

# MINUTES OF THE ACNCG MEETING: THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Hosted by Qenos online via WEBEX

Present:

Residents, Community, Guests	Qenos
Sue King	Rob Berton: Qenos SHE Manager (CHAIR)
Chris Rider	Andrew Lake: General Manager Operations
Frank LoBianco	Andre Olszewski: Resins Operations manager
Julia Stockigt	Nikki Gaskell: SHE Advisor
EPA	Alan Findlay: Environmental Health Coordinator
Bikash Rai	Dow
WorkSafe	Justin Jones: Dow Altona Site Leader
Dannae Campbell	Camillo Coladonato: Dow Remediation Manager (ANZ)
Apologies	Enviropacific Services
Duncan Laslett: Qenos Olefins Operations Manager	Dino Adikaram: Solve Site Leader
Erin Finnegan: Resident	

## 1. Welcome, Introductions

The meeting was executed as an online meeting only due to concerns with weather conditions on the evening.

Rob Berton opened the meeting and completed welcomes. A round of introductions was completed for guests attending.

## 2. March Minutes review

There were no comments or queries on the March meeting minutes.

## 3. Agenda review

General business items raised for discussion:

Frank LoBianco – land use next to the Altona Chemical Complex

Sue King – interactions and impacts between Qenos operations and Esso cogen project at Long Island Point.

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## 4. Company Updates

### Solve Update

No questions were raised from the Solve update posted to the ACNCG website in July.

Dino Adikaram presented the Solve update including:

- Operational and corporate changes
- QHSE KPIs
- Two near miss safety incidents.

Refer to presentation.

### Dow Update

No questions were raised from the DOW update posted to the ACNCG website in July.

Justin Jones and Camillo Coladonato presented the DOW update.

Justin gave an update on site works including:

- Demolition of old buildings and equipment
- HSE KPIs
- Progress on the advanced (plastics) recycling project planned to occupy approximately 25% of the DOW site producing a 'plasticrude' for return to refinery as feed.

Camillo gave an update on the site remediation works including:

- Status of Environment Action Notice and of Clean Up Plan
- Resolution of issue for mercury and asbestos contaminated waste disposal with EPA.
- Update on ground water remediation process – injection of amendments for bioremediation in October.

Refer to presentation.

EPA enquired if DOW were using EPA transport certificates for movement of waste from the DOW site, internally for treatment at the Solve treatment plant. Camillo confirmed that this is occurring.

### Qenos Update

No questions were raised from the Qenos update posted to the ACNCG website in July.

Rob Berton and Andrew Lake presented the Qenos update.

Rob gave an update on safety and environmental performance and community interface including:

- 1 recordable injury
- Submission of MHF safety case for licence renewal to WorkSafe
- Follow up visit from WorkSafe re Security breach incident at Resins
- 1 flaring incident that led to community noise complaints in August
- Submission to EPA of a *Flare Environmental Management Plan Interim Status Report* and a *Clean Up Plan* for containment and clean-up of contaminated sites.
- Issuance of new EPA operating licence.
- Donations to Foodbank Victoria and support through volunteering and participation in RU OK? day.

Chris asked about the security breach and some discussion followed. DOW has also experienced as have community groups in the neighbourhood. WorkSafe visit related to reviewing potential workplace safety impact rather than a criminal law enforcement process.

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Andrew gave an update on Qenos operations including:

- Details of the flaring incident at Olefins.
- SCAL-2/Resins reconfiguration – running well ~ 12mths.
- SCAL-2 Turnaround in Q1 2023 – approximately 150 contractors on site during Feb/Mar.
- Qenos Circular Plastics Project – project would be designed to return soft plastics as feed to Qenos Botany (NSW) plant, still working commercial issues.

Andrew responded to question from Sue about flare emissions and clarified Qenos shutdown in 2023 is for maintenance turnaround.

Refer to presentation.

## 5. Regulator updates

**Worksafe** Dannae Campbell

Dannae talked about the Worksafe process for MHF licencing review.

Frank LoBianco asked about the possibility of relaxing the buffer rules around the Altona Chemical Complex to allow businesses with greater density to operate. Dannae responded with explanation of the advisory role of WorkSafe to the decision making authority which is the council.

**EPA** Bikash Rai

No issues were raised by the EPA.

## 6. Environment Action Line Report

Alan Findlay gave the EAL report including:

- Only 1 event resulting in a call to the EAL since the last meeting (Flaring incident at Qenos previously discussed). That is the first complaint to the EAL since October 2021.
- No odour complaints in 2022.

The year on year trends show that 2022 is currently lowest year of complaints to date.

Sue asked whether it is possible to overlay noise complaints and noise level measurements. Qenos will consider the benefits of overlaying this data.

Refer report.

## 7. General Business

Discussion regarding the feedstock supply relationship between Qenos, Mobil Refinery and Long Island Point. Qenos explained that the Mobil Refinery supplied LPG as feedstock to the Olefins site prior to the closure of the refinery. Subsequently in Q4 2022, Qenos reconfigured its Altona Operations to a single ethylene/PE plant. In this configuration, when Qenos undertakes planned shutdown maintenance at the Olefins site or in the event of an unplanned outage at the Olefins site, Qenos is unlikely to take ethane.

## 8. Meeting Close.

Meeting closed at 7:36.

Next updates to be posted in November, next meeting March 2023