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Project	Newcastle Gas Storage Facility	From	Lilen Pautasso
Subject	Community Consultative Committee	Tel	9239 7283
Date/Time	Wednesday 6 February 2013	Ref No	21/20596
Venue	Hunter Region Botanic Gardens 11:00am – 12:00pm		

Copies to All attendees and apologies

Attendees	Marc Fitton – Tomago Aluminium Company Warren Brooks – Tomago Aluminium Company Clr Geoff Dingle – Port Stephens Council David Hough – Newcastle City Council Jan Noble – Hunter Region Botanic Gardens Kirby Morrison – Hunter Water Declan Clausen – Hunter Water Tim Knill – AGL Project Manager Naomi Rowe – AGL Community Relations Manager Gino Bortolotto – Worley Parsons Aaron Clifton – AGL Environment Manager Barbara Company – Facilitator (GHD) Lilen Pautasso – Support (GHD)	Apologies	Audrey Koosman – Native Animal Trust Fund Peter Rains – Tomago Van Park Michael Osborne – Port Stephens Council
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Topic	Action
1. Welcome and acceptance of previous meeting minutes Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.	<i>Accepted minutes to be placed on AGL website</i>
2. Previous meeting and review of action items A correction requested by TAC was recorded and the minutes have been updated to reflect the change.	
3. Project update including 12 month forecast TK provided an update of the project summarised in a short presentation. Presentation has been attached. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ TK announced that since the last meeting AGL has completed the clearing works.▶ GD asked whether there had been any significant impacts of the clearing. AC mentioned that there had	



been minor impacts with the death of three animals, as reported in detail at two previous CCC meetings. TK also stated that nest boxes had now been installed on site. AC stated that monitoring of the nest boxes will commence shortly.

- ▶ TK stated that over the next 12 months there will be ongoing construction with up to 100 people on site throughout 2013.
- ▶ BC asked where the majority of workers will come from. TK stated that CBI will use local people as much as possible.

4. Environment Update

AC presented an environment update which was summarised in a presentation. Presentation attached.

- ▶ AC mentioned that AGL undertook cultural heritage investigations over the entire site, multiple times throughout the cleaning and earth works phases. The aboriginal groups scouted the area with the crew and located a number of artefacts.
 - ▶ JN asked whether the cultural items were going to be kept for display at the local site.
 - ▶ AC stated that upwards of 60 artefacts were found in south-east area. They would temporarily retain the artefacts on site. Once the site is commissioned AGL will set up a commemorative garden where the artefacts would be buried in partnership with the local indigenous leaders. They would also be registered on the OEH site. AC stated that Megan McLachlan from ERM has been engaged as the principal independent environmental auditor. The next environmental audit will be in late-February.
 - ▶ AC provided a brief summary of incidents on site. Minor oil leaks have occurred. There has been one incident of significance that involved a water leakage from a storage tank at the temporary toilet facilities. This was reported to EPA, Hunter Water, NSW Office of Water and Department of Planning. CBI conducted ecoli tests and the results were below ANZECC guidelines Adjustments have been made to the toilet facilities to mitigate future leakage risks. The incident has since been closed out.
 - ▶ NR mentioned that there have been no complaints made since the project began. The calls received have been enquiries regarding work opportunities.
 - ▶ AC mentioned that trenching and construction of the stormwater service to Old Punt Road planned for mid to late February will be completed under the supervision of an independent arborist to manage the risks to the flora species.
 - ▶ AC also mentioned that there has been some fencing installed from the Pacific Highway all the way through
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to the Hunter Water boundary.

- TK noted a modification of the project approval had been sought and approved regarding the process to 'wash down' concrete trucks – previously required to be done off site. This had proved to be potential issue with the possibility of remnant concrete slipping from the chute on to the road. The Approval has been adjusted to allow this process to be completed on site using skip bins to wash and collect residue. Residue would be disposed of at a licensed facility.

5. General business

- TK mentioned that there were trespassers on site late last year. The trespassers drove a front end loader down a track and parked it in a bush.
- JN asked what date the incident occurred as there were trespassers onto HRBG lands as well. GB stated it occurred on 28 November. NR stated that security will increase with more people on site.
- TK mentioned that there will be a low pressure pipeline between the NGSF facility and TAC's smelter. TAC will be supplied with that gas once it is signed off as an amendment to the Part 3A approval.
- DH mentioned that Newcastle Council has not finalised the gas easement. TK mentioned that he will follow this up with the representative from Newcastle Council.
- DH asked when the pipeline work is likely to start on the Newcastle Council side of the project. TK explained that it would be August or September 2013.
- NR asked the CCC if they would agree to shift the date of the next CCC meeting from Wednesday 1st May to Wednesday 8th May. The CCC agreed to the change. AGL will issue calendar invites to CCC members.
JN mentioned that she is planning to formally retire by July this year. JN will ask the Board of the HRBG if she could attend the May meeting to introduce her replacement.
- NR reminded the CCC that an offer had been placed for them to visit the site of the NGSF at the last meeting. CCC agreed to the idea of a site visit. Logistics will be organised by AGL prior to the next meeting. Site visit will occur the morning of the CCC meeting.
- BC volunteered to follow up with those members who hadn't attended the last two meetings and seek feedback.

TK to follow up with Newcastle Council regarding the gas easement

AGL to issue an updated calendar invite for the next CCC meeting.

AGL to organise site visit for 8th May and advise CCC members prior to the next meeting

BC to contact non-attending CCC members and seek feedback

6. Next meeting – 8 May 2013.

7. Close of formal proceedings. 12:00pm
