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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) has been prepared by Golder Associates Pty Ltd (Golder) for the Indicoal Mining Australia Pty Ltd (Indicoal) Langloh Coal Project, Tasmania. The SEP identifies requirements for stakeholder engagement during the preliminary stages of project development and is designed to be implemented during the submission of the Notice of Intent (NOI) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) scoping process.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

Indicoal is proposing to develop the Langloh coal deposit (the Langloh Project), located approximately 3 km north-west of Hamilton, 13 km south-east of Ouse, Tasmania within the Central Highlands Council area. The mine is planned to be a conventional open cut mine for supply of thermal coal to domestic and export markets. The total area of the resource is 870 ha and the project is adjacent to a small operating mine, Kimbolton, owned by the Cornwall Crown Company (CCC).

Golder was engaged by Indicoal to undertake environmental permitting and EIA scoping, including delivery of this SEP and in-person consultations with key stakeholders. Golder prepared and submitted a Draft Project Description, dated 7 June 2012 (Golder reference 127643050-002-TM-RevA) which forms the basis of the background provided herein.

The SEP objectives are to:

- Establish relationships and introduce the project with key stakeholders (regulators and Cabinet Ministers).
- Seek input and feedback from key stakeholders to assist the permitting and EIA scoping process; and
- Develop an understanding of the social context of the Langloh project.

Due to the current early stage of project development, Stage 1 of engagement will focus at a political and regulator level. This focus would expand over time to include broader community and interest groups. This SEP should be reviewed and revised following the outcomes of Stage 1 and prior to commencement of EIA baseline studies to document changing engagement needs and actions.

2.1 Social and Political Environment

An understanding of the social and political environment helps to characterise the risk profile of a project and the potential for delays which could be sparked by any organised opposition to the project's development. The social and political environment for any new mine in Tasmania is fraught for the following reasons:

- Tasmania has relatively few mines (seven substantial operators) and less experienced bureaucracy with mine regulation and assessment compared to other Australian states.
- Tasmania has a 'clean and green' brand, which sits uncomfortably with further development of mining.
 - There is public and political debate about whether economic development should capitalise on Tasmania's green brand – or develop lucrative industries such as mining.
- Politically, Tasmania is a stronghold for the Australian Greens party.
 - The Australian Greens have a definitive "no new coal mine and no expansion of any existing mine" policy (www.tas.greens.org.au/policy/climate-change).
- Tasmania has a struggling economy, compared to bigger Australian states.



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- Regionally, the Central Highlands Council has a strategic plan which seeks to develop agriculture and tourism for future economic development (with no consideration of mining). (Central Highlands Council Strategic Plan 2009-2014).

These issues highlight a social and political environment characterised by polarised views on the part of stakeholders. The history of opposition to industries such as timber highlights the potential for organised and entrenched campaigns in this setting. On the other hand, significant stakeholders may support the degree of local investment arising from mining including local employment and potential State revenues.

For these reasons, it will be important to commence targeted consultation with key political stakeholders in this early stage of engagement. Further detail on the proposed strategy for these consultations is provided in Section 4.0.

3.0 STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION

Stakeholders for the Langloh Project are categorised into primary and secondary stakeholders. The definitions of these categories are:

- Primary: those individuals or organisations with a decision-making role in the development of the project, or those who will be directly impacted by the project.
- Secondary: individuals or organisations with an interest in the project, but not directly impacted or empowered to make direct decisions about the project.

Table 1: Stakeholder Identification Table: Langloh Project

Category	Name	Comment
Primary	Environment Protection Authority (EPA)	Assesses the NOI under the <i>Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994</i>
	Mineral Resources Tasmania (MRT)	Assesses the mining lease application under the <i>Mining Resources Development Act 1995</i>
	Central Highlands Council (Council) Mayor – Deirdre Flint	Accepts the NOI under <i>Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993</i> , initiating referral to EPA
	Landholders*	Consultation with landholders impacted by resource area to be managed by Indicoal
	Hamilton Community	Local residents, businesses, who may be impacted by development of project; potential labour source
	Minister for Energy and Resources – Bryan Green	A potential political focus for groups opposed to the project.
	Minister for Environment – Brian Wightman	A potential political focus for groups opposed to the project.
	Lyons Electorate Members of Tasmanian Parliament: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rebecca White (Labor) Rene Hidding (Liberal) Mark Shelton (Liberal) Tim Morris (Greens) Michael Polley (Labor) 	Member who may be a potential political focus for groups or individuals opposed to the project.
	Traditional owners	Check status of heritage legislation and project



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Category	Name	Comment
		area
	Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania	Administers <i>Aboriginal Relics Act 1975</i>
Secondary	Ouse community	Less impacted by the project than Hamilton; potential labour source
	Tasmanian Greens	Known opposition: "no new coal mines" policy
	Tasmanian Farmers & Graziers Association	Industry group for farmers
	Tasmanian Minerals Council	Industry group for mining

* **Note:** Consultations with landholders is not included as part of this SEP. These consultations will be led by Indicoal, and supported by Golder as required. In the interests of accurate stakeholder identification the landholders directly affected by the project footprint are:

- Stuart Archer (property name Ellangowan) - major landholder
- Sanders Firth-Brown (Norely)
- Brett Anthony Gleeson (Kimbolton Farm)
- GW Whelan P/L (Westfield)
- Gary Shaw (Rosney Park)
- Darrel & Bec Triffett
- James Headlam (Sendace)
- Tim and Jane Parsons (Curringa)

4.0 STAGE 1 ENGAGEMENT METHODS

The engagement methods proposed for the life of this SEP are targeted face-to-face project briefings with nominated key stakeholders. The materials required for these meetings will be one Powerpoint presentation and one project fact sheet.

Project briefings are proposed for the following key stakeholders during Stage 1:

- EPA: the key assessment regulator of the NOI.
- MRT: the key mining lease application assessment regulator
- Central Highlands Council: project local council
- Minister for Energy and Resources – Bryan Green: key Ministerial position
- Minister for the Environment – Brian Wightman: key Ministerial position

The aim of these briefings will be to provide stakeholders with an overview of the Langloh Project including location, potential project size, proposed mining method, anticipated impacts and potential benefits. A priority is also to seek their input regarding the project approvals process and any advice or guidance for upcoming stages of the project's development.

In the case of the Cabinet Ministers, the aim of the briefings will be to provide a sufficient and accurate level of project information ahead of any approaches they may receive from lobbyists or groups opposed to new mines in Tasmania.



4.1 Engagement materials

A Powerpoint presentation and project fact sheet will be prepared by Golder for these meetings. The Powerpoint presentation will include information on the following:

- Who is Indicoal?
- Where is the project (map of the project area – showing relative location to Hamilton and Ouse)?
- What is the history of the resource?
- How will the product be mined?
- Where will it go – potential markets?
- What are the transport routes?
- How many people will the project employ?
- What environmental and social studies will be completed?
- What is the overall project/approvals schedule?
- How will community / stakeholder views be considered?

The information will be presented using photographs, maps and other visual mediums in as few slides as possible.

The project fact sheet will provide a summary of the material in the Powerpoint presentation and be given to the meeting attendees as a take-away reference to the information. Contact information for Indicoal project team members / Golder project team members will be provided on the fact sheet.

4.2 Further consultation

Golder recommends a strategy for further consultations with remaining primary and secondary stakeholders be developed at the conclusion of the project briefings scoped here. This will allow the outcomes of the meetings to be considered and built into the next stage of consultations. It is recommended that Indicoal agree internally to the expected level of consultation with local communities before undertaking the project briefings with key stakeholders. This will not require a definitive plan, but a commitment to consult and consider stakeholder views during scoping and EIA phases. A suggested message for discussion with the key stakeholders outlined herein could be:

- Indicoal is committed to establishing and maintaining relationships with the neighbouring communities of Hamilton and Ouse.
- We will provide information on the progress of the Langloh Project and seek local input into how we can develop the project in an environmentally and socially responsible manner.

5.0 SCHEDULE

The schedule for these briefings will be determined in consultation with Indicoal.

It is proposed the meetings could be organised to occur during a four-day visit to Hobart and Hamilton – shortly after submission of the NOI to the EPA and Central Highlands Council. Up to two Golder project team members will accompany Indicoal representative/s for the briefings with the EPA and the Central Highlands Council. The lead presenter for the Powerpoint presentation will be determined in consultation with Indicoal. In the case of the Cabinet Ministers, Golder recommends that these meetings are attended



only by representatives of Indicoal; however, Golder can provide support pre- and post-meetings with Cabinet Ministers.

A pre-consultation meeting and practice run-through of the Powerpoint presentation will be held between Golder and Indicoal ahead of the consultations with stakeholders.

Golder recommends a short de-briefing between Golder and Indicoal following each meeting with key stakeholders. This allows the project team to identify successes and areas for improvement ahead of the next meeting.

6.0 REVIEW

This SEP will be reviewed following the implementation of Stage 1 consultations. The anticipated date for this review will be determined in consultation with Indicoal.

Key items for review in the next version of this SEP include:

- Objectives
- Stakeholder identification
- Engagement methods
- Engagement materials (with consideration of key messages)
- Schedule
- Next review.

7.0 CLOSING

This SEP has been prepared to assist Indicoal with preliminary project consultation during the NOI and environmental scoping phase of development for the Langloh Project. The Golder project team looks forward to assisting Indicoal in this regard.



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