



Appendix 3

Stakeholder Consultation

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Dear Mike

ASM Dubbo Project – Modification 1 Mine Development Panel

Thank you for the presentation to the Mine Development Panel (MDP) of the Department of Regional NSW – Mining, Exploration & Geoscience (MEG) on 4 November 2021.

Please find the minutes of the meeting attached for your records. Should you have any comments regarding the minutes (DOC21/973078), please do not hesitate to provide feedback.

The MDP process provides the proponent the opportunity to discuss all aspects of the proposal with MEG before commencing the environmental planning and assessment process. This early engagement with MEG seeks to establish if the proposal represents a responsible and sustainable mining development, which optimises resource recovery, mine design and minimises waste. This preliminary review endeavours to draw out any matters that may require further attention during the comprehensive assessment process undertaken by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment in conjunction with MEG.

MEG's focus is:

- the State Environmental Planning Policy (Mining, Petroleum Production and Extractive Industries) 2007 Part 3, clause 15: *Resource Recovery* requiring that the activity is efficient, optimised and minimises waste
- the objects of the *Mining Act 1992* to encourage and facilitate the discovery and efficient development of mineral resources in NSW.

Of particular relevance to MEG's further assessment are the section 3A objects of the Act:

- to recognise and foster the significant social and economic benefits to NSW that result from the efficient development of mineral resources
- to ensure an appropriate return to the State from mineral resources.

Project overview:

- Extension of mine life by seven years to 2044
- Adjustments to the processing area layout
- Relocation of salt encapsulation cells
- Realignment of Macquarie River Water Pipeline
- Construction of a brine concentrator
- Increase in total regent transportation from 600,000tpa to 820,000tpa
- Increase in FTE from 250 to 270.



The MDP meeting did not identify any issues within MEG's area of responsibility that we consider could not be appropriately addressed during the development assessment process.

MEG considers the Modification to assist in providing social and economic benefits to the State and the local area. At this conceptual stage, the project appears to be a responsible utilisation of the State's valuable mineral resources. MEG will conduct a detailed review during the development assessment process.

For further advice concerning this matter, contact Industry Advisory & Mining Concierge – Industry Development on 02 4063 6534 or mining.concierge@regional.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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MODIFICATION REPORT



Australian Strategic Materials (Holdings) Ltd
Dubbo Project

Date	Contact Type	Classification	Location	Parties Meeting with ASM Representatives	Matters Discussed	Issues with Dubbo Project MOD 1
Community Stakeholders						
16-Nov-20	In Person	Community	Dubbo Office	Community Consultative Committee	CCC meeting - DP Project update.	None
03-Mar-21	Email & Letter	Community	-	Community	Newsletter published online - Rail study and project update.	None
24-Apr-21	In Person	Community	Dubbo Showground	Four Dubbo Rotary Clubs	Western Plains Science & Engineering Challenge - spoke about Dubbo Project progress.	None
16-May-21	In Person	Community	Dubbo Showground	Dubbo show attendees	Staffed ASM display at the Dubbo Show.	None
17-May-21	In Person	Community	Dubbo	Business and community representatives	General DP information.	None
18-May-21	In Person	Aboriginal Community	DLALC Office	Aboriginal elders and Aboriginal Community	Discussion of Dubbo Project and general concerns of Aboriginal community in Dubbo area.	None
18-May-21	Radio Interview	Community	-	ASM representative interviewed on radio	General DP information.	None
20-May-21	In Person	Aboriginal Community	Toongi	Aboriginal community representatives	Project Site tour.	None
12-Jul-21	Videoconference	Community	-	Charles Sturt University Regional Consultative Committee	Meeting to discuss CSU - 10 year strategic plan.	None
15-Jul-21	In Person	Community	Dubbo	Orana Opportunity Network	Presentation facilitated by RDA . Approx. 20 attendees. RDA facilitating links between Newcastle and Dubbo businesses.	None
04-Aug-21	In Person	Community	CSU Campus - Dubbo	Marathon Health, Senior Campus, MAGS, COC, RDA, NSC, Gilgandra Shire, Accountancy, Regional NSW.	Industry Consultation Session on campus.	None
05-Aug-21	In Person	Community	Dubbo Office	Chair Three Rivers Regional Assembly	Discussed membership of DP CCC and protocols around delivery of cultural awareness training.	None
16-Aug-21	Videoconference	Community	-	Community Consultative Committee	CCC meeting - Update on progress with ASM and MOD 1.	None
15-Oct-21	In Person	Community	Dubbo (TWP Zoo)	Director of Taronga Western Plains Zoo & Asset Manager of Taronga Western Plains Zoo	Discussed gas pipeline in easement and sound barrier fence.	None
21-Oct-21	In Person	Community	Dubbo	Principal of Macquarie Anglican Grammar School	Discussion around Toongi Pastoral Company providing training/education to Macquarie Anglican Grammar School students on farm.	None
24-Oct-21	In Person	Community	Toongi	Dubbo Field Naturalists & others interested in ecology (12 people in total).	Ecology lesson and field trip from Toongi Hall to ore body and Dowds Hill.	None
01-Nov-21	In Person	Community	Dubbo (TWP Zoo)	Taronga Western Plains Zoo representatives	Taronga Zoo Foundation lunch. Discussions around partnership/sponsorship going forward.	None
17-Nov-21	Phone	Community	-	Taronga Western Plains Zoo representatives	TWPZ are interested in swapping sound wall commitment for contribution towards roadworks off Camp Road.	None
06-Dec-21	In Person	Community	Toongi	Community Consultative Committee	CCC meeting - Project update and MOD1 consultation.	None
20-Jul-21	In Person	NGO	Dubbo	Dubbo Field Naturalist & Conservation Society	Presentation on Dubbo Project and biodiversity offset management.	None
04-Jan-21	In Person	Landowner	Landowner Property	Landowner	Landowner unhappy with surface water pooling in front of homestead. ASM designed and built driveway as easement compensation. Problems caused Landowner contour bank east of roadway.	None
25-Jan-22	Phone & Email	Landowner	-	Landholder	Discussion of MOD 1 and landowner concerns.	None
25-Jan-22	Phone & Email	Landowner	-	Landholder	Discussion of MOD 1 and landowner concerns.	None
Government Stakeholders						
07-Nov-20	In Person	NSW Government	Dubbo	Two NSW Government MPs and various industry contacts	DP project update.	None
26-Nov-20	In Person	NSW Government & Community	Dubbo RSL Memorial Club	TfNSW representative	O2N Industry Forum and Sate of the Region Luncheon. Discussed conflict of Rail Maintenance Facility with DP approval.	None
07-Dec-20	In Person	NSW Government	Dubbo Office	NSW Government MP	DP project update.	None
17-Dec-20	In Person	Local Government	Council Office	Dubbo Regional Council	Discussed progress with DP and linear infrastructure.	None
18-Dec-20	Email	Federal Government	-	NSW Government MP	Discussed ARTC consultation.	None
22-Dec-20	Email & Phone	NSW Government	-	ARTC	Discussion about Inland Rail second hand sleepers and rail.	None
12-Jan-21	Email & Phone	NSW Government	-	Operations Manager Country Rail Contracts (Regional NSW and Outer Metropolitan)	Dubbo Rail Maintenance Facility conflict with Toongi line.	None
19-Jan-21	In Person	NSW Government	Dubbo Office	Mining, Exploration & Geoscience - Executive Director Investment	Discussion about Critical Minerals and Federal incentives.	None
02-Feb-21	In Person	NSW Government	Project Site	Mining, Exploration & Geoscience and DPIE representatives	Site tour and discussion of Project Site layout.	None
16-Feb-21	In Person	UK Government	Dubbo Office	UK Deputy Consul General, Director Office of Regional Economic Development - Dept Regional NSW.	Dubbo Project update.	None
04-Mar-21	In Person	Local Government	Council Office	CEO Directors of Infrastructure & Environment	Discussion of rail feasibility study.	None
04-Mar-21	In Person	NSW Government	Dubbo Office	Department of Regional NSW	Discussion about Dubbo Rail Maintenance Facility conflict with Toongi line.	None
05-Mar-21	Letter	Local Government	-	Dubbo Regional Council	Rail feasibility and point of contact.	None
08-Mar-21	In Person	NSW Government	Dubbo Office	NSW Government MP	Discussion about Dubbo-Toongi rail feasibility.	None
09-Mar-21	Email	NSW Government	-	TfNSW and John Holland Group	Clarification of roles and responsibilities as JHG has lost maintenance contract.	None
15-Mar-21	In Person	NSW Government	Dubbo Office	Mining, Exploration & Geoscience	Discussion on Modern Manufacturing Fund grants.	None
18-Mar-21	In Person	NSW Government	Dubbo & Toongi	Director Taronga Western Plains Zoo	Provided update on Dubbo Project. Discussed future access to zoo off Camp Road.	None
22-Mar-21	Email	NSW Government	-	Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund	Funding of road-rail crossings.	None
01-Apr-21	Videoconference	NSW Government	-	TfNSW representatives.	Discussion about Dubbo Rail Maintenance Facility conflict with Dubbo-Toongi line.	None
21-Apr-21	In Person	NSW Government & Community	Toongi	Local Land Services	Threatened Ecological Community workshop and farm walk.	None
04-May-21	In Person	Local Government	Toongi	Dubbo Regional Council	Discussed Karingle Quarry modification to allow product off site for road and rail.	None
17-May-21	In Person	NSW Government	Dubbo	Regional Development Australia	Discussed RDA assistance with DP.	None
18-May-21	In Person	Local Government	Council Office	Dubbo Regional Council - Councillors and Directors	General DP information, MOD 1, railway infrastructure.	None
25-May-21	Videoconference	NSW Government	-	Regional Development Australia	Dubbo population growth.	None
16-Jun-21	In Person	NSW Government	Toongi	DPIE - Director Resource Assessments	Tour around Peak Hill Gold Mine, Tomingley Gold Mine and Dubbo Project.	None
22-Jun-21	Email	NSW Government	-	Deputy Premier NSW	Dubbo Project requires refurbishment of Toongi railway - no grade separation and direct pathing.	None
29-Jun-21	Videoconference	Local Government	-	Dubbo Regional Council	Discussion of access to DRC waste water (2GL).	None
02-Jul-21	In Person	NSW Government	Toongi	Rural Fire Service	Aerial fire response training at Toongi.	None
14-Jul-21	Videoconference	NSW Government	-	TfNSW representatives	TfNSW eager to facilitate/enable the Dubbo Project Transport task.	None
22-Jul-21	Videoconference	NSW Government	-	Mining, Exploration & Geoscience	Discussion about NSW Critical Minerals Hub.	None
27-Jul-21	Videoconference	Local Government & Community	-	Dubbo Regional Council, Orana Regional Development Australia, NGOs	Central West Renewable Energy Stakeholder Workshop facilitated by UTS DPIE	None

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Government Stakeholders (Cont'd)						
09-Aug-21	Videoconference	NSW Government	-	Public Servants	Australia-Korea Cultural Training delivered by experienced public servants.	None
20-Aug-21	Videoconference	NSW Government & Local Government	-	TfNSW, Dubbo Regional Council, ARTC, and JHG representatives	Discussed steps required to reopen Toongi-Newcastle rail link by 31 March 2024	None
02-Sep-21	Videoconference	NSW Government	-	DPIE, RWC & OFS Team.	Meeting with Planning to discuss briefing paper for MOD1.	None
08-Sep-21	Videoconference	Local Government	-	Dubbo Regional Council - Mayor & CEO	Welcome to KC. DRC very supportive of the project and happy to facilitate actions that support jobs.	None
08-Sep-21	Videoconference	NSW Government	-	NSW Government MP	Welcome Korean Consortium to Dubbo.	None
08-Sep-21	Videoconference	NSW Government	-	Mining, Exploration & Geoscience - Deputy Secretary	Welcome Korean Consortium to Dubbo.	None
09-Sep-21	Email	NSW Government	-	Director Office of Regional Economic Development - Dept Regional NSW.	Opportunity for DP to be a case study for Invest Regional NSW.	None
13-Sep-21	Email	NSW Government	-	Director Office of Regional Economic Development - Dept Regional NSW.	Commonwealth Global Business and Talent Attraction Taskforce.	None
15-Sep-21	Webinar	NSW Government	-	Regional Development Australia	Industry Capability Network webinar.	None
22-Sep-21	Email & Phone	NSW Government & Local Government	-	Director Office of Regional Economic Development - Dept Regional NSW & Dubbo Regional Council	Invitation to provide DP as a case study on Invest Regional website.	None
23-Sep-21	Email & Phone	NSW Government	-	DPIE representative	Discussed edits to Planning portal for the Dubbo Project.	None
27-Sep-21	Videoconference	Local Government	-	Dubbo Regional Council	Updated new acting director of infrastructure on DP.	None
11-Oct-21	In Person	Korean Government, NSW Government & Local Government	Dubbo	Director Office of Regional Economic Development - Dept Regional NSW & Dubbo Regional Council	Visit to Dubbo Project site as part of due diligence .	None
13-Oct-21	Videoconference	NSW Government	-	Mining, Exploration & Geoscience - Industry Development Team.	SSD project concierge request for additional information re. DP.	None
04-Nov-21	Videoconference	NSW Government	-	Mining, Exploration & Geoscience - Mine Development Panel.	MOD 1 presentation.	None
11-Nov-21	Videoconference	Local Government	-	Dubbo Regional Council	Resumption of activities at the Project Site, application for Construction Certificate.	None
15-Nov-21	Letter	NSW Government	-	Mining, Exploration & Geoscience	Letter confirming MEG see no issues that won't be addressed by DA process.	None
18-Nov-21	Videoconference	Local Government	-	Dubbo Regional Council	Pre lodgement meeting for Construction Certificate for site office and Section 128 Application.	None
18-Nov-21	Videoconference	NSW Government	-	Mining, Exploration & Geoscience and Regional NSW	Discussion of NSW Critical Minerals Strategy.	None
29-Nov-21	In Person	NSW Government	Toongi	Two NSW Government MPs, Deputy Secretary of Mining, Exploration & Geoscience & Dubbo Regional Council CEO	NSW Govt Launch of Critical Minerals and High-tech Metal Strategy from Toongi ore body.	None
02-Dec-21	In Person	Federal Government	Dubbo	Department of Foreign Affairs & Austrade	Fact finding mission and trade issues.	None
10-Dec-21	Email & Letter	Local Government	-	Dubbo Regional Council	Approval of Section 138 Application for entrance road to Project site off Toongi Road.	None
15-Dec-21	In Person	NSW Government	Dubbo & Toongi	NSW Agent General to Europe & Israel, Dept. Regional NSW.	General DP information.	None
Infrastructure Managers						
07-Dec-20	Email	Infrastructure Manager	-	Essential Energy	Request for detailed Connection Enquiry	None
26-Feb-21	Videoconference	Infrastructure Manager	-	Essential Energy	High Voltage Connection discussions.	None
02-Jun-21	Videoconference	Infrastructure Manager	-	Essential Energy and Energy Serve	Clarification of existing and future power loads.	None
08-Jul-21	Letter	Infrastructure Manager	-	ARTC representatives	ARTC working with stakeholders to facilitate access through Mindyarra Rail Maintenance Facility.	None
02-Sep-21	Videoconference	Infrastructure Manager	-	Essential Energy & Energy Serve	Discussion on connection study.	None
15-Sep-21	Portal	Infrastructure Manager	-	ARTC representatives	Third Party Works Application submitted to JHG to allow survey and access to Toongi-Dubbo Rail Corridor.	None
24-Sep-21	Videoconference	Infrastructure Manager	-	ARTC, CRN, JHG, and DRC representatives.	Monthly Railway consultation meeting.	None
20-Oct-21	Videoconference	Infrastructure Manager	-	Port of Newcastle	Introductory meeting. Timeline to establish location and portside infrastructure.	None
01-Dec-21	In Person	Infrastructure Manager	Dubbo	ARTC representatives	Discussion on progress with Toongi rail refurbishment. ARTC requested copy of Community & Stakeholder Engagement Strategy.	None
13-Dec-21	Phone	Infrastructure Manager	-	Country Rail Network	Discussion around Application for Third Party Works in the Dubbo-Toongi rail corridor.	None

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