APPIN VENTILATION AND MINE ACCESS PROJECT
MENANGLE ADVISORY PANEL (MAP) MEETING #19 MINUTES

LOCATION:	**Menangle Rural Fire Station, Menangle NSW**
DATE:	10 December 2024 @ 6pm
ATTENDEES:	**Chairperson** Kate Kernaghan (Factotum Communications) **Community Representatives**: Martin Scott, Michele Arentz, Jim Arentz, Andrew Cameron, John Potter, Christine Halfpenny **GM3 Representatives**: Antony Leone (Manager Corporate Affairs) Quinton Wilkinson (Project Director) Kyle Brown (Environment Officer) Melynda Kensey (Principal Community)
APOLOGIES:	Michael Reardon-Small, Michael McGrath.

	Purpose
	The Menangle Advisory Panel (MAP) provides a forum to enable regular two-way communication between representatives of Menangle and Douglas Park residents and GM^3 about the Company's ventilation and mine access project at 345 Menangle Road. The MAP provides a practical and helpful connection to residents for GM^3 through the members who have self-nominated to be on the Panel and voluntarily give their time.
	Agenda
	1. Welcome / Declaration of interests 2. Acceptance of previous minutes 3. Business Update 4. Questions on notice/actions 5. Update on approved change to blasting regime 6. Project update - Construction - Environment - Community 7. Community update 8. General business 9. Next meeting

1	**Welcome / Declarations of interests**
	KK opened the meeting at 6 pm Traditional Owners acknowledged and respects paid to Elders past, present and emerging. No declarations of interest offered. Note: Independent Chair KK is remunerated by GM^3.
2	**Acceptance of previous minutes**
	MAP #18 meeting minutes accepted without change
3	**Questions on notice/actions**
	Emails sent by RM not received. **Action -** MK: To connect JA & MA with Appin Mine operations monitoring information. **Action -** MK: To connect CH with South32 Foot Onslow Creek monitoring information.
4	**Business Update**
	The sale of IMC to an entity owned by Golden Energy and Resources Pte Ltd and M Resources Pty Ltd, was successfully completed, 29 August 2024. The business is currently in a Transitional Services Agreement period with South32 (to approx. Feb 2025) – to ensure a smooth transition from S32 systems & processes to GM^3. **AMVA Team changes:** Quinton Wilkinson will be the Project Director – Ventilation Shafts **Community Team changes:** Rod Mapstone has left the business – introducing Melynda Kensey as our Principal, Corporate Affairs for the MAP. Antony Leone will continue to lead the team as Manager, Corporate Affairs
5	**Update on approved change to blasting regime**
	On 11 Oct 2025, the DPHI approved the modification application. The modification report, justification and determination can be found HERE. **Approved conditions:** Blasting @ site between Mon – Sat, 7am – 10pm & Sun, 8am – 10pm No blasting on PH, maximum on 2 blasts per 24-hour period at each of the shafts. Full floor blasting used for VS8 but has been less efficient on harder rock Bench blasting is where only half the face is blasted at a time using 50% of full explosive load. This approach reduces time between blasts but requires 2 blasts per 24 hours. The approved extended hours will allow boring and charging @ night and blasting following morning. There will be several days each week with no blasts to allow concrete lining

	Transition to 24/7 Blasting It is the project's intention to seek approval, pursuant to Condition 5 of Schedule 4A of the Project Approval, to perform blasting activities outside the specified hours once it can be demonstrated that the airblast overpressure levels comply with the night-time LAmax sleep disturbance maximum noise trigger level criteria (54 dB) of the Project Approval. If approved, it will permit blasting hours to be 24 hours per day Monday to Sunday (except Public Holidays) as indicated in the Project Approval. **MS** – it seems there has been difficulty with blasting under the single blast arrangement. Will doubling the blasts per day be achievable? **QW** – there have been some equipment difficulties and frustrations with regard to blasting progress on site the team are working hard to resolve. As these issues are resolved, progress should be smoother.
6	**Project update**
	CONSTRUCTION Sitework: Helipad being shaped and compacted. Visual bund work commenced although the site is tight for space. Equipment will need to be moved as the bund is created around to the hill side of the site. The 66 kV powerpoles have been installed and cables strung. Civil works to install four fans onsite will soon commence. Of these, three will be electrical (more efficient), and one will be diesel for emergency back up. Under normal operations, two electric fans will run with the third electric fan available as contingency. VS7: Headframe assembly and cladding complete. Looking to install cables by end of December. Winder registration in progress. Mechanical and electrical installation in progress. Commissioning work in progress. Main sink due to commence in early February 2025. VS8: First blast taken on 26 October. Main sinking operations underway. Recent equipment reliability issues are causing frustration. Review shaft sinking construction video and progress HERE.

	ENVIRONMENT No exceedances for environment monitoring data. One round of attended monitoring at three locations for the quarter per approval condition requirements. **COMMUNITY** 0x complaints 1x enquiry. A reversing alarm noise reported though site investigations were unable to link the disruption to the project / activities on site. 8x enquiries (1x Coal Wash, 1x Employee, 1x Contractor, 5x Subsidence)
7	**Community update**
	Recent grant update: Douglas Park Community Centre - change room and canteen upgrade completed Lifeline Macarthur – 2025 counselling assistance funding Carols on the Hill - Community Christmas event Applications are open for the Community Partnership Program: LINK HERE.
8	**General business**
	General agreement quarterly meeting cadence is appropriate at this juncture in the project. **JA –** requests a large (A3 min) colour printed map of longwall mining activities to refer to. **Action -** MK: To provide a large (A3 min) colour printed map of longwall mining activities. **JA –** Enquiries around observed surveying activity in the area. **AL –** This is part of required monitoring activity when a mining subsidence action plan is submitted. Aligns with the underground longwall activities. There is typically particular interest in monitoring where infrastructure such as roads, bridges, culverts etc exist to measure any movement. **MA –** How are the underground mining activities progressing? **AL –** June 2025 is the anticipated commencement of the next longwall (Longwall 711). Subsidence discussions are initiated with property owners approximately 1 year before any possible associated movement.
9	**Next meeting**
	MEETING CLOSE - 6:42pm NEXT MEETING – **6pm Tuesday 4 March 2025. Menangle Rural Fire Station.**