



Tritton Operations - Community Consultative Committee

Minutes

The meeting was held on 15 March 2023 at the Hog & Billy Hotel, Girilambone

A site inspection to the Murrawombie and Avoca Tank Pit lookouts and the site of the November 2022 cementation dam wall seepage by several members

Meeting commenced at 10.30am

Present at the meeting:

Garry West (Independent Chair)

Scott Ramsay (General Manager, Aeris Resources, Tritton Operations)

Quinton Bruwer (Environment Superintendent, Tritton Operations)

Derek Francis (General Manager, Bogan Shire Council)

Deb Wood (Director, People & Community Services, Bogan Shire Council)

Tony Wood (Nyngan Police Sergeant)

Venita Dutton (Nyngan LALC)

Raylene Weldon (Nyngan LALC)

Graeme Angove (Landholder Representative)

Paul & Jack Kerin (Landholder Representatives)

Rachel Flammig (Girilambone Café)

Phil Garrard (Hog & Billy Hotel)

Apologies

Tony Elias (Community Representative & BSC Councillor)

Ed Dowling (Landholder Representative)

Welcome

The Chairperson opened the meeting with an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed attendees.

Introductions

Scott Ramsay and Garry West provided a brief outline of the intended composition of the community consultative committee (CCC), and the proposed role. The performance reporting will be for the previous quarter.

Company Report

(See Presentation slides for full details)

Business Update

Aeris Resources purchased Round Oak Minerals mid 2022. Aeris Resources is an Australian mid-tier base and precious metals producer with 4 producing operations, one long life development project, a strong long-term exposure to copper with an excellent platform for growth.

Tritton Operations currently have an 8 year mine life to FY 2030.

Sustainability (ESG)

The Company has a commitment to transparency, integrity and sustainability. The focus is:

Water and Containment; whole site review of water management and dust suppressant trial are currently underway.

Carbon and Climate Change; Trialling Electric UG light vehicle and studying/designing future solar farms for Tritton & Constellation.

Diversity and Inclusion; Achieved 20% gender diversity and 10% indigenous diversity.

Biodiversity and Land; Rehabilitation Management Plans submitted to the regulator and developing Constellation Site layouts for Feasibility Studies.

Tritton People

Approximately 500 people work at Tritton with about 410 employees. 50% of the workforce and their families live locally in Nyngan, Cobar, Girilambone and Hermidale. Another 40% live in regional NSW.

Management Structure

Well balanced management team with a good mix of experience. There are split mining management statutory roles to support growth projects. The FY23 challenge for managers is how to provide support for 4 project areas. (ie. Hub & spoke model)

Job Vacancies

Underground Heavy Diesel Fitter; Trades Assistant, Nyngan; Auto Electrician, 7/7 day shift; UG Electrician 7/7 day & night shifts; Jumbo Operator; Truck Drivers & HR Graduate.

Local Support

The Tritton Mine provides support to a variety of local activities and community groups in Nyngan, Cobar, Hermidale and Girilambone.

Health & Safety Incidents

Recordable injuries are classed as Medical Treatment Injuries (MTI), Return to Work injuries (RWI), and Lost time injuries (LTI) and are reportable to the Resources Regulator. They are measured by the Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate (TRIFR). Tritton mine's focus is on the severity of an incident, that is, those injuries that are life changing. Examples were outlined of both low and high severity incidents.

TRIFR is 17.8 down 2.8 from last quarter. & August 2022 a Lost Time Injury (LTI) – diff rotator tool handle fractured operator's finger. Three incidents in December involving vehicle contacts which were reportable.

Health & Safety Focus Areas

- Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention Programme -roll out a risk based musculoskeletal prevention programme across the operation by 30 June 2023
- "Fit for Purpose" Systems – Review options to the Pegasus system in consultation with the GM Health, Safety & Risk and provide recommendations by 30 December 2022
- Safety Leadership Programme – Develop and commence a "SMART" Safety Leadership Programme in consultation with key stakeholders by 30 March 2023; and
- PHMP & CCV Project – Review/update Principal Hazard Management Plan Project, PHMP's & Develop CCV's for identified hazards by 30 June 2023.

Environmental Incidents & Complaints

Environmental incidents are reported to the Resource Regulator, the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) and Bogan Shire Council (BSC).

16 Oct 2022 – Brown Snake relocated (Avoca Tank)

2 November 2022 – Cementation dam wall seepage (Murrawombie).

26 December 2022 – Ore/Waste rock/cement dumped outside designated area (Murrawombie)

Community feedback, questions, complaints signs now erected at all mine entrances with telephone number and email address.

Environmental Monitoring

Nil Complaints for the quarter.

Monitoring Bore Seepage. Routine inspection discovered water seeping from the base of GIP310 monitoring bore and was reported to EPA. Samples sent to the Lab to assess area affected and a sump was created and lined with a PVC liner. Water was pumped back into the containment pond and the pond level was lowered to reduce the hydraulic pressure until the bore seepage stopped. Future contained methods currently being assessed (possibly clay or poly liner in dam).

Standing water levels in monitoring bores are rising as recharge impacts from rainfall events.

Dust Deposition monitoring. Higher than normal results in December at Tritton & Murrawombie.

No blast vibration exceedances for the quarter.

Future CCC meetings will see quarterly comparisons.

Question: Fire Incident at Avoca Tank? Scott: This is currently being investigated and a detailed report will be provided at the next CCC meeting. Impacted neighbours will be advised investigation results as soon as possible. Local police also asked to be kept informed.

Question: What can be done about future fire management? What about a fire break around the whole site? Scott/ Quinton: The fire was reported to the regulator and feedback will be available at the next meeting. Comment: Cultural burns need to be implemented.

Health Safety Environment Training (HSET) Summary

- Safety challenge – reduce number of low severity incidents
- Changing Regulatory Environment – increased focus on dust & other airborne contaminants; increasing focus on psychosocial risks.
- Truck Training Simulator - seeing benefits. Truck prestart simulator now in action and jumbo drilling simulator arriving soon.

Tritton Mine in Transition

The Tritton Operations are located 45km NW of Nyngan and is an underground sublevel open stoping mine. Production commenced in 2005 and has a mine life of 8+ years. FY22 production was 18,581 tonnes of copper (Cu). Growth projects include extending development to Budgerygar and Avoca Tank.

Tritton Deeps are currently at 3990RL.

Mining activity at Avoca Tank intersected ore on 23 December 2022 with 1st production planned in April 2023.

A new potential mine, the Constellation deposit located 45km northeast of the Tritton plant is currently in a Feasibility study, however preliminary exploration indicates a mineral resource of 6.7Mt at 1.85% copper and 0.58g/t gold.

Feasibility study has commenced with more resource model & metallurgical study inputs. EIS compilation has commenced with heritage, biodiversity, social impact assessments completed. Noise/dust/air quality baseline data has commenced and work on possible site layout and transport route options are ongoing.

Exploration continues to focus to the north. Kurrajong maiden resource release is planned in the next 1 – 2 months. Hub & spoke operation model is considered the best option by trucking ore to the central processing plant from the various satellite ore body operations.

Tritton Quarter 2 Results

Ore quantities mined were lower in Q2 resulting from Budgerygar Return Air Raise delays, delays in stope production from Tritton deeps due to cement supply and logistical issues. Subsequent negotiations have resulted in backup agreements. Murrawombie had lower copper grades in Q2.

On a positive note, quarter on quarter production improvement is evident and underground rates are increasing. The Avoca Tank ore intersection was a significant milestone.

Tritton Operational Risks

Current review of identified risks is being undertaken with people resourcing, consumerable & part price, slow ramp up of multiple ore sources are regarded as critical. Each risk is rated and controls to resolve are being developed as part of the broader business strategy.

General Business

NIL

Meeting Closed at 11.40am

ACTIONS: Fire feedback and dam seepage control action.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 14 June 2023 TBC