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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING 10.00AM

FRIDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2006

MANILDRA ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM

BOLONG ROAD, BOMADERRY

AGENDA

1. Apologies.
2. Business Arising from Previous Minutes.
3. Progress Report on the Wastewater and Solids Removal from the Ponds.
4. Review of Community Complaints.
5. Quarterly VOC and Odour Monitoring.
6. Comments and suggestions from the Community on the environmental performance.
7. General Business.



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MINUTES

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN THE MANILDRA GROUP ADMINISTRATION MEETING ROOM

FRIDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2006

Present

Peter Courtney	Chairperson	
Alf Taylor	Community Representative	Meroo Meadow
Ian Chalmers	Community Representative	Terara
Anthony Rizutto	Community Representative	Bomaderry
Phil McKenzie	Community Representative	Backforest Road
Brian Hanley	Manildra Group Manager	
Stephen Thompson	Manildra Group Farm Manager	
Scott Foggo	Manildra Group Environment and Technical Manager	
Peter Tallent	Manildra Group Chief Chemist	
Glenys Lugg	Manildra Group Environmental Scientist	

1. Apologies

Warren Priest Community Representative Terara Area

MEETING

- The minutes were accepted as a true and correct record of the previous meeting.

2. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes.**

Items arising from the previous minutes will be discussed in General Business.

3. Progress Report on the Wastewater and Solids Removal from the Ponds.

Manildra advised that irrigation was very good through November and December with up to 19ML per day being irrigated.

Irrigation only took place on 12 days during January due to wet weather.

Irrigation has just recommenced in the last week for February with 24hr irrigation commencing over the last two days.

4. Review of Community Complaints

Alf Taylor and Phil McKenzie put forward a complaint regarding odours which had occurred during the evening on Thursday, 9 February 2006. They advised that the odour had been the worst it had been for a long time. Ian Chalmers noticed an odour at 10.00am whilst travelling along Bolong Road and again at 6.00pm on his return. These complaints will be recorded in the Complaints Log.

Manildra advised that they had been cleaning the evaporators which had resulted in an increased amount of stillage of higher concentration going to Pond 4. Irrigation waters were a mix of water from Pond 4 and clean condensate, which may have resulted in increased odours.

Manildra advised that complaints have reduced compared to the same time in previous years. Two out of three complaints were to do with the DDGS odour.

Odour complaints had been received from Terara (early in the morning), Central Nowra and Riverview Road, which was in line with the prevailing winds.

5. Quarterly VOC and Odour Monitoring

Manildra advised that the Quarterly VOC and Odour Monitoring report had been received from Stephenson's in draft form. The measurements had shown a slight increase due to the warmer weather.

6. Comments and suggestions from the Community of the environmental performance of the development.

Anthony Rizzuto asked if there was a possibility that some of the byproducts could be taken to another site.

Manildra advised that this had been looked at and because of the cost and magnitude of the exercise it made removing the byproducts impractical. A plant had been built to fix the pond problems and this has created its own problems because of the drying process heating up the DDGS. A scrubber has been installed which has reduced the odour generation by 90%. Manildra is now in the process of putting in a cooling system to reduce the odour created by the heated product.

Phil McKenzie asked if the Farm Manager and operators know what type of water is going to go to the farm. Manildra advised that they are advised of changes that occur at the factory that affects the water going to the farm.

Phil McKenzie suggested that if something unusual is happening at the Factory that may change the type of water being sent to the farm, it would be a good idea to alert the Community as well as Stephen Thompson the Farm Manager.

Manildra will let Committee Members know the next time a major mechanical clean is going to happen on the evaporator.

Manildra advised that a program for cleaning would be instigated. Manildra also advised that a continuous inprocess cleaning system was being examined.

Ian Chalmers asked what was the volume of concentrated syrup going to the farm.

Manildra advised that sometimes up to 2m³ of concentrated syrup per hour had been sent to the farm in the washdown water when the evaporators were being cleaned. Under normal circumstances all syrup is recovered and none goes to the farm. In the past excess syrup has been sold to Dairy Farmers as it is high in protein but at the moment they are not interested in it due to plenty of feed pasture because of the recent rain.

Anthony Rizzuto asked if irrigation could be drip-fed.

Manildra advised that it could not irrigate with a drip system as it would continuously block up.

7. General Business

DDGS Cooling System

Manildra handed out a schematic diagram of the DDGS cooling system currently being installed in the Reclaimed Water Plant. Currently hot air goes into three baghouses and the discharged air goes into the scrubber. It is proposed to have the air from the dryers going into three cyclones which will then go to the boilers and burnt. This will remove the DDGS odour. The system will be in operation by the end of March. Stephenson Environmental Management has been commissioned to do an odour survey before and after the cooling plant is installed and commissioned.

River Release

Manildra advised that in order to avoid overtopping the wet weather storage ponds studies have been carried out for river release.

A study program has been ongoing for the past two years with CSIRO on toxicity and Manly Hydraulics Laboratory (MHL) using computer modelling and river

modelling to gain approval for river release. The final report from MHL is expected by 17 February 2006. A meeting is scheduled for 1 March 06 to discuss the report with DEC and then approval for a trial will be sought from Department of Planning.

DEC Responsibility

Manildra advised that as of 1 February the Wollongong office of DEC is no longer responsible for them. The Queanbeyan Office is now looking after Manildra. There has been one joint meeting with the Managers and staff of both offices.

The Meeting closed at 11.15am.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 3 2006, 10.00am.

The Agenda and Minutes are available on the Manildra Group web site www.manildra.com.au under the heading Community.

Chairperson