

MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING

15TH - 17TH APRIL 2008
HELD AT
PORGERA MINE SITE
PAPUA NEW GUINEA

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING - 15TH APRIL 2008

Dr. Philip Gibbs	Chairman. NGO - Melanesian Institute and Caritas
Dr. Ben Imbun	Technical Advisor - University of Western Sydney
Mr. Craig Wilson	Technical Advisor - The Foundation for Development Cooperation (FDC)
Dr. Augustine Mungkaje	Technical Advisor - University of PNG
Mr. Tim Omundsen	PJV Manager - Communities & Environment
Prof. Barry Hart	Technical Advisor - Science Works Pty Ltd
Mr. Mark Ernest	Technical Advisor - SMEC PNG Ltd
Ms. Mellie Kaiulo	President - Porgera District Women's Association
Dr. Ila Temu	Country Head - Barrick (PNG) Ltd
Mr. Lasark Joseph	Department of Mineral Policy & Geohazards Management
Mrs. Maryanne McDonald	Executive Officer

APOLOGIES: Nigel R. Agonia, Martha Macintyre, Roy Banka, Kay Kalim and Dagwun Luang-Suarkia.

RESIGNATIONS: Samson Amean

It was agreed that PEAK would extend an invitation to Mr. Wakasa Albert Meksanen - Senior Officer of the Enga Provincial Administration, to attend the October Meeting in Port Moresby.

GUEST: Stuart Bunn

PJV REPRESENTATIVES: Mark Fisher, Scott Whitney and Mark van Dusen.

Chairman elect - Dr Philip Gibbs opened the meeting and welcomed the Committee, Dr. Augustine Mungkaje and invited guest speaker Prof. Stuart Bunn to the first meeting of PEAK for 2008.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER:

The Chairman welcomed Dr. Augustine Mungkaje (University of Papua New Guinea) to the June Meeting. Dr. Mungkaje delivered a brief presentation on his qualifications, work experience and as to how his experience and expertise could contribute to PEAK.

A motion was moved to accept Dr. Mungkaje onto the Committee. Moved by Prof. Hart and seconded by Mr. Wilson. With no objections, the motion was carried.

The one remaining position available is a Representative from the Porgera Community.

3. PRESENTATION FROM MR. MARK FISHER - GENERAL MANAGER PORGERA MINE

Mr. Mark Fisher - General Manager - Mines Operation delivered a comprehensive overview of the complex environment of the Porgera mine. Barrick's vision is *'to create and maintain a safe and profitable operation through strong leadership and a focused approach to delivering results'*.

Mr. Fisher elaborated on the future operation of the mine site; the escalating law and order issues that exist, which is being fuelled by an increase in the external population that is settling into the Porgera district; a run down on the illegal miners that are placing themselves into precarious positions around the mine; PJV's revised approach to the resettlement of communities on special mining leases and the drain of expertise to a robust mineral/resource sector in Australia.

A copy of Mr. Fisher's presentation was tabled at the meeting.

4. PRESENTATION FROM MR. TIM OMUNDSEN - PJV MANAGER COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Omundsen delivered the website updates pertinent to PJV Operations to the Executive Officer. *PEAK expressed its appreciation to Mr. Omundsen for his assistance.*

PJV's number one priority for 2008 is to improve Law and Order within the Porgera Valley. PJV will work closely with all levels of government and stakeholders to attempt to control factors such as alcohol and illegal miners which are contributing to the breakdown of law and order. In a recent forum involving all stakeholders, it was acknowledged by community and government leaders that the most significant impediments to development in the Porgera Valley were: law and order; alcohol; firearms; lack of leadership; illegal miners and the over populations of the Porgera Valley. PJV is working on a Law and Order Strategy and Engagement Strategy and, once finalised will engage all relevant stakeholders.

On going discussions for the support for banking services in the area was noted.

A copy of the 'Effects of Drug and Alcohol Abuse in the Porgera Valley' prepared by JTA International was handed to PEAK.

The Chairman requested a copy of the profile on *'Non Landowners Study on Illegal Miners'*. A copy of Mr. Omundsen's presentation was tabled at the meeting.

5. PRESENTATION FROM MR. SCOTT WHITNEY - ACTING PJV ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGER

Acting PJV Environmental Manager - Mr. Scott Whitney provided a detailed presentation on PJV's transportation, the on-site storage, use, handling and disposal of cyanide by the mine and PJV's program to gain accreditation under the International Cyanide Management Code.

PEAK compliments PJV on the work they are currently undertaking to comply with the Industrial Cyanide Management Code and requests that PJV keeps PEAK updated on progress

with the audit process and with the construction and operation of the cyanide destruction plant.

PEAK was advised that a copy of the 2007 Annual Environmental Report would be made available when its content has been finalised and approved.

A Copy of Mr. Whitney's presentation was tabled at the meeting.

6. **PRESENTATION FROM MR. MARK VAN DUSEN - PJV MANAGER SOCIO ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT.**

Mr. Mark van Dusen elaborated on the current partnership components that exist between PJV, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Department of Health. This included the strategic approach that is being adopted by the partners to deal with facility upgrades for the government and the private sector, an increase in testing as a result of training programs and the impact and effectiveness of behavioural change communications and awareness programs. The increase in surveillance will greatly increase rural reporting and will develop a more complete picture on HIV prevalence and dynamics.

A copy of Mr. Van Dusen's presentation was tabled at the meeting.

PEAK compliments PJV on its HIV & AIDS workplace policy and the way the company supports efforts in Porgera and the surrounding district to curb the HIV epidemic. It was recognised that there is an urgent need for additional research to develop a status report on the current situation and to identify existing gaps in knowledge and response.

PEAK is to draft a letter to the Secretary of Health supporting the initiatives of PJV and to urge the Government to promote relevant research to deal with the deterioration of the epidemic in the Porgera district.

The Sub-Committee Chairman - Dr. Gibbs provided a brief overview of the extended 'Stakeholder Meeting' that will take place from the 17th - 20th April. The aim of which is to meet with representatives of the Porgera Community to determine: what is the current involvement of the various stakeholder groups in Porgera, and what are the unmet needs at the present time in dealing with HIV&AIDS in Porgera. A report will be completed by mid June and circulated to PEAK Members and interested parties. *PEAK recognised the work involved by Dr. Gibbs in facilitating the above project and also the support received from Mr. Van Dusen and his team.*

7. **CLOSURE OF THE DAY'S PROCEEDINGS:**

The Executive Officer outlined the proceedings for Day Two (Wednesday, 16th April).

The Chairman thanked the PJV Guest Speakers for their valuable input and informative presentations. Day one of the PEAK October Meeting closed at 18:15

WEDNESDAY 16TH APRIL, 2008

8. **OPENING OF THE MEETING:**

The Chairman opened Day Two of the April PEAK Meeting - 2008.

9. **PRESENTATION ON THE STATE OF THE RIVER REPORT CARD - PROF. STUART BUNN.**

Guest: Scott Whitney - PJV Acting Environmental Manager

Professor Stuart Bunn, Director, Australian Rivers Institute (ARI) outlined the rationale behind the development of a Report Card on the Ecosystem Health of the Strickland River System and associated water bodies, in relation to the operation of the Porgera Mine.

It was proposed that PEAK would commission ARI (Prof. Bunn and his team) to proceed with the development of a Report Card. Discussions will be held throughout 2008 between ARI, PJV Management, PEAK Sub Committee Members and the PNG Government to decide on the best set of indicators and benchmark to be adopted for the reporting mechanism (compliance, reference or both). *Proposed by Prof. Hart and seconded by Mr. Omundsen. With no objections, the motion was carried.*

10. DISCUSSION ON SOCIAL MATTERS - DR. PHILIP GIBBS.

Guest: Mark van Dusen - PJV Manager Socio Economic Department.

PEAK Members raised a number of concerns that were currently affecting the communities and the existing stakeholders within the Special Mining Lease (SML) as a result of the current mining operations.

It was proposed that PEAK would identify and engage the services of an external consultant to review existing information and produce a reference report which would assist PEAK in addressing the future needs of the landowners and wider community. *Proposed by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Kaiulo. With no objections, the motion was carried.*

11. FIELD TRIPS

The nominated representatives from the 'Environmental' and 'Social' Field Trips provided and detailed overview of the areas covered and recommendations to be considered for PEAK's 2008 work plan.

12. PRESENTATION BY MR. JAMES BALOS - KURAI - PROVINCIAL AIDS COUNCIL (PAC)

Mr. James Balos - Kurai, Provincial Care and Counseling Coordinator from Wabag delivered a brief overview of the PAC's activities within the Porgera District.

A copy of Mr. Balos - Kuari's presentation was tabled at the meeting.

13. CLOSURE OF THE DAY'S PROCEEDINGS:

The meeting was declared closed at 17:30

THURSDAY 17TH APRIL, 2008

14. OPENING OF THE MEETING:

The Chairman opened the meeting at 06:45

15. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - 15TH - 16TH OCTOBER 2007

The Minutes from the 15th - 16th October 2007 were reviewed and accepted as a *true and correct record. Moved by Prof. Hart and seconded by Dr. Temu. With no objections, the motion was carried.*

16. MATTERS ARISING:

16.1 HIV AIDS PROJECT FOR 2008:

A consultant, with experience in the field of HIV&AIDS, has been identified to contact key stakeholders in the Porgera community to identify their views and involvement in dealing with the current situation. The field work will be completed by May and a draft report available to PEAK Members by Mid June.

16.2 CORPORATE AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

PJV are planning to put together a publication on the mine in relation to Sustainability Development. The previous report on file was last published in 2004. A brief article on PEAK's activities and objectives will be incorporated into the report which should be available by the end of 2008. The publication would not be annual, but would rather be used for a number of years.

16.3 PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE:

Applications have been received and lodged along with payment to AIG Insurance.

16.4 MEMBERS INDEMNITY AGAINST LEGAL ACTION:

The Executive Officer is to secure an independent legal opinion and report outcome to PEAK Members.

16.5 PJV'S RESPONSE TO RIVERINE MONITORING RECOMMENDATIONS:

To be noted as an agenda item for the 2008 PEAK October Meeting.

16.6 REHABILITATION OF THE WASTE DUMP SITES:

A status report is pending from PNGFRI representative and upon receipt will be circulated to Members. To be noted as an agenda item for the 2008 PEAK October Meeting.

16.7 HIGHLIGHTS OF OCTOBER MEETING:

Prepared, translated into Pidgin and is available for circulation to the community. A copy is to be uploaded onto the PEAK website. Copies were tabled at the meeting.

17. ADMINISTRATION AND PROCEDURES:

17.1 PEAK'S WEBSITE:

Updates have been secured through PJV representative Mr. Ombudsmen for PEAK to upload current information onto its website.

It was recommended that PEAK review its opening page to be more 'user friendly' and is to linkages to current projects and reports. It was further proposed that PEAK investigate Subscribers Base Software - Vision Six.

17.2 2008 PEAK BUDGET AND FINANCIAL STANDING:

A detailed report was presented to the Members outlining PEAK's financial standing as at the 31st March 2008.

17.3 PERMANENT OFFICE LOCATION:

The proposed shared office facility is still under review by the Executive Officer.

17.4 INWARD AND OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Noted

17.5 CHARTER FLIGHT TO PORGERA - APRIL 2009 MEETING:

The Executive Offer is to explore the option of a direct charter from Port Moresby to Porgera for the April 2009 meeting, and compare cost and time in traveling by commercial carrier. Visit to Lake Murray to be considered.

18. PEAK'S ANNUAL WORK PLAN - 2008

PEAK Members familiarized themselves with each objective and outcome in relation to the nominated time frame and reports. An update from each of the Sub Committee Chairs followed.

19. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE APRIL 2008 MEETING:

It was unanimously agreed that PEAK would extract the following three highlights from the April 2008 Meeting, translate into Pidgin and upload on to its website:

- a. Brief update on PEAK's decision to proceed with the production of a Report Card on the Ecosystem Health of the Strickland and Associated Water Bodies;
- b. Community Visit by PEAK Members, and
- c. PJV's program to gain accreditation under the International Cyanide Management Code.

20. NEXT MEETING:

The second PEAK meeting will be held in Port Moresby on the 6th - 7th October 2008 at the Ela Beach Hotel. The details are to be finalized by the Executive Officer.

21. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The Chairman acknowledged the attendance and the commitment by the Committee Members and thanked them for their time and contribution over the past three days.

Being no other business, the meeting closed at 11:00 a.m.

Signed as a true and correct document

Dr. Philip Gibbs

Date