



Tritton Operations - Community Consultative Committee

Minutes

The meeting was held on 14 June 2023 at the Nyngan RSL Civic Club.

Meeting commenced at 9.40am

Present at the meeting:

Garry West (Independent Chair)

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

Quinton Bruwer (Environment Superintendent, Tritton Operations)

Shae Martin (HSE Manager, Tritton Operations)

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

Tony Wood (Nyngan Police Sergeant)

Venita Dutton (Nyngan LALC)

Apologies

Tony Elias (Community Representative & BSC Councillor)

Ed Dowling (Landholder Representative)

Derek Francis (General Manager, Bogan Shire Council)

Raylene Weldon (Nyngan LALC)

Graeme Angove (Landholder Representative)

Welcome

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

Minutes of Previous meeting

Minutes were circulated and no changes were requested. In due course they will be uploaded to the project website.

Business Arising

A detailed report was provided on the Avoca Tank bushfires which resulted from contractors cutting mesh with an angle grinder and a spark caused the fire. The incident occurred in a 'black spot' on site. As a result procedures will be reviewed.

A liner is being quoted for the dam subject to seepage. Further update at the next meeting.

Company Report

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

10 Injuries were recorded all low severity. (2 were Lost time injuries (LTI); 6 were Return to work injuries (RWI) and 2 were Medical treatment injuries (MTI). 7 were reportable to the regulator with the most serious being an uncontrolled release of high pressure hose. As a result the procedures will be reviewed.

Health & Safety Focus Areas

- Musculoskeletal Injuries continue to be a major concern.

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.

Standing water levels in monitoring bores have not seen much change.

Dust Deposition monitoring. One exceedance at Murrawombie.

No blast vibration exceedances for the quarter.

Future CCC meetings will see quarterly comparisons.

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.

An overview of activities at Tritton, Murrawombie & Avoca Tank where production has now commenced.

The EIS for Constellation is progressing and is due to be submitted in September 2023. Property access agreements are now in place and the transport route options are being assessed.

Exploration is underway at Kurrajong. Conceptual studies are planned over the next 12 months.

Tritton Quarter 3 Results

Q3 activity has been slow due to a combination of factors, however Q4 signs are much better and will be reported at the next CCC meeting.

Tritton Operational Risks

Current review of identified risks is being undertaken with people resourcing, consumable & 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

Tony Wood sought advice regarding future employment prospects as they could impact on Police resources. A spike is likely during the construction phase at Constellation, otherwise employee numbers are expected to remain steady.

Meeting Closed at 10.50am

Next Meeting

Wednesday 6 September 2023

