

## **MURRAY MALLEE COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (MERCUNDA MINERAL SANDS)**

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 10 October 2024 held at the Mindarie Site Office

Meeting commenced at 4.00 pm

### **Present:**

Wendy Campana (Independent Chair)

Landowners: Jamie Evans, Sharon and Fudd Francis

DEM: Greg Tyczenko (via link)

Murray Zircon (MZ): Simon Hilder, Ken Donaldson, Chrystal Goodhand, Natalie Pearce

### **Apologies:**

Apologies received from: Tim Whetstone MP, Kevin & Raelene Heindrich, Darren Zadow, Scott Reardon (CEO, DC Karoonda East Murray)

Andrew Biele provided an apology via email to the Chair following the meeting.

### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

The Chair thanked members for attending the meeting.

### **2. Minutes & Actions from the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes and Actions of the previous meeting held on 7 August 2024 were received as a true and accurate record.

Updates were provided on the following actions:

- Terms of Reference (TOR) – a revised copy was provided to those present and will be emailed out with the minutes and placed on the webpage.
- Road maintenance issues: Scott Reardon will provide an update report (via email) on road matters previously raised
- Traffic Monitoring – see update next item

### **3. Mine Update**

Ken Donaldson provided an update on the operations of the mine.

He advised that MZ are continuing to invest in safe operations, our people and training, and in particular these last two months have seen training completed in:

- Emergency Response Team Confined Space Rescue
- Dogman, Bridge and Gantry crane
- Working at heights, forklift, loader operations

#### **Employee Demographic Update**

- 90% of our employees are based in South Australia
- 15% of our employees live within an hour of the site
- Other than 8 FIFO employees, the remainder live within driving distance from site
- MZ Mining strives to have an inclusive diverse workforce and have 20% females, many in non-traditional roles.

Heavy Mineral Concentrate (HMC) production met forecast in September, a step up from August when plant outages only saw 83% of forecast HMC production achieved.

Runtimes are continuing to improve as processes are refined for operating and maintaining.

MZ are now tailing into cell 13, our largest cell yet, providing improved operating stability and ability to recycle the tailings water. Works have just commenced on the wall build for the next tailings cell 14.

The improved production has seen MZ take additional steps to ensure HMC product is contained, MZ now have 12 containers forming hard barriers against the wind, with sprinklers, water carts, and a suppressant used to control any HMC product lift in high winds. Trucking schedules are also closely managed to manage inventory on site – primary goal being to get it to port.

MZ now have 3 water carts operating on site. The extreme weather event 27<sup>th</sup> August has seen a review of soils management leading to rehabilitation. MZ didn't get an established cover crop in time to be effective in cells 4 to 5, and thus are applying hydromulch with some barley seed to stabilise this soil.

To continue with rehabilitation on the Eastern end of Jacka Road, this month the Field Screening Unit will be relocated adjacent to the current wet concentrator plant.

#### **Traffic Monitoring**

Traffic monitored at Mindarie workshop intersection Knights Well Road, monitored over 16 days: 19 September - 4 October.



Figure 1: Traffic Monitoring Location

## Monitoring Results

Vehicle Origin	Mindarie Workshop to Camp (bitumen)	Mindarie Workshop to Mercunda minesite (dirt)	Mercunda minesite to camp (via dirt)
	Vehicles per day	Vehicles per day	Vehicles per day
Murray Zircon (MZ)	10.6	2.1	0
MZ contractor	0.9	0.3	0
Australian Camp Services	0.4	0.3	0
Public	NA	3.8	NA
Total	12	6.3	0

## Preliminary findings

1. No flashing beacons observed operating on the 17 MZ associated vehicles in Round 1
2. No MZ vehicles using Knights Well Road to travel directly between Mercunda mine site and camp
3. Public use of Knights Well Road is greater than MZ's use
  - MZ associated vehicle frequency of 2.8 vehicles per day
  - compared to public frequency of 3.8 vehicles per day

General discussion took place and the Committee thanked and acknowledged the work of the MZ Environment Team for undertaking this monitoring.

Members asked if similar monitoring could occur around the East Murray Area School.

Jamie advised of the submission he has put to Council regarding this area and potential traffic management improvements. Members were keen to support Jamie's submission.

Agreed Actions:

- Traffic Monitoring to occur around the East Murray Area School with a report back at the next meeting;
- Chair work with Simon Hilder to prepare a support letter to Jamie's submission to Council.

**4. Community Engagement Update**

Chrystal Goodhand showed members the update work that has occurred on the webpage. General discussion took place on:

- Members' names/bios highlighted on the webpage along with key Observers: Greg Tyczenko and Tim Whetstone MP
- The Chair's email address be used for contact with also details of how to contact Chrystal
- Consideration be given to facebook posts on key issues on a more regular basis
- The finalization of the FAQs and links to other general information about the operations on the mine
- Use of local paper to update the community

Members thanked Chrystal for her excellent work and the value this position was bringing to the work of our Committee.

Agreed Actions:

- Members who not already done so, to provide information and a photo for inclusion on the site to Chrystal
- Further webpage updates as discussed progress with further update at the next meeting
- Chrystal and Wendy to prepare a potential "opinion piece" or "update" of the work of the Committee for the MZ Management Team to consider supporting putting in the paper on a 6 monthly basis
- Chrystal to explore with Tim Whetstone the use of his column for interim issues that the Committee would like to make sure the community is made aware of

**5. Any Other Business**

5.1. Region 3, CFS Training

General discussion took place on this matter.

Agreed Action:

- Jamie and Ken to have a discussion on progressing this issue

5.2. Outstanding Invoices

Jamie reported that he had heard feedback in the community about delays in payments to contractors and community sponsorships.

Jamie declared a personal interest as he was one of the contractors seeking payment.

Agreed Actions:

- Chrystal to follow this issue up with MZ staff

**6. Next Meeting**

There was discussion about commencing the meetings at a later time due to the impact on farmers of the current 4pm start time. It was agreed to move to a 6pm start time as a trial which may be revisited following the cessation of daylight saving.

Next meeting date was set for 6pm on 4 December 2024.

Meeting closed at 5.08 pm