Minutes of the **General Meeting** of the
Altona Complex Neighbourhood Consultative Group (ACNCG)
Held on Thursday, 12 November 2015
BASF, 521 Kororoit Creek Road, Altona
Commencing at 6.00pm

Present:

ACNCG Resident Members
Judy Hindle

Resident
Chris Rider

QENOS
Robert Berton
Les Harman
Andrew Lake

DOW
Patrick Pedrotti
Yashar Davoodi

City West Water
Joe Messina

Council Representatives
Brendan Murphy
Fran McGannon

BASF
Rachael Elhay
Iwona Wlodarczyk

1. Welcome/Apologies

Judy Hindle opened the meeting at 6.10pm and welcomed everyone.

Apologies: Cr Sandra Wilson, Cr Jason Price, Kimberley Foss, Ding Chan and Julie Frenette

2. Invitation for comments by visitors

3. Confirmation of Minutes from Meeting Held 16 July 2015

The minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, 16 July 2015 were confirmed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting.

Moved: Chris Rider
Seconded: Patrick Pedrotti

Carried

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous minutes on 16 July 2015

Nil

5. Company Reports

5.1 Qenos EMT report

Andrew Lake updated members on the Qenos 2015 performance report

- September EMT meetings held, minutes in meeting papers
- 1 noise complaint in August for flare noise
- Sustainability Report is publically available on the Qenos website

http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/Qenos-9th-Sep-15-EMT-minutes-with-attachments.pdf

EPA

- Attended Earned Autonomy Pilot Program meeting on 10th September. Next meeting late Nov. Qenos will provide an overview of the program at the Dec EMT
- Noise EIP approved by EPA. Licence update to include EIP.

CWW

- Olefins trade waste sulphides being investigated.
- Olefins high water temp excursion on 22nd Oct under investigation.
- Recycled water commenced in June 2015
- >80% Olefins water from recycled water

WorkSafe

- Annual site verification visits conducted in October
- Waiting for formal report

Energy Safe Victoria (ESV)

- Waiting for formal approval of Safety Management Plan for our licensed pipelines
- Submitted renewal application for Electrical Safety Management Scheme

http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/Qenos-ACNCG-Nov-2015-presentation-.pdf

EPA comment

More general news and updates about EPA can be found here:

http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/news-centre/news-and-updates

WorkSafe comment
Not provided

CWW comment
Qenos holds two agreements with CWW, one for the Olefins plant, the other for Resins.

Olefins

Qenos Olefins requested an exemption for the temperature limit from 38°C to 42°C to minimise potable water use for cooling during their furnace decoke activity for the periods: 15/07/2015 –22/07/2015, 08/08/2015 – 13/08/2015, 31/08/2015 – 5/09/2015, 6/10/2015 – 11/10/2015, 21/10/2015 - 27/10/2015 and 7/11/2015 – 10/11/2015.
City West Water allowed these exemptions for the period stated and for Qenos to provide, following the event, the potable water savings and temperature/flow charts during the period.

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Resins

Resins is currently meeting the requirements and conditions of its Trade Waste Agreement. No issues to report since last meeting

http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/CWW-Nov-2015-Report-.pdf

5.2 Dow EMT report

Patrick Pedrotti updated the members as follows:

Dow 2015 performance report

- EMT meeting was held on 7 October 2015. The focus of the meeting was on the completed EH&S improvement projects in 2015.

http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/Dow-highlights-for-ACNCG-meeting-Nov-2015.pdf

- Altona Operations Update 2015 YTD
  - Altona LOPC – Propylene Oxide (PO) Leak
  - EO Emission Update
  - EH&S Improvement Plans (POD) – 2015 Progress and 2016 Goals
  - EH&S Improvement Plans (Utilities/WWTP) – 2015 Progress and 2016 Goals

http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/Dow-EMT-Minutes-October-2015.pdf

EPA
Annual Performance Statement (APS) for 2014/2015 was submitted. One non-conformance: groundwater remediation.

National Pollution Inventory (NPI) statement for 2014/2015 was submitted.

City West Water

Two events to report:

1. Deluge water containing glycol from the PO leak event in August was discharged into CWW system. Prior to discharge, the glycol level was checked and confirmed to be within the Trade Waste Agreement limits.
2. There were high TDS readings on 2 out of 7 measurements in composite sampling in September 2015. Investigation revealed “heavy phase” discharge from plant that is high in pH as the cause. The waste was neutralized with acid and resulted in salt formation that contributes to TDS count. This was reported to CWW.

http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/CWW-Nov-2015-Report-.pdf

WorkSafe

In relation to the PO leak event in August, WorkSafe reviewed the investigation and corrective actions prior to restart of the operation.

Safety Performance

There is no injury to report in this period

EPA comment

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WorkSafe comment

Not provided

CWW comment

A minor Total Dissolved Solids load breach of 235 kg from sample taken 11/09/2015 and 228 kg obtained from sample taken on 12/09/2015 exceeding the Trade Waste Agreement limit of 200kg/day. The result was obtained from composite sampling program completed by Dow Chemicals as part of their Trade Waste Agreement sampling requirements.
http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/CWW-Nov-2015-Report-.pdf

5.3 BASF EMT report

Rachael Elhay and Iwona Wlodarczyk updated the members as follows:

EPA

- BASF met with the EPA to discuss how the changes to Accredited Licence holders will impact BASF. BASF going forward will not be an Accredited Licence holder within the new pilot program and will operate under a standard EPA Licence.
- The site operating conditions (discharge limits) will remain in place.
- Any changes to site activities that could potentially impact the environment will be covered under the submission of a formal works approval application.
- BASF will continue to be apart of the ACNCG and will provide the same Community Consultation and site update reports at each meeting.

CWW

- A minor acetone breach of 52mg/L (discharge limit is 50mg/L) was detected in a July trade waste sample. All results compliant in subsequent testing.
- Total Oxidised Sulphur exceedance detected in September (760mg/L and 860mg/L of a 600mg/L discharge limit). Closer monitoring of sulphuric acid dosing for this process will be implemented.

WorkSafe Audit for Poisons Licence

- WorkSafe visited site (29th October 2015) to discuss the renewal of the Acrylonitrile Licence.
- The were minor actions to be followed up. Actions to be closed out by 14th November 2015.

http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/BASF-ACNCG-Nov-2015.pdf

EPA comment

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http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/news-centre/news-and-updates

WorkSafe comment

Not provided

CWW comment

A minor Acetone breach of 52 mg/L was detected from sample taken by City West Water on 20/07/2015 exceeding the Trade Waste Agreement limit of 50 mg/L. Acetone results since this

breach have been compliant.

A breach of 760 mg/L & 860 mg/L was detected from respective samples taken by City West Water and BASF on 24/09/2015 exceeding the Trade Waste Agreement limit of 600 mg/L. BASF is investigating source of the Total Oxidised Sulphur.
http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/CWW-Nov-2015-Report-.pdf

Action: Rachael Elhay to provide member with new EHS Site Advisor's contact details.

6. Hobsons Bay City Council report

Brendan Murphy updated the members on relevant Planning Applications

http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/ACNCG-Meeting-Applicaions-of-Interest-November-2015-A2255631.docx

Action: Judy Hindle reported the former Australian Vinyls site is unsightly and asked Council to investigate.

Response: Brendan Murphy agreed to lodge the report with Council and follow up on the investigation.

7. Altona Complex Emergency Alarm Update

Rob Berton provided an update:

- April 2015: ACNCG reviewed a proposal to decommission the existing Complex Community Siren and replace it with the Location Based Emergency Phone Alert warning system under management of the emergency services.
- ACNCG endorsed the proposal pending carrying out broader consultation with the community and other stakeholders.
- May-Oct 2015: Consultation processes have occurred with community, Council (MEMP), emergency services and complex companies.
- Public notices in the local papers (Leader and Star Weekly)
- Leader published an article on the topic a week after the public notice was placed. ACNCG Chronicle mail drop (10,000) plus use of ACNCG website notification.
- Two formal community inputs received.
- Supportive inputs received via ACNCG, MEMP and Emergency Services reps.
- Hobsons Bay City Council MEMP Committee (21st October 2015) formally endorsed the proposal in principal with the condition that members of the MEMP Executive be included in the development/review of the Community Alarm Implementation Plan.
- Based on advice and feedback received it is recommended that the ACNCG endorse the proposal with the following conditions:
  - Implementation plan to be re issued for ACNCG and MEMP review (Dec 2015)
  - MEMP is included as part of the ACNCG review process
  - Target implementation date revised to mid 2016.

The following recommendation was endorsed by the members:

"Based on advice and feedback received it is recommended that the ACNCG endorse the proposal with the following conditions:

- Implementation plan to be re issued for ACNCG and MEMP review (by Dec 2015)
- MEMP is included as part of the ACNCG review process.
  - Target implementation date revised to mid 2016"

Moved: Rachael Elhay
Seconded: Iwona Wlodarczyk

Carried

8. Community Complaints

Les reported on complaints received from July to November 2015 as per the ACNCG website link:

http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/ACNCG-Complaints-2015-Nov.pdf

9. General Business

http://acncg.info/events/show/novenmber-acncg-meeting

- Analytical information is available on the ACNCG website: http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/ACNCG-analytics-nov-15.pdf

- Draft 2016 Meeting Schedule: http://acncg.info/assets/Uploads/Meeting-Schedule-for-2016-draft.docx

Next Meeting scheduled for Thursday 14 April 2016.

Action: **Agenda Item for April 2016 meeting: Members to discuss creating greater public awareness and community engagement for the ACNCG.**

10. Judy Hindle declared the meeting closed at 7.45pm

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