

# Meeting Notes



WestCumbriaCokingCoalProjectLiaisonGroup		
Date: Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> . October 2017	Time: 1100 - 1200	Location: Haig office
Meeting called by	West Cumbria Mining	
Type of meeting	Community Liaison Group	
WCM hosts	Colin Sharpe (CS)	
Attendees	Tom O'Fee (TO), Sharon Blakeley (SB), Stuart Trevaskis (ST), Keith Cartner (KC)	
Apologies	Caroline Leatherdale (CL), Tony Potts (TP), John Heneghan (JH), Tom Todd (TT), Thomas Greer (TG), Graham Barwise (GB), Sophie Badrick (SB), Kevin Murphy (KM), Alice Gill (AG), Adam McNally (AM), Jim Kirkpatrick (JK), David Andrews (DA).	
WCM Update		
Discussion		
<p>CS welcomed those attending, gave apologies for absence.</p> <p>CS advised the group of Steve Reece's recent appointment as Operations Director and of him having overriding responsibility for the delivery of the construction programme and for the running and management of the mine in operations.</p> <p>CS explained the planning application assessment process has returned questions seeking clarification on some areas of the project. Subsequent returns from WCM are currently being evaluated and have been part of a further consultation.</p> <p>CS affirmed the project as large scale and complex – understandably, the County Council is being thorough in their approach. WCM has a good relationship with the councils and is co-operating with requests for additional information accordingly.</p> <p>CS advised planning determination is anticipated from the Council in early 2018.</p> <p>CS advised that the jack-up barge had successfully completed the fourth of up to six bore holes offshore and re-affirmed the results from these go towards our JORC resource estimate and are not related to the planning application process. CS further explained that the analytical results from the completed drilling remained very positive.</p> <p>CS explained the ex-Marchon anhydrite mine drifts had been re-entered: specialist contractors have successfully cleared the entrances, broken through the first of the 'stoppings' and were busy clearing the backfill. CS advised this activity is part of the site investigation programme to allow for condition surveys of the drifts and water sampling/monitoring.</p> <p>CS explained progress was being made towards pre-construction and construction planning in identifying the various elements of construction which will be required, forming these into a schedule and establishing suppliers / contractors to assist in their delivery.</p>		

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## Programme of works

### Discussion

Planning application management will continue throughout the ongoing determination period. A Planning Committee site visit is anticipated week commencing 16<sup>th</sup>. October.

Offshore drilling may progress to a sixth bore hole, weather permitting, which should allow completion of the programme by the year end.

Drift re-entry works will continue with surveying, measuring and monitoring anticipated to be completed by the end of November.

## Stakeholder Engagement Plans

### Discussion

CS explained, as advertised in the Company's Neighbourhood and Community Update Newsletters, informal drop-in events were diarised for 26<sup>th</sup> October (1000-1200 hours) and 14<sup>th</sup> November (1400-1600 hours) to allow interested parties to receive brief project updates from staff at the Haig office.

CS advised that a further public engagement open event would be held before Christmas with details to be confirmed once dates have been finalised.

## Any Other Business

ST (not SB as per minutes from the last meeting) suggested a large 'development information board' could be erected on the perimeter of the proposed ex- Marchon site to inform passing traffics. CS acknowledged this would most likely be considered post-planning determination on possession of the site.

On behalf of ST, CS re-affirmed WCM's intention to set up a community-based fund of £5m over 10 years. The details and structure of the fund have not yet been finalised, however the clear intention of the fund is to directly benefit the local community.

SB asked if she could receive a copy of the community update leaflet that was recently hand-delivered to local houses and for a map of the post codes covered. (Action: CS via Head of Communications).

Date of next meeting – early February 2018, to be advised specifically.

There being no other business, CS thanked the attendees and closed the meeting.