



## **PEAK GOLD MINES COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (INCORPORATING NEW COBAR COMPLEX PROJECT CCC)**

### **MINUTES**

The meeting was held on 05 December 2022 at Peak Gold Mines, Hilston Road, Cobar.

Meeting commenced at 4pm.

#### **Present at the Meeting:**

Garry West (Independent Chair)

Julie Payne (Cobar Shire Council Representative)

Kay Stingemore (Community Representative)

Chris Bruce (Community Representative)

Greg Brown (Peak Gold Mines, Environment and Social Responsibility Advisor)

Laura Barnes (Peak Gold Mines, Environment and Social Responsibility Officer)

Stean Barrie (Acting General Manager, Peak Gold Mines)

Sara Waak (Peak Gold Mines, Graduate Environmental officer)

#### **1. Apologies**

Diana Barnes (Peak Gold Mines, Environment Superintendent)

#### **2. Pecuniary and other interests**

Nil

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting** – Minutes of CCC meeting on 05 September 2022 were confirmed and were uploaded to the company website.

#### **4. Correspondence**

NIL

#### **5. Company Presentation**

A presentation was provided detailing the environmental performance of the Peak Mine operations. (A copy will accompany the final minutes and be placed on the company website)

Acknowledgement of Country recognising the Ngiyampaa Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet and pay respects to Elders both past and present.

## July - September 2022 Group Highlights

### Performance Recovery

The PGM operation has been re-sized and the transition to owner operator mining is complete, driving tonnes at a lower cost and providing improved margins. Direct control over mining activities is delivering greater certainty in production performance. Construction of Stage 5 Tailings Storage Facility (TSF) embankment is on track for December 2022 completion.

Hera mined tonnes recovered during month of September which was a 60% increase over the previous 3 month average.

Darques tonnes are in line and the gold grade is expected to increase of FY23.

### Project Development

Funding solutions for Federation development are well progressed and remains the Company's top priority together with Hera's operations performance. State Government approvals for Federation are on track for June Quarter 2023.

### Work, Health and Safety – July - September 22

Peak Lead indicator activity by departments for the period was at full practical compliance.

Critical Control Verification program compliance was on track.

Random and scheduled Alcohol and Drug testing continued with over 385 tests undertaken. There were 14 non-negative results obtained.

Training on-site and externally includes Working at Heights, Basic First Aid, Personal Lock holder refreshers, Low Voltage Rescue and CPR and Lead indicators.

COVID cases – 41 in July; 17 in August and 0 in September. Rapid Antigen testing for first day back of panel continued.

'Contact Harold' contact monitoring system onsite has continued as a Bluetooth based system.

July saw 1 Report Only injury; August – 1 Restricted Duties injury and 9 first aid injuries; and September – 2 Recordable injuries, 4 first aid injuries and 3 Report only injuries.

Total Recordable Injury Frequency Rate (TRIFR) remained steady with the 12-month rolling average at 11.39, the year to date at 13.78 and the month average at 30.31 & 8 individuals are being monitoring for Blood Lead levels.

1 Silica and 3 Lead exceedances were recorded in the last Hygiene Monitoring results.

### Social Licence to Operate – July - September 22

#### Community donations-

Buckwaroon Landcare \$800 for both Primary School students to attend Landcare sessions at Nullogoola Station (PGM employees also attended and assisted); \$2,000 towards helping Cobar High School students to get to the next round of the Science and Engineering Challenge; Assisted Simmo's Signs in attaching 600 Poppy's to the fence at Great Cobar Open Cut for a community project by Barry Knight; Sponsored and Presented awards at the Cobar Lady golfer awards and \$500 towards the Intermin Golf Challenge.

#### Environmental Incidents, Complaints & Initiatives – July - September 22

There were no environmental incidents requiring notification during the period and no complaints.

PGM employees spoke to Cobar High School students on mining careers and demonstrated monitoring equipment used by WHS and Environmental teams.

#### Environmental Monitoring

There were no blast triggers recorded for August and September. Depositional Dust Gauges results were not available due to delays from flooding and road closures

#### Great Cobar

It was noted the consent for Great Cobar had not yet been taken as the Company continued to execute operational and development plans to manage market challenges.

#### **6. Matters which Community Representatives wish to raise with the mine operator**

NIL

#### **7. Community Engagement Opportunities**

Kay thanked Laura and Sara for their efforts attaching the Poppy's to the Great Cobar Open Cut fence.

It was noted that the Christmas parade is scheduled for Friday 9 December 2022 and PGM will have a float.

#### **8. General Business**

NIL

#### **Next Meeting**

Monday 6 March 2023 commencing at 4pm.