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Stakeholder Engagement List

Stakeholder Engagement – Katherine to Gove Gas Pipeline

Due to the stage of the project and the level of interest to obtain a gas supply option, Pacific Aluminium conducted considerable engagement with a range of stakeholders of the Katherine to Gove Gas Pipeline including the Nhulunbuy community. The level of engagement and the comments are summarised in this appendix.

The level of engagement to date has been appropriate to the stage of the project.

Much of the work has been to align the conditions necessary to bring the project to fruition.

Key milestones have been:

- Undertaking a strategic review of the Gove Refinery to determine the alternatives to a gas option.
- Working with stakeholders to advise them of the alternatives to converting the refinery on gas.
- Obtaining an allocation of gas.
- Undertaking the foundation work to obtain Federal Government financing support for the pipeline.
- Assessing Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal landowner sentiment on the project.

As the project moves toward Feasibility the following engagement is underway:

- Assessing all landowner sentiment on the project.
- Understanding the community baseline for the pipeline communities and assessing local government sentiment towards the project.
- Assessing business and community sentiment towards the project.
- Building relationships with the Northern Territory government that will support the delivery of gas to Gove in accordance with regulatory requirements.
- Consideration of the appropriate agreements to allow Pacific Aluminium to access and utilise land for the purposes of the pipeline.
- Consideration of the permits and licenses necessary.
- Preparing communities for the project:
 - What will they see on the ground?
 - How might they be involved?
- Working with the project partners to develop local employment and local procurement strategies that maximise local input into the project.

Future work will include:

- Sharing the data contained in the EIS to ensure that during the public comment period, all affected stakeholders have an opportunity to make submissions should this be important to them.
- Working with local businesses to support them to engage with the project should there be a fit.
- Working with local communities to support them to gain employment with the project should there be a fit.
- Implementing controls identified in the EIS (including the SIMP) and working with communities and other stakeholders to monitor performance to ensure project impacts are being appropriately managed.

As the project moves through the various phases, stakeholder engagement will change to suit the phase of the project.

A brief summary follows of the engagement that has occurred with each of the following key stakeholder groups:

- Land owners (Aboriginal) - Northern Land Council, north east Arnhem land Traditional Owners, Traditional Owners of the communities along the pipeline.
- Pastoral Land Owners (non-Aboriginal).
- Northern Territory Government agencies.
- Commonwealth Government agencies.
- Local Government Councils and Shires along the pipeline corridor.
- Businesses along the pipeline corridor.
- Business representative groups.
- Neighbouring communities – community members.
- Neighbouring communities – potential workforce.
- Business partners – Design and Construction.
- Pacific Aluminium employees.

Land Owners (Aboriginal)

Northern Land Council

Regular structured engagement has been underway with the Northern Land Council during 2012 and 2013. The conversations to date have covered the following key areas:

- The Strategic Review of the Gove operation and the alternatives to not obtaining gas for the refinery.
- Preparing the community for the project including pre-construction activity that will be necessary (environmental surveys, ground condition surveys).
- Preparation for the development of the agreements that will be necessary (to obtain access to land including to build the pipeline, access to water, development of new access tracks, and access to extractives).
- The heritage clearance process.

The primary issues and sentiments arising from these conversations have been:

- Overall support for the pipeline and the ongoing future of the refinery.
- The project should support the advancement of Aboriginal aspirations.
- General engagement with communities on the project.
- Environmental impacts will need to be carefully managed with the support of local Aboriginal people.
- Aboriginal people should have opportunities to participate in the project, including through direct employment.
- The sacred sites heritage clearance process will be undertaken by Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority.

It is expected that these briefings will continue to be fortnightly to weekly as the project progresses.

North-east Arnhem Land Traditional Owners

A preliminary meeting to assess Traditional Owner support for the gas project was held in late 2012. Good support was expressed which was subsequently demonstrated at a public rally held in Gove in early 2013.

Community engagement has commenced in April 2013 to have more detailed discussions about the project. Specific engagement with Ranger groups occurred in April to ensure good knowledge of the project and appropriate involvement in pre-construction works.

Traditional owners of the communities along the pipeline corridor

The North-east Arnhem Land Traditional Owners supported Pacific Aluminium to engage with Traditional Owners in Beswick in late 2012 to assess support for the project. Good support was expressed. Community engagement commenced in April 2013 to undertake more detailed discussions about the project. Specific engagement with Ranger groups occurred in April 2013 to ensure good knowledge of the project and appropriate involvement in pre-construction works.

Land Owners (non-Aboriginal)

Preliminary contact has been made with land owners to assess landowner sentiment on the project. These conversations will quickly move into formalising land access arrangements to allow for the construction of the pipeline.

Northern Territory Government engagement

Pacific Aluminium has been engaging with the Northern Territory Government regarding the Katherine to Gove Gas Pipeline project through 2012 and 2013.

The Territory Government established a Gas to Gove Working Party to provide a whole-of-government approach to the project. Taskforce participants have changed over time but included representatives of the following departments:

- Department of Chief Minister.
- Department of Treasury and Finance.
- Department of Health.
- Department of Business.
- Department of the Attorney General and Justice.
- Department of Education and Children's Services.
- Department of Lands, Planning & Environment.
- Department of Local Government.
- Department of Housing.
- Department of Mines and Energy.
- Department of Regional Development and indigenous Advancement.
- NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services.

The nature of conversations has spanned the impacts of not securing gas for the Gove refinery to the need for an allocation of gas to allow the project to proceed.

The primary issues and sentiments arising from these conversations were:

- Overall support for the pipeline and the ongoing future of the refinery.
- Future socio economic viability of north-east Arnhem Land.
- Opportunities for local employment and procurement including Indigenous opportunities.
- Environmental impacts.

- Heritage and sacred site protection.
- Concerns with road maintenance.
- Licenses and permits required
- Recommended that the Project needs to be as self-sufficient as possible in terms of management of total workforce health issues.
- Concern that local health facilities are ill-equipped to deal with significant increases in demand.

Subsequent to the decision by the Northern Territory Government to make an allocation of gas to the project, a Gas to Gove Working Party has been established consisting of relevant agencies from the NT Government.

The government departments represented on the working group are: the Department of the Chief Minister, Department of Mines and Energy, Department of Land Resource Management, Department of Lands, Planning and Environment, Department of Treasury and Finance, Department of Attorney-General and Justice, Department of Business, and Department of Transport.

The purpose of the Gas to Gove Project Working Party is to:

- monitor progress on the gas supply arrangements;
- provide a coordinated response across the Northern Territory Government to the needs of the Project:
 - through the operation of the Working Party;
 - by assisting to identify approvals, permits, licences and other regulatory approvals and approval processes necessary for the Project; and
 - co-ordinating timeframes for government processes to ensure project proposals are assessed in an appropriate and timely manner;
- ensure that best practice design and management principles are employed on the Project to achieve the best possible outcomes for the environment, work health and safety;
- continue to develop the Northern Territory's economy through securing outcomes for local industry participation in the Project, including indigenous employment, training and business opportunities.

It is expected that the Working Party will be the primary engagement mechanisms into the Northern Territory Government as the project progresses but this will not preclude direct contact with relevant departments as required. Regular meetings of the Gas to Gove Working Party are expected as the project progresses.

Federal Government engagement

Pacific Aluminium has been engaging with the Federal Government regarding the Katherine to Gove Gas Pipeline project throughout 2012 and 2013.

The following key departments have been identified and briefed. The briefings have on occasion been directly with Ministers and Shadow Ministers and on other occasions been with various departmental representatives.

- Prime Minister and Cabinet.
- Treasurer.
- Finance.
- Resources and Energy.

- Environment.
- Industry & Innovation.
- Trade (inc EFIC).
- Indigenous Affairs.
- Regional Affairs.
- Indigenous Employment.

In addition, local Federal Members of Parliament and local Senators have been briefed.

The nature of conversations has spanned the impacts of not securing gas for the Gove refinery to the need for financing support from the Federal Government to enable the project to proceed.

The primary issues and sentiments arising from these conversations were:

- Overall support for the pipeline and the ongoing future of the refinery.
- Seeking assurance the Project will not impact on Australian Defence Force infrastructure and operations.
- Environmental impacts.
- Employment and economic impacts in north east Arnhem region.
- Indigenous employment opportunities.

It is expected that these briefings will continue to be held quarterly as the project progresses. Departmental meetings are held on an as required basis.

Local Government Shires along the pipeline corridor

Preliminary contact has been made with Katherine Town Council, Roper Gulf Shire Council, East Arnhem Shire Council and Nhulunbuy Corporation Limited. Each of the Councils has been briefed on the project and has provided baseline information on the communities along the pipeline corridor.

The primary issues and sentiments arising from these conversations were:

- Overall support for the pipeline and the ongoing future of the refinery.
- Need for the project to consider how it will prevent exacerbation of substance abuse issues.
- Need to manage construction workforce behaviour.
- Some capacity within local councils to tender for civil works.
- Need to manage expectations of local business around direct and indirect business opportunities.
- Potential for the Project to impact on housing affordability and availability.
- Concerns around potential impacts on existing road infrastructure.
- Proposed re-initiation of the Mt Todd mine (Oct 2013) may have some cumulative impacts with the Project, especially in terms of housing and infrastructure provision.

In addition to following up on matters raised during initial contact, it is expected that Councils will be briefed on the progress of the project at relevant times over the next couple of years.

Businesses along the pipeline corridor

Limited contact with businesses along the pipeline corridor has been made to date. There was some contact with east Arnhem based businesses, the East Arnhem Chamber of Commerce and the East Arnhem Regional Futures Alliance during the Strategic Review. The sentiments expressed during this consultation were strongly supportive of the continuation of the refinery and strong support for the gas project. East Arnhem business community was active in lobbying for support for the KGGP project.

Future consultation will occur during the public consultation period of the EIS, specifically on how businesses can engage with the project.

Business representative groups

Limited contact with business representative groups has occurred to date. See comments about east Arnhem Chamber of Commerce and east Arnhem Futures Alliance above.

Future consultation will occur during the public consultation period of the EIS, specifically on how businesses can engage with the project.

Neighbouring communities – community members

There has been limited consultation on the project within communities apart from in the north east Arnhem region. Given the significant impacts to the north east Arnhem region should the refinery cease operations, consultation in advance of a gas allocation (i.e. during the Strategic Review of the Gove operation) centred on the Nhulunbuy and north east Arnhem communities and north east Arnhem businesses.

Community engagement has commenced in April 2013 to undertake more detailed discussions on the project. These conversations will extend to all pipeline communities and will continue into the Public Consultation period of the EIS.

Neighbouring communities – potential project workforce

No conversations have been held to date regarding potential employment opportunities. These conversations will occur as the project develops.

Business partners – Design and Construction

Pacific Aluminium has been actively engaging the business partners that have been selected to design and construct the pipeline. Key consultation to date has been on environmental, health, economic and social impacts. The results of the engagement have been incorporated throughout the EIS.

Pacific Aluminium employees

Regular updates about the project have been provided to the Gove Operations workforce. These updates will continue as the project progresses and form part of the routine communication tools developed by Gove operations community and external relations team.