

Hera Gold Mine CCC

Annual Report 2018

Community Consultative Committee Details

CCC / Project Name:	Hera Gold Mine	Reporting Period:	2018
Independent Chairperson:	Garry West	Proponent Contact:	Jonathon Thompson Environmental Superintendent

1. Executive Summary

The Hera Gold Mine CCC adopted the Department of Planning & Environment Community Consultative Committee Guidelines and has operated within them during the year. All CCC members signed a code of conduct agreement and lodged a declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests with the Independent Chair.

The CCC membership was updated with the addition of two new Council representatives and advertising has commenced to replace a community representative who has not been able to attend meetings due to a change in workplace commitments.

The CCC adopted a procedure of draft minutes being circulated for comment within 7 days of the meeting and the final minutes being circulated and uploaded to the company website to permit CCC members to use them for their stakeholder consultation activities.

The company presentation is a comprehensive review of workplace and environment issues together with a report on production and exploration activities.

The CCC was consulted on a modification being lodged with the department to increase the rate of transportation of concentrate from the Hera Mine to Hermidale rail siding, install an external tailings storage facility and the receipt of water from dewatering of the Nymagee Copper Mine.

2. CCC activities over last 12 months

- Four (4) meetings held during 2018
- A new Cobar Shire Council representative joined the CCC; Bogan Shire Council appointed a representative and one community representative didn't attend any meetings due to a change in work commitments.
- CCC members undertook a drive through site inspection after the new council representatives were appointed.
- Company presentations included reports on all site injuries, environmental incidents and monitoring, complaints, production and exploration activities and were included with the adopted minutes and uploaded to the company website.
- During the year, Aurelia Metals Ltd. Acquired the Peak Mines near Cobar. As this site is not State Significant the CCC is not involved in oversight issues.

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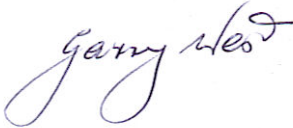
- The CCC was consulted and briefed on a Modification (MOD5) that is being lodged with the Department.

3. Key issues

The Company supported numerous community activities raised by CCC members who generally express their appreciation. The sealing of the final section of the Hermidale to Nymagee road by Bogan Shire Council was considered a major feat considering the very dry weather conditions.

4. Focus for next 12 months

- Monitoring exploration and production activities
- Implementing activities associated with Mod 5 if it is approved.

Signature of Chair:	
Date:	14 December 2018