

NOTES OF MEETING HELD AT PLACER NIUGINI BOARD ROOM,
PORT MORESBY,
26-27 FEBRUARY 2001

Attendees:

Komiti Members

- Yati Bun - Chairman (Foundation for People and Community Development)
- Graeme Batley - CSIRO (PJV/Placer Technical Advisor)
- Michael Kiap - PNGUT (PNG Government Advisor)
- Pete Neilans - Porgera Joint Venture
- Bob Pidgeon - ERISS (NGO Advisor)
- Andrew Rouse - Alt. For Michael Rae, NGO, (WWF)
- Michael Rynkiewich - NGO (Melanesian Institute)
- Gerard Saleu - NGO (Institute of Medical Research)
- Mel Togolo - Placer Dome Asia Pacific

Apologies:

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- Patricia Pepena - Department of Mining
- Pawa Limu - Office of Environment & Conservation

Regular Observers:

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- Tim Omundsen - Manager Environment, PJV
- Matthew Kawei - Environmental Biologist, PJV

Invited Guests:

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- Ila Temu - Placer Niugini Limited
- Kilyali Kalit - WWF, PNG

Agenda Item 1

Introductions were made and apologies were recorded.

Agenda Item 2

Notes of Previous Meeting

Notes of the previous meeting were accepted.

Agenda Item 3

Action Items/ Matters Arising

Matters arising out of the previous meeting were dealt with and action items reported upon.

Item 1

Personal Biodata for PEAK Website

In the absence of Evert van den Brand, Mel Togolo made a brief report and requested members to update their personal biodata, particularly in relation to some of the recent changes. All personal biodata to be emailed to Evert van den Brand. (Evert van den Brand and Mel Togolo to action)

Item 2

CSIRO Matrix of recommendations

The matrix of CSIRO recommendations were endorsed and, by established protocol, were acknowledged. Other recommendations were noted as ongoing. (Tim Omundsen and Matthew Kawei to action)

Item 3

Rural Health Training Module

The Health Training Module has been completed and a draft budget and cost estimates were sent to PJV for its review. No response as yet been given. (Gerard Saleu to action)

Item 4

Meeting with Wep Kanawi

To clear allegations made by Wep Kanawi that the mystery deaths were a result of toxic waste from the Porgera mine, the Komiti decided that the

Chairman and Gerard Saleu meet with Wep Kanawi. It was agreed that they explain the situation and why there is no scientific evidence that the deaths were in any way related to the operations of the mine. (Yati Bun and Gerard Saleu to action)

Item 5

Attendance at Meetings

The Komiti was concerned about non-attendance of government representatives at PEAK meetings and agreed that these should be discussed with relevant departmental heads. (Tim Omundsen and Mel Togolo to action)

Item 6

Terms of Reference of PEAK

As the result of the evaluation of the performance of PEAK and its future role, the Komiti decided that the original terms of reference are distributed to all members. (Mel Togolo to action)

Item 7

Notes on Evaluation

It was agreed that the notes on evaluation of PEAK be distributed. (Mel Togolo to action)

Agenda Item 4

Environmental Performance

1. PJV was in compliance with Government criteria at SG3.
2. Brochures on Strickland-Mamboi River connection were distributed to the community
3. Permitting applications for Anawe North Dump were lodged with Department of Mining and Office of Environment & Conservation.
4. New gauging station established on the Wendoko Creek for Anawe North Dump.
5. Draft Dietary Report on Tomu and Wankipe from UPNG School of Medicine received.
6. 4th Quarter waste rock dumping quantities as follows:

Anjolek 4.17 MT (total 130.7 MT)

Anawe 3.38 MT (total 76.9 MT)

1. OEC undertook independent sampling at SG3, SG2, SG1 and local creeks in January 2001.
2. Mine derived sediment signature study report should be completed in March.
3. Monitoring of bioaccumulation of metals in prawns continues in Lagaip River.
4. Studies on paste and metal removal continue.
5. Capacity building submission to Incentive Fund for Tari and Lagaip to be lodged soon.
6. Negotiation for the Anawe North Dump at advanced staged.
7. Portal resettlement program nearly completed.
8. Contract for long-term economic study issued.
9. Study into the optimisation of PJV,s environmental monitoring has commenced.

Agenda Item 4.1

CSIRO Recommendation

Most recommendations have been implemented and according to protocol have been acknowledged by the Komiti. It was noted that recommendations identified, as "ongoing" should be reported on regularly to the Komiti.

Agenda Item 4.2

Operational Performance

The Komiti noted the following;

1. 910,000 oz. of gold was produced in 2000.
2. Stage 3 of the production phase has almost been completed.
3. Stage 5 is under debate and is subject to gold price, grade and cost of production. This stage will need significant capital expenditure.
4. Porgera operation is sensitive to metal prices.
5. The reserve base has dropped off and it is expected that production will decline from 900,000 oz. to 700,000 oz.
6. The decline in TCS will mean fewer projects.
7. Twenty-two PJV houses have been built at Paim Town.

Agenda Item 4.3

Briefings as required

Agenda Item 4.3.1

Tiumsinawam and Wanikipe Dietary Study

Dr. Peter Sapak briefed the Komiti on the results of the dietary survey carried out in Tiumsinawam and Wanikipe villages. The survey described dietary behaviour and patterns in the above mentioned villages. In total 26 households were surveyed and 332 meals recorded and analysed. The main diet consisted of kaukau and banana and roasting in open fires was the main method of cooking. Turtle meat was seasonal. Fish and game meat were not consumed on a regular basis. Drinking water was obtained from rain water collection tanks. The main rivers were used for bathing.

From the report's assessment the nutrition in the subject villages was generally good.

Agenda Item 5

Community Consultation

Agenda Item 5.1.1

World Alliance Project and Nomad Project

Alan Stevens, Senior Community Affairs Officer, PJV, briefed the Komiti. The role and objectives of the World Alliance was explained and discussed. As a partnership between stakeholders, World Alliance has three important tasks to perform:-

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- Assess and treat filariasis and intestinal parasites with medication.
- Promote self-reliant community based malaria control through sustained delivery of treated bed nets to villages.
- Promote community empowerment through volunteer health worker training and village sanitation, hygiene, water quality and treatment of bed nets.

The patrol into Nomad region noted the poor state of health in the rural areas visited. From data collected filariasis showed a prevalence of more than 60% while malaria showed prevalence of about 70%. Lymphadenopathy was 87%. Tropical ulcers, skin diseases, enteric parasites and TB were all prevalent in the area.

The patrol was able to provide health education and awareness, conducted health surveys, dispensed medicines and carried out immunisation.

Agenda Item 5.1.2

Independent Study on Water Quality

Pawa Limu was not present to deliver the report. This report has not been presented for two consecutive meetings and will lapse unless the author makes a commitment to present the report.

Agenda Item 6

Recommendations to PJV

Apart from the deliberations on Item 4.1 (CSIRO Recommendation Matrices), there were no specific recommendations.

Agenda Item 7

PEAK Reporting

Agenda Item 7.1

Annual Report

The PEAK Annual Report was distributed to members prior to the meeting and comments were requested. Members were given until the end of February 2001 to make their comments. If no comments were forthcoming the Annual Report will be finalised.

Agenda Item 8

Administrative Issues

No major administrative issue was raised, although a few members still experience some minor difficulties with collecting their airline tickets.

Agenda Item 9

Other Business

The Komiti continued the discussion on PEAK Evaluation - the record of which discussions is attached as separate notes.

Agenda Item 10

Future Meetings

The next meeting will be in Porgera on 8-10 October 2001.