

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GLOUCESTER EXPLORATION  
PROJECT, COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE,  
HELD AT SCHOOL OF SCHOOL OF ARTS  
DENISON STREET, GLOUCESTER  
ON 25 OCTOBER 2012**

**PRESENT:** Mr Terrence Healey, CHAIRMAN  
Mr Grant Polwarth, GLOUCESTER RESOURCES LIMITED  
Mr Bob Corbett, GLOUCESTER RESOURCES LIMITED  
Dr Gerald McCalden  
Mrs Terry Hardwick  
Mr Trevor Sansom  
Mr Ray Dawes  
Dr Steve Robinson  
Cr Karen Hutchinson, GREAT LAKES COUNCIL  
Ms Sarah Jardine, NSW TRADE & INVESTMENT (DIVISION  
FOR RESOURCES AND ENERGY)  
Mr Ian Jackson

**APOLOGIES:** Ms Julie Moloney, NSW TRADE & INVESTMENT (DIVISION  
FOR RESOURCES AND ENERGY)  
Mr Graham Holley, GLOUCESTER RESOURCES LIMITED

**OPENING OF  
MEETING:** Mr Healey declared the meeting open at 10.10 am and welcomed  
Mr Ian Jackson who was the successful applicant after Mr John  
Woodford vacated the Committee. Mr Jackson gave a brief  
background of his family and his Horticulturist career.

**CONFIRMATION  
OF MINUTES OF**

**LAST MEETING:** The following amendments to be made to the previous Minutes  
(31 August 2012)

- 1 Mr Bob Corbett requested the paragraph on page 3 that  
reads:  
“Trevor Sansom asked if the dust/pollution could be  
coming off Stratford and Mr Bob Corbett replied,  
“absolutely”.”

be amended as it is out of context and should read:

“Trevor Sansom asked if part of the dust being recorded at  
various monitoring sites is coming off Stratford and Mr  
Bob Corbett replied, “absolutely”.”

Page 4, Paragraph 2 – “20%-25%” should read “70%-  
75%”

Moved: Mr Ray Dawes  
Seconded: Mr Trevor Sansom

**BUSINESS**

**ARISING FROM  
THE MINUTES:**

Ray Dawes asked what the state of hazard reduction is at the moment?

Grant Polwarth advised as much hazard reduction was carried out without burning which involved the former Martin property, the river flats on both sides of the river and the former Johnson property. A mulcher was used on the former West property as opposed to the necessity to burn. A permit was obtained to burn a small patch.

Bob Corbett confirmed there are not any immediate plans for any further burning.

Further general discussion took place in relation to burning and hazard reduction.

Ian Jackson asked if the DA would be lodged at the same time as the EIS. Bob Corbett advised that it would be and that it is a requirement that it has to be lodged at the same time.

Cr Karen Hutchinson asked what happened to Timber Mill?

Grant Polwarth advised that parts of the Mill ie saws etc were picked up by timber milling companies and similar companies. The actual structure has been recycled and a shed is being erected in Newcastle.

**CORRESPONDENCE:      Incoming:**

Email from Mr Healey to Mr Ian Jackson dated 17 October 2012 confirming appointment to committee.

Email from Mr & Mrs R & R Besier dated 24 October 2012.

**PROJECT UPDATE BY GRANT POLWARTH**

- 1 In relation to the exploration of the three (3) license areas there has been no exploration undertaken since the last CCC meeting and there is none scheduled. The Committee will be advised when further exploration scheduled.
- 2 The EIS is still being compiled. The specialist reports are being received and finalised and are still targeting a submission for this calendar year and the subsequent public display period at the discretion of the Department.
- 3 In relation to properties and the maintenance, since the last meeting GRL have undertaken various spraying, mulching and whipper snipping of tree planting corridors. There has been preparation works done for the next phase of planting

which will involve approximately 1,500 more trees to be planted.

- 4 GRL distributed a newsletter to the Gloucester postcode to bring the community up to date of where the project is up to.
- 5 In relation to de-commissioning of former timber mill it is about 95% complete and going through a final clean up of the property. Karen Hutchinson asked what will go on the timber mill site and is the soil contaminated? Grant advised a study was done by Coffey's regarding contamination and they are working through that process now. As for future use, in the immediate term, nothing. If the project proceeds it is the proposed location of the rail loop.
- 6 In relation to land GRL have fenced several kilometres of the tree screening areas. There is more to be done down Fairbairns Road and around the corner of the Rosenbaum property and in that direction and along the Bucketts Way. It is finished down Jacks Road and the former Johnson property.
- 7 In relation to hazard reduction GRL have where possible done mulching and slashing.

Mr Ian Jackson asked Mr Polwarth if the next step for hole drilling the Forbesdale Stage 2 that would go across the Maslen property?

Grant Polwarth advised there are no plans to go that way at the moment. GRL are focusing on the Rocky Hill project that is in front of the New South Wales Government at this point. The next drilling they can foresee would be pit delineation work which is definition for production. GRL will certainly commit to advise when an application is made to the Department to do drilling and let it be known to all the community.

Mr Ian Jackson asked about the renewal of the licences and are they current?

Sarah Jardine advised the EL's are still in force until a decision is made except for the relinquished area that has been dropped. Ms Jardine spoke further to the Committee about the EL renewals since the last State election.

Trevor Sansom commented that AGL are drilling now. Do GRL collect information from them?

Grant Polwarth advised they are provided access. It is incumbent upon GRL to enter into co-operation with AGL. In relation to the access land for AGL drilling, GRL has sub-leased to other farming families, so most of the liaison is between AGL and the farming families on those properties.

Dr Steve Robinson commented that it is puzzling to the community that AGL have proposed well sites that are within the GRL mining lease. No explanation has been given as to how that situation is going to be resolved?

Sarah Jardine answered that at this stage it is just EL. She understands that if they want to ML the petroleum title would

have to be relinquished in that area. At this stage there are just two (2) EL's and they both can be interactive in the same area.

Grant Polwarth commented that this is not a unique situation with AGL and GRL.

Dr Gerald McCalden asked if AGL had been granted approval for Stage 1 development?

Sarah Jardine advised she is not aware of that. If AGL have any developments the same process as this company would have to be applied. Further discussion took place amongst Committee Members in relation to AGL. She stated that AGL and GRL are limited to two (2) separate exploration licences?? and that AGL has to seek the consent of the tenant.

Mr Healey spoke to the Committee that the issue is relevant as it may impact upon GRL and the CCC and yes there are two (2) competing projects going on at the one (1) time.

Dr Steve Robinson asked if Sarah Jardine could provide a statement to clarify to the community of where the apparent competing interests are at and how they are going to be resolved?

Sarah Jardine advised that she could only advise on current EL status and where the project is up to and that can be found on the Department website.

Mr Healey suggested Dr Robinson write directly to the Department if he wished.

Terry Hardwick asked who gets priority if gas is being mined and coal is being mined?

Sarah Jardine advised that would be a decision for the Minister.

Grant Polwarth advised that it is incumbent upon GRL to enter into Co-Operation Agreement as to other tenement holders. The issues have to be addressed in the EIS in regard to cumulative impacts.

General discussion took place in regard to AGL and impacts.

Karen Hutchinson advised there is a lot of information on the NSW Trade & Investment website.

Mr Ray Dawes forwarded his appreciation to GRL for not burning off on properties and deciding to slash the properties.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Letter from Mr & Mrs Rod & Robin Besier:

Grant Polwarth read:

*“Q: The total number of properties owned by GRL is approximately 35 and approximately 2200 hectares. I would like to know the exact number of properties and hectares now owned by GRL please. If Mr Polwarth*

*does not have this information in time for Thursdays meeting then email as soon as possible before the next meeting would be appreciated.”*

- A: I consulted the records as of today there are 32 properties and that equates to 2207 hectares.”*
- Q: “Mr Mende is a Director of GRL and any correspondence should be sent through to the registered office in Brisbane. The last community up date delivered to our post box has details where the community can email and look up on GRL’s website but no postal address to send correspondence to GRL’s Brisbane office for those who do not have computers”*
- A: The registered address is:  
The Company Secretary  
GRL Holdings Pty Limited  
PO Box 1118  
BRISBANE QLD 4001  
It is on our website but maybe not in a particularly easy to find area but it is on any of our Exploration Permits, REFs and others.*
- Q: “I did ask specifically for Mr Mendes overseas postal email address and not the Brisbane office address which was not given out. If it is possible for anyone to contact Mr Fred H....., Vice President of BHP Billiton, Houston Texas by post and email what is the problem giving out Mr Mendes overseas postal and email addresses in the USA?”*
- A: I am the Managing Director of GRL and have been put here to run the Company. If there is specific correspondence for Mr Mendes use that address in Brisbane and it can be addressed to him and I will make sure it will get to him.”*

Mr Ray Dawes suggested that maybe the compilation of a map and distribution to Mr & Mrs Besier.

Mr Grant Polwarth stated that this map was done and handed out about six (6) months ago. Mr Polwarth finds that the premise of GRL not being open and are secretive a little difficult to take given GRL are constantly providing the information when requested.

Mr Trevor Sansom stated that the properties that GRL have bought but don’t intend to mine on, the condition of some of the houses has deteriorated.

Mr Grant Polwarth advised the all houses have been rented out to members of the community and there are agents in town that manage the properties.

Mr Ian Jackson expressed his concern about the time line of the mine and the impact on residents’ lives.

Mr Terry Healey spoke to Mr Ian Jackson advising him that these issues have been ventilated at this meeting over the last 6 years and a lot of the issues are Government Policy and lawful rights on the part of the Company to exercise those rights which have been established by the Department. It is an issue that contains

some private and commercial interests of the Company on the one hand and some public interest that have been expressed here and through the Minutes. Mr Healey can understand Mr Jackson's feelings but thinks it might be confined to issues that the Company is able to respond to.

Mr Polwarth spoke to the Committee and Mr Ian Jackson and confirmed GRL would never question anyone's right to have their say. The current ownership and management have only been in place for 2 ½ years and what happened beforehand he can't comment. In the 2 ½ years GRL have expedited the exploration, conducted background environmental studies, lodged a Preliminary Environmental Assessment (PEA) at the beginning of the year with the Department, have been issued Director General Requirements (DGRs) and an EIS will be lodged very soon. This is exceptionally quick in 2 ½ years by general industry standards and part of that is a recognition that the Company is trying to get some certainty. In relation to farming, if we had bought properties and not farmed it people would be saying that the Company is completely getting rid of agriculture and the community wants agriculture. GRL are continuing to run the farms as well as our mining interests.

Next meeting Thursday 13 December 2012 at 10.00 am

Meeting closed at 11.15 am