

Ridgeland Resources Exploration Project

This Community Information Sheet provides an update on the Ridgeland Resources Exploration Project.

Exploration Drilling

A revised start date for a limited exploration drilling programme is now planned for July-August 2016. Given the still challenging market conditions facing global commodities, the proposed drilling programme is much reduced in scope for the remainder of 2016. Only three drill holes are planned with only one drill rig to be active across the licence. It is expected each drill hole will take about 8-10 weeks to complete and drilling will extend until the end of the 2016. At the completion of this reduced programme it is envisaged further drilling will be completed into 2017, the scale of which will depend on results from the initial three drill holes.

During July-August it is expected a local drilling company will be mobilised and the various drilling sites prepared in close consultation with landholders on the relevant properties. Residents will see periodic movements of the drill rig and other equipment on public roads, as well as traffic movements of geologists, ecologists and drilling company personnel.

Some noise will be generated by the machinery during drilling and noise modelling has been undertaken to assist in the positioning of drill locations. Each drill site has been selected so as to minimise disruption to residents and to also ensure compliance with the conditions of the licence and land access agreements. Drilling is not expected to generate odour, and any dust potentially generated will be minimal.

Hours of operation for the proposed drilling have been limited to 7am to dusk weekdays. There is no plan to work on weekends or Public Holidays.

Inspections

Each drill site has an approved Review of Environmental Factors (REF) by the NSW Department of Trade and Investment - Division of Resources and Energy (DRE) in place. As part of the REF, flora and fauna and archaeological inspections have been carried out at proposed drilling sites and where landholders have signed access agreements.

Review of Environmental Factors

The REF serves three main purposes:

- 1) Firstly, the REF documents potential impacts from exploration activities to threatened flora and fauna species and cultural heritage identified during the surveys;
- 2) Secondly, the REF will outline various mitigation and control measures Ridgeland Resources will be required to put in place to minimise impacts to any threatened flora and fauna species and cultural heritage; and
- 3) Thirdly, the REF will outline environmental controls required to manage operational issues including noise control and monitoring requirements, traffic management, dust management, handling and storage of drilling supplies, access and security of drill sites.



▲ Field inspection

Further Information

Ridgeland Resources welcomes your feedback about the exploration program especially as it moves into the drilling phase and has established a number of ways for you to contact us. Please feel free to get in touch to highlight any concerns, receive further information or ask questions of the project team.

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