



## AUSTRALIAN ZIRCONIA LTD

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### Dubbo Zirconia Project

### Community Consultative Committee Meeting

### Minutes

Title:	Community Consultative Committee	Meeting Date:	02.02.2016
		Time:	6:00pm
Chairperson:	Peter Stanford		
Meeting Attendees:	Manny Portelli Janice Hosking Helen Whiteley Clr Allan Smith, Dubbo City Council Mike Sutherland, General Manager NSW, Alkane Resources Nicole Widdison, Secretariat		
Apologies:	Mark Gardner Nic Earner, COO Alkane Resources Darren Toomey, Dubbo Local Aboriginal Lands Council		
Venue:	Toongi Hall		

#### **Agenda Item 1          Open, Welcome and Apologies**

Peter Stanford declared the meeting open at 6:01pm. Peter noted the apologies.

#### **Agenda Item 2          Declaration of Conflicts of Interest and Gifts**

There were no declared conflicts of interest and gifts.

The conflict of interest form will be re-circulated to the committee members for completion, members will return within one week from received date even if there are nil conflicts of interest to declare.

#### **Agenda Item 3          Previous Meeting**

**Resolution 1** *The minutes of meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015 were accepted as a true and accurate record*  
*1<sup>st</sup>: Janice Hosking*  
*2<sup>nd</sup>: Manny Portelli*

The action list was reviewed, all actions from the previous meeting are complete.

#### **Agenda Item 4                      Communication Gaps - Are there any?**

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The Committee were asked if they knew of any particular people or interest groups who might not be receiving information about the project.

Members reported various stories (concerning the transport task and project funding) that they had heard in the Public domain which were patently inaccurate.

Michael Sutherland provided the committee with an explanation on the three transport options approved for the project. The committee suggested that it would be good to include a statement about the road and rail options for the project in the next DZP newsletter. It was noted that a number of community members have asked about the job opportunities at the DZP and when recruitment may be occurring. An update on the project and recruitment will be included in the next DZP newsletter as well.

The Secretariat will forward a link to the subscribe section of the website to the committee members to be able to send to community members on request that may wish to be kept up to date as things happen via email.

It was noted that there was an ASX announcement (Quarterly Activities Report) released last week.

#### **Agenda Item 5                      Progress at the Mine - Operational Report**

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Mike Sutherland gave the committee an update on the project, reiterating the importance of securing project finance. Other items discussed were:

- The Mining lease was granted on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015.
- The Environmental protection licence for the project has not yet been granted but is expected in the near future.
- The Mining Operations Plan (MOP) once approved will be placed on the website which outlines detailed environmental actions required.
- There will be extensive air, water and land monitoring including the monitoring of bores and ground water on and around the project and farming land. The EPA will set emission limits that the company will be required to adhere to.
- Environmental Management Strategy- the committee were provided with a plan of how twenty three management plans form the EMS. The company currently has a Development Application for a boundary adjustment in with Dubbo City Council. This DA will allow part of Dowd's hill to be subdivided from arable land adjoining. Dowds Hill forms part of the DZP biodiversity offset area.
- AZL is also proposing to establish a small basalt quarry on the minesite within the approved disturbance footprint. The quarry will reduce the amount of quarry products that will be required to be trucked in from Dubbo and surrounds during construction.
- An EIS has been prepared to accompany the DA for the basalt quarry.
- AZL has engaged a local contractor to upgrade the driveways at "Mia Mia" off the Benlong Road. An easement across Mia Mia will provide the DZP with access to the Macquarie River.
- Easement negotiations continue for the 132kv powerline from Geurie Substation to Toongi.
- It was noted that the project construction timetable has slipped. A hebel sound barrier at Taronga Western Plains Zoo and the upgrade of the Obley Road will be the earliest construction works.
- The Front End Engineering design for the Obley Road upgrade has been complete and construction will commence once funding has been sourced.
- It was noted that there will be a vertical wall as opposed to a noise bund at the Zoo.

- With the rain last week a number of the creeks and waterways surrounding and on the properties were running and gave the opportunity to take some surface water samples for monitoring, samples were taken from Hyandra Creek, Twelve Mile Creek, Wambangalang Creek as well as some water sources on the properties that will form part of the project. There were 64 samples taken and they will be analysed by companies in Melbourne, Sydney and America.

**Agenda Item 6            Issues arising from site inspections (if any held)**

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No site inspection held. The committee will have an inspection of the ore body at their meeting in May.

**Agenda Item 7            Monitoring and Environmental Performance**

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Discussed in item 5.

**Agenda Item 8            Community Complaints and responses**

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The EPA has clarified that the environmental monitoring station mooted for Toongi Recreation Hall & Reserve can be placed on Australian Zirconia Limited land at "Wychitella" if that is required and results for the Toongi Hall could be extrapolated.

It was noted that if the committee members receive a complaint they can provide the complainant the website information or Mike Sutherlands details.

**Agenda Item 9            Information Provided to the Community and any Feedback**

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There has been no information provided to date.

**Agenda Item 10        General Business**

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The Committee agreed to put their email and phone number on the Alkane Resources Ltd website so if the community wishes to contact them they can.

It was noted that once construction starts a complaints line will be set up.

**Agenda Item 11        Correspondence for Information**

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There was no correspondence for information.

**Next Meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016**

**The meeting closed at 19.00.**

Signed as a true and accurate record:

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(Signature)

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(Date) 3/5/2016

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(Name) PETER STANFORD.

**Dubbo Zirconia Project**  
**Community Consultative Committee Meeting Action List**  
**Action Sheet - Meeting 02.02.2016**

Ref #	Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Completion date
1	02.02.2016	2	Send conflict of interest form to the Committee members for completion.	Nicole Widdison	Complete
2	02.02.2016	2	Complete conflict of interest form and return to Peter Stanford.	Committee members	10.02.2016
3	02.02.2016	4	Include a statement about the rail option for the project logistics in the next newsletter.	Nicole Widdison	Next Newsletter
4	02.02.2016	4	Include a statement about job opportunities and recruitment moving forward in the next newsletter.	Nicole Widdison	Next Newsletter
5	02.02.2016	4	Send a link to the subscribe section of the website to the committee members.	Nicole Widdison	05.02.2016
6	02.02.2016	10	Inform Natalie Chapman that Committee members agreed to have contact details on the website.	Nicole Widdison	05.02.2016 - Complete