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COMMUNITY CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING 10.00AM

THURSDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2005

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

WEDNESDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2005

Present

Peter Courtney	Chairperson
Alf Taylor	Community Representative Meroo Meadow
Ian Chalmers	Community Representative Terara Area
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

1. Apologies

Warren Priest	Community Representative Terara Area
Terry Barratt	Community Representative Bomaderry Area
Sharon Barnes	Community Representative Nowra Area
Glenys Lugg	Manildra Group Environmental Scientist

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 due to the wet weather in October /November pond levels have gone up to 566ML. It is intended to start 24 hour irrigation to get the levels down to 470ML by the end of December.

4. Review of Community Complaints

Manildra advised that there had been a reduction in complaints over the last two months. There were a number of complaints early in December with regard to DDG odours.

Manildra recognises that the DDG is an issue. The scrubber was commissioned about 5 weeks ago and a further modification was made about two weeks ago by installing a fan at the end of the scrubber to improve efficiency. Fumes are no longer getting through the scrubber. It has been noticed that on still days Manildra gets the odd complaint occurring. When there is a wind there are no complaints.

Manildra advised that the alterations made to the scrubber were aimed at collecting all odours from the baghouses in the top of the building, which the scrubber is doing at the moment.

The collection and scrubbing of odours is working well. There will be further improvements by March next year when the product cooling system is completed.

5. Quarterly VOC and Odour Monitoring

Manildra advised that quarterly tests have to be done on a number of points including dryers, fermenters, DDG coolers, storage ponds, pivots, travelling irrigators.

During this quarter the pivots were running and had quite a low odour.

The Fermenters have quite a high reading but the odour never seems to travel. The odour from the fermenters is a brewery odour.

The Cooling Towers have very low figures as a result of a change in chemical treatment.

The graphs in the report for the ponds shows a decline in odour units.

Manildra advised that the Papermill wastewater treatment plant was a biodigester system and very sensitive to bug kill and could cause a sulphur type odour.

Dairy Farmers odour is very similar to Manildra's odour. They will be processing until March 2006.

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

Alf Taylor advised that he was quite happy and the odours are non-existent in his area.

Ian Chalmers advised that he had noticed an improvement. They sometimes get an odour but it dissipates really quickly.

7. General Business

Court Case

Manildra advised that the court case with regards to the incidents of 14 & 15 April 2004 was progressing.

Manildra has just been advised that the hearing will be heard on 14th May 2006 in the Land and Environment Court with a four week period being put aside to hear the case. The Company has pleaded Not Guilty.

Ian Chalmers asked would an increase in ethanol production have an impact on the local area.

There will be no impact. Manildra advised that at present the flour throughput has been increased due to lower protein. To increase the ethanol more grain will be used. All the wastewater from the Ethanol Plant will go through the Reclaimed Water Plant and washdown waters won't change.

The big plus at the moment is the Reclaimed Water Plant. The fact that all the liquid from the distillery goes through the process and solids are removed, dried and sold as high protein cattle feed.

River Release

Manildra advised that they were trying to obtain approval to release clean water into the river under emergency conditions.

Manly Hydraulics have done the modelling and the CSIRO have done toxicity work. Approval was gained from DEC and Department of Planning to verify the modelling for approval. Model verification was done last week and the way that was done was to put a tracer into the cooling water which goes into the river and measure the plume.

DEC were in attendance on the first day of testing to ensure the work being done was within the approved guidelines. Manly Hydraulics are now analysing the results. If the results verify the model then the next step will be to get an agreement with DEC and Planning to obtain a licence variation to allow Manildra to release clean reclaimed water under emergency conditions.

Manildra is currently looking at the release protocol in conjunction with John Murtagh.

Sale of Subdivision of Farm

Part of the farm will be subdivided with two of the portions being auctioned in February 2006. The land must be sold at market price and building approval is being sought for some of the blocks. The right of Manildra to continue irrigating will be retained.

The Meeting closed at 11.00am.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8th 2006, 10.00am.

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

Chairperson