Community update



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In 2017 Alcoa's planning for the rehabilitation and closure of the mine site, and the decommissioning and remediation of the power station, is continuing. The local Alcoa team, backed by the company's global project and asset management group is working within regulatory frameworks to restore the mine site and power station to a land use that is safe and stable for future generations.

Environment, Health and Safety

The site's management team continues to place the highest emphasis on safety and the environment. Since the shutdown of operations in August 2015 there have been zero injuries and zero environmental non-compliances.

Mine Rehabilitation and Closure

The revised Mine Closure Plan will outline how the mine facilities will be decommissioned and the disturbed areas (mined areas, roads and mine infrastructure) remediated and returned to an agreed state. It is proposed that a lake be established in a section of the disturbed mine area.

A range of mine technical studies are being undertaken to provide critical information to inform the revised Mine Closure Plan, including geotechnical, hydrogeological (including geochemical); and revegetation (including cultural heritage). All major aspects of these assessments are subject to a comprehensive risk assessment process and will also be subject to independent peer technical review.

A detailed overview of each technical study scope is available on the Alcoa website and updates have been provided at Community Consultation Network (CCN) meetings.

It is expected that the revised Mine Closure Plan will be submitted for approval to Earth Resources Regulation of the State Government's Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) in May/June 2017.

Power Station Decommissioning and Remediation

The power station's decommissioning is expected to commence soon and will take approximately 18 months to complete.



Victorian Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Lily D'Ambrosio, with representatives from Alcoa, Surf Coast Shire, ANGAIR and Parks Victoria, announced the Great Otway National Park will increase in size by more than 6,510 hectares with the addition of Anglesea Heath, thanks to the early surrender of land by Alcoa.

The decommissioning consists of the safe removal, abatement and disposal of asbestos containing materials and synthetic mineral fibre insulation into the onsite landfill; and the decommissioning, removal and recycling of the power station structure and all associated equipment. Recent activities have included the removal of the old stator from site. completion of a further asbestos assessment of the power station structure by a specialised and licenced asbestos removalist contractor, and the continued removal of residual ash to the mine in keeping with past practices.

The power station decommissioning and remediation process is consistent with the National Environment Protection Measure (Contaminated Sites) and is regulated by EPA Victoria through a Clean Up Notice.

It is expected that the draft Master Plan for the power station freehold land will be released for community consultation in late 2017.

Anglesea Heath – Early Surrender of Lease Land

The Great Otway National Park will increase in size by more than 6,510 hectares following the early surrender of land by Alcoa last month. Alcoa's long-standing relationship with the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning, Parks Victoria, ANGAIR and the Anglesea Heath Consultative Committee has ensured the management and protection of the Anglesea Heath's conservation values over many years.

Alcoa is pleased those values, and the Heath, will continue to be enjoyed by the people of Victoria, and especially the Anglesea community, for generations to come. Parks Victoria will manage the area. Alcoa will continue to lease 787 hectares of Crown land to complete its rehabilitation obligations.

Have Your Say

In 2016 Alcoa launched a process to capture the community's views and aspirations for the future land use of the Anglesea site. More than 2,300 interactions with the community produced in excess of 500 feedback comments and ideas about the future landform and land use.

This feedback was used to develop Guiding Principles which are helping to inform the development of the revised Mine Closure Plan, and in due course, the draft Masterplan for power station freehold land. The full report is available on the Alcoa website.

The next phase of community consultation will seek further input on the Revised Mine Closure Plan, prior to its submission to the State Government for approval.

Site Access

The Alcoa site is an active work site. All visitors must report to the Alcoa Security Office on Camp Road. The onsite security team operates 24 hours, seven days a week and conducts regular patrols of the site. Video surveillance is also operational. Coalmine Road, between Messmate Track and Bald Hills Road, continues to be closed to the public under instruction of the State Government's DEDJTR. Emergency access is maintained.

Community Consultation Network meetings

The Community Consultation Network (CCN) is open to all community members with meetings held bimonthly in Anglesea.

Since 2002 the Alcoa CCN meeting has been a forum to keep the community informed of activities at the Anglesea Power Station and Mine and to receive input from the community. Updates are also provided from representatives from the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR), Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), EPA Victoria, and Surf Coast Shire. A comprehensive summary of previous CCN meetings is available on the Alcoa website.

The next CCN meeting will be held on Monday 10 April, 6pm-8pm at the Anglesea Senior Citizens Club in McMillan Street. To RSVP email **angleseaps@alcoa.com.au**.

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