of the money needs to be spent in Tomingley. He wanted to know how we can ensure that Tomingley gets the money.</p> <p>CM stated that there will be a meeting between Alkane and Narromine Shire Council in the coming weeks to establish a system whereby applications for funding could be made and the assessment of applications could be made with respect to allocation of the VPA moneys. Alkane had a commitment to the funds being spent on agreed priorities in the Tomingley area.</p> <p>CM stated that TE’s figures were incorrect.</p>	<p>CM to update the committee at the next meeting on the outcomes of the meeting with Narromine Shire Council.</p>
<p>TE noted that he was informed by Michael Bell of Narromine Shire Council that the Tomingley Water Supply dams were almost empty. TE asked if it would be possible for TGO to supply water to top up the dams.</p> <p>CM replied that at this point in time TGO would not be able to supply any water. There is still work to be done</p>	<p>CM to report back on the progress made in setting up the water delivery system at the next meeting.</p> <p>TE to raise issue with Narromine Shire.</p>

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<p>in setting up the process for TGO to supply the town with water. Firstly the pipeline is currently just a “T” piece close to the town. Infrastructure needs to be put in place to deliver water from the “T” piece into an appropriate storage facility. CM stated that the existing dams are an inappropriate storage areas as the pipeline water is clean and mixing it with dam water will significantly reduce the water quality. A flow meter also needs to be installed. TGO has also stated that for the first two years of mining it is likely that processing will need the whole 1000ML allocation.</p>	
<p>A site visit was confirmed for 9<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30am Next meeting 6pm Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2013</p>	
<p>Meeting Closed: 7:40pm</p>	

Note: TE supplied additional information after the meeting regarding the VPA. The VPA will be discussed at the next CCC Meeting