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Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project	Glencore – Ravensworth	Reporting	Jan – Dec 2019
Name:	Operations	Period:	
Independent	Dr W.E.J. Paradice AM	Proponent	Mr Sam Palmer

1. Executive Summary

The Ravensworth Community Consultative Committee was established as part of the condition of consent by the Minister for Planning's approval of the Ravensworth Operation (Project Approval09_0176).

The Ravensworth Operation is an open cut coal mining project that is situated at Ravensworth south of Muswellbrook, in the Singleton Local Government Area. The project produces high quality thermal coal that is approved to be exported via the Port of Newcastle, and used for the local energy market.

The Committee currently includes a group of two interested members, one community member and a Singleton Council member who are interested in discussing the project's current and future operations. The Committee follows the Department of Planning and Environment's Community Consultative Committee Guidelines for State Significant Projects. Meetings are held quarterly between the members of the Committee, including:

- One local community representative;
- One member from Singleton Shire Council;
- Members from Ravensworth Operations. Some members are invited depending upon the agenda and issues to be discussed; and
- One independent Chairperson.

Discussions held in the Committee meetings where on numerous topics related to the project, including:

- Future plans for the mine, including updates to the Mining Operations Plan, Management Plans
- Updates on rehabilitation progress;
- Construction activities onsite;
- Updates on the Coal Handling Preparation Plant (CHPP) including the upgrade to the Flotation Plant;
- Updates on production of coal:
- · Contractors that are working on site;
- Noise, dust, blasting, biodiversity monitoring and management;
- Water management tailing dams, mine water dam, fines emplacement dams and the Hunter River Salinity Trading Scheme (HRSTS);
- Environmental incidents and compliance;

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- Land and property updates, including historic sites and offset management;
- Community complaints, community investmentand sponsorship
- Mitigation/ acquisitions granted to properties.
- Site inspection including Cumnock Rehabilitation and Tailings area and Hillcrest Biodiversity Offset Area

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- Three CCC meetings were held in 2019 in January, May and September;
- Strong regular attendance from all members;
- Site visits were conducted during the May CCC meeting

3. Key issues

Issue	Actions Taken	Next Steps
CCC membership	Advertising in Ravensworth Newsletter, website and on Muswellbrook and Singleton Community Noticeboards	Ongoing advertisement and recruitment
Cumnock and WEA Remediation	Remediation commenced to areas of rehabilitation identified as not progressing towards completion criteria	Ongoing monitoring of areas and progress reports provided to CCC

4. Focus for next 12 months

The planned activities for 2020 will be guided by the contributions of the CCC members. These activities are likely to include:

- Site tours to be conducted prior to selected meeting.
- Tours of rehabilitated land and offset properties.
- Continued updates on the operational status of Ravensworth.
- Ongoing advertisement and recruitment of CCC members

Community Consultation Committee Meeting minutes are available on the Glencore-Ravensworth website.

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Signature of Chair:	
Date:	