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Project	Koppers Newcastle Stakeholder	From	Sonya Pascoe
Subject	Koppers CRG #3	Tel	1800 066 243
Venue/Date/Time	Koppers Mayfield, Woodstock Street, Mayfield North NSW 2304 and via MS Teams 09/11/2021, 15:30	Job No	12511862

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Attendees	Onsite: Michael Ulph (GHD) (MU) Nick Moretti (Koppers) (NM) Shane Beasley (Koppers) (SB) John Hayes (community representative) (JH) Rick Banyard (community representative) (RB)	Apologies	Paul Adams (Major Projects) (PA) Kristie Carter (PON) (KC) Rodney Hood (Pacific Hydraulics) Andrew Humphries (Suez)
	Via MS Teams: Marie Caruana (First Chance) (MC) Chris Tola (community representative) (CT) Sonya Pascoe (GHD) (SP)		

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Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

- MU provided a welcome and Acknowledgement of Country.

Safety moment

- MU asked the room if they would like to share a safety moment.
- NM shares safety moment on the importance of hydration. Shares some medical impacts of dehydration that has implication to health and safety.

Introductions

- MU introduces who is present at the meeting.

Past Minutes

- No comments on past minutes.

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- RB moved last meeting minutes.
 - JH seconded.
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CRG Terms of Reference

- N/A
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Koppers generally

- NM announces talks with Portland Aluminium on a pitch contract for next year, as their contract with Alcoa will expire. Portland Aluminium announced recently that they will restart a potline that has been idled since the GFC, which will require more pitch than their current requirements.
 - SB explains that the global aluminium market is currently performing well. Demand is partly coming from the slowdown of production in China, where they have put restrictions on aluminium output. This is linked to China not buying Australian thermal coal and China wanting to reduce power consumption, and since aluminium production consumes a lot of energy, they have specifically placed restrictions on output. Demand for aluminium is also coming from post-COVID recovery, activities increasing with restrictions easing.
 - NM announces Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's (DPIE) Expression of Interest (EOI) for a Clean Energy Hub, proposed for either Port Kembla or the Hunter. To do this, they're asking for submissions from industry entities in each location. Koppers has been asked to contribute to the Australian Steel Institute's submission.
 - MU explains that it is referred to as the Decarbonisation Roadmap, GHD is a part of this as well, partnering with Australian Steel Institute and others.
 - JH asks what things Koppers may do as part of this initiative
 - NM explains they're in early stages, and at this stage they are scoping energy uses and processes, for potential improvement/innovation.
 - JH suggests the community would be interested in how Koppers will contribute to the initiative.
 - NM explains the demand for pitch is high, with associated price surges, and is expected to stay reasonably strong into the next quarter. Koppers has two pitch customers, one is Rio Tinto and other Alcoa. Rio Tinto have forecast they will need even more next year than they needed this year.
 - NM explains Koppers' two other products are naphthalene and Carbon Black Feedstock creosote. This mainly goes into the car tyre manufacturing industry. Currently can sell all products that Koppers produces. Naphthalene gets reprocessed by our
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customers as a concrete plasticiser and fluidiser for the construction industry

- NM explains there have been some issues associated with logistics, getting products on ships to sell overseas, including the capacity to handle 20-foot ISO containers at the receiving end.
- NM explains Koppers has joined an initiative called Future Batteries Co-operative and is part of about 70 companies involved. Koppers is funding research as part of the partnership along with the other companies, as well as exclusively providing carbon pitch for research purposes. Provides advanced research on next generation battery technology.

Mayfield Report

- NM states that no employees from the Mayfield operations have tested positive for COVID. Recently have purchased a stock of rapid antigen test kits. Koppers will arrange training to personnel for their use.
- NM reports on lost time in injuries (LTI), there have been 719 days since an LTI.
- RB asks if the rapid antigen tests have an expiry on them
- NM states not sure.
- JH asks about Koppers stance on conditions of employment at Koppers including being vaccinated for COVID.
- NM explains that Koppers does not mandate the vaccine, but strongly encourages. At the moment 82% of personnel are fully vaccinated.
- RB asks about any recent incidences with the EPA.
- NM explains recent reported odour complaints from community. Investigation found it was related to Koppers boarding pitch onto a ship, where pressurised water combined with pitch turned to steam, which produced an odour.
- RB asks where the odour complains were recorded.
- NM says only a few kilometres from Koppers.
- RB expresses frustration with EPA reporting system, including response time and accountability. States he is pushing for a streamlined and automated reporting system to be used for reporting.
- CT and MC concur with RB comments. CT comments that EPA deals with compliance, so should prioritise compliance.
- CT asks if any cane toads have been sited on the paddock at Mayfield.
- NM states no cane toad sightings.

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Community

- MU ask if everyone got a copy of the Koppers community newsletter.
- MC and RB both said they did not.
- MU will send them a soft copy of the newsletter.
- RB asks if the newsletter distributor (AdPost) would put newsletter into a mailbox with a “no junk mail” sign?
- MU will check.
- MC states the First Chance fundraising ball has been moved to next year due to complications relating to COVID restrictions. The date of the ball is Saturday 5th March 2021.

MU send soft copy of the community newsletter to group.

MU to check with AdPost if they put newsletters into “no junk mail” letterboxes.

Around the room:

- MC acknowledges phone call from NM last week providing update on Koppers operations and that she was encouraged to report anything. MC states that First Chance are gradually coming back into office, so more activity around the site.
- CT makes a general comment on “going back to normal” level of traffic anxiety is evident in local area, after COVID has meant staying home and that driving skills forgotten.
- CT also comments that water quality has maintained out in the ocean, as shown by HWC testing being consistent and good.
- CT comments on community recovering from COVID restrictions and the upcoming elections.
- RB has nothing extra.
- JH will be reinvigorating the Better Planning and Consultation for Mayfield group for research and other feedback. Refining distribution lists for newsletters.

Questions

- No other questions.

Close out and next meeting

- Meeting closed 4:47pm.
- Next meeting in 3 months, approximately early February.

MU to get last minutes onto the website.

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