

Adelong Gold Mine Community Consultative Committee

**INAURGURAL MEETING
MINUTES**

**5:30pm Wednesday 15th July
Royal Hotel, Adelong**

1. **Welcome by Challenger Mines Pty Ltd:** Dennis Morton the Chairman of Macquarie Gold Pty Ltd (Challenger Mines Pty Ltd) opened the meeting at 5:40pm and welcomed all those in attendance.

Dennis introduced the Challenger Gold team in attendance which included: Ted Ambler (Managing Director), Ramon Aytade (Chief Operating Officer), Brett Hempall (Mine Manger), Mike Walcott (environmental and community affairs and a shareholder) and Ian Grierson (shareholder). Also in attendance were:

Dialina Da Costa (Tumut Shire Council)
James Hayes (Tumut Shire Council)
Marlene Pearce (Adelong Progress Association)
Jean Roche (Adelong Progress Association)
Arthur Kell (Landowner representative)

Also, attending by invitation were:

Mark Enright (Environmental Protection Authority)
Craig Bretherton (Environmental Protection Authority)

Apologies were received from:

Peter Cross (Adelong Falls Gold Mill Ruins Committee)

2. **Purpose of Meeting and confirmation of attendees and their representation:** Dennis Morton announced that if the meeting group were in agreement he would Chair the first part of the meeting which included approval of the Terms of Reference and election of the committee Chairman. Those in attendance agreed unanimously to this approach.

- 3. Discussion and Approval of Terms of Reference:** The draft Terms of Reference were reviewed item by item with some amendments agreed to by the meeting attendees. Marlene Pearce proposed and Jean Roche seconded the following motion:

Motion: “The amended Terms of Reference of the Adelong Gold Mine Community Consultative Committee be accepted and approved.”

The motion was passed unanimously.

- 4. Appointment of Chairperson:** Dennis Morton then called for nominations for the position of Chairman. Jean Roche proposed and Marlene Pearce seconded the nomination of James Hayes. James accepted the nomination and there being no other nominations the following motion was presented to the meeting:

Motion: “James Hayes is elected the inaugural Chairman of the Adelong Gold Mine Community Consultative Committee.”

The motion was passed unanimously.

Dennis Morton then handed over the Chair to James Hayes.

James requested that a Meeting Secretary be appointed and Dennis Morton advised that as Macquarie Gold Pty Ltd was the meeting host he would take the Meeting minutes and the Company would provide secretarial services.

- 5. Adelong Gold Mine – Development Plan:** Ramon Aytade made a detailed presentation of the Adelong Gold Mine Development followed by a question and answer session.
- 6. Adelong Gold Mine – Progress Report:** Ramon Aytade made a detailed presentation of the progress being made with development of the mine and processing plant. Ramon indicated that the mine and plant are scheduled to be operational by the end of August this year. Ramon stated that the mine would employ about 18 full-time staff to operate the underground workings and the processing plant. The mine operations will initially spend about \$2.2 million/year in the local community on employment, services and goods. In the last three months over \$388,000 had already been spent in the local community.
- 7. Discussion - compliance with the conditions of the development consent, environmental, social and economic impacts:** Craig Bretherton made a brief presentation of the role of the EPA and the current status of EPA approvals regarding the planned operations. Questions were asked regarding noise and dust levels.

Ramon responded saying that the approvals for the mine to operate given by the various Government agencies sets the noise and dust limits and the requirement for regular monitoring. Monthly measurements are required to be presented to the governing agencies in order to regularly check with compliance. These results will be posted on the Macquarie Gold Pty Ltd website.

8. Other Business: the following were discussed:

- It was suggested that a news article regarding the Adelong Gold Mine Development and the Community Consultative Committee be presented to the Tumut and Adelong Times
- Contact details for all Committee members be distributed

9. Next Meeting Date: The Chairman advised that the next meeting date be 5:30pm on Thursday 10th December at a meeting venue to be confirmed on the Notice of Meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked all attendees and the meeting closed at 6:55pm.