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Dear Alex

Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan: extension request

I'm writing to you on behalf of Triabunna Investments Pty Ltd t/a Spring Bay Mill to request an extension to the deadline on the completion of works for our approved Decommission and Rehabilitation Plan, from 30 June 2014 until 31 October 2014.

While we are making excellent progress on some aspects of the DRP, others have been delayed due to a range of factors.

In particular, negotiations with TasPorts around the demolition of the shiploader have taken longer than anticipated, with substantial engineering solutions required to ensure both efficient removal and the safety of the wharf, to the satisfaction of all parties.

Alongside this, the process of securing an appropriate Environmental Site Assessment has been more involved than originally envisaged. As a good percentage of the work required in the DRP is reliant on the findings of the ESA, we have been cautious in commencing those aspects of the work, prior to receiving expert advice. As it stands, we have now contracted Geo-Environmental Services to undertake the Assessment.

For the purposes of clarity about the progress of the works, I list each area of the decommission and rehabilitation and numbers identify the location of each item on the attached Site Map.

Future Use

Since submission of the Decommissioning & Rehabilitation Plan (DRP) to the EPA, Spring Bay Mill has commissioned Hobart-based firm Playstreet to design the overall landscape architecture of the site.



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Decontamination Report & Decontamination Work

An Environmental Site Assessment is being conducted by Geo-environmental Services.

In addition to sampling conducted in the areas specified in the DRP, the entire site will be sampled to inform future use. Areas specified in the DRP include Main Log Yard (16), Storage Yard (11), Diesel Tank/Bowser (19) and Oil Separation Tank (20)

Work to address any contamination will take place once the report is delivered (due end July). We will forward the report to the EPA and discuss works arising then.

As noted in the DRP, there is no evidence of significant contamination on-site.

Ship Loader (1)

Removal of the ship loader is being contracted to Hazell Bros and Spring Bay Mill is in the very late stages of contract negotiations.

Comprehensive discussions between Spring Bay Mill, Hazell Bros and Tas Ports (owners of the wharf) have produced engineering solutions agreeable to all parties. The detail of the engineering required has led to a delay in the commencement of works.

We anticipate removal works beginning in early July and taking approximately 4 weeks until completion.

Woodchip Piles (2 and 2a)

In March 2014, work was done to survey the main chip pile and calculate the volume of chips still remaining (Appendix C).

As per advice from Simon Willcox, chips are being removed from the main chip pile at approximately 40 loads per day and are currently being stored in piles (Appendix D) on the site of the previous Gunns Limited woodchip storage stockpile and the log yard. Sarah Whatley also concurred that the stockpile and the log yard were appropriate places to store the excess chips.

They will then be redistributed onsite as per the DRP or sold. We estimate that the process will be complete by mid-August.

Main Holding Dam (3), Water Reclaim Tanks (21) and Water Reclamation System

As part of the overall landscape architecture plans, Spring Bay Mill has engaged engineers to develop a system to deal with current and future surface water. This will enable us to remove the current water reclamation system once it is no longer required.



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We envisage maintaining the current system until the garden work has been completed and or for a retained asset beyond the site's operation under permit.

High Voltage Switch Yard (8)

The high voltage switch yard will be removed by Aurora Energy. GES will test for contaminants and if oil is found to be more than 2% PCB, that waste will be sent to a disposal unit in Victoria.

This will be completed by end-July.

Removal of conveyor systems

This work is 95% complete.

Buildings

A building audit for future development is scheduled for early July.

Building usage to-date has included the administration block (management), the crib room (caretaker), the chipping control shed (public performance - council approved), as well as limited use for storage in various annexes.

Fire control systems and services have been maintained in all utilised buildings and full WHS audits will be conducted once future use is established.

Summary

Spring Bay Mill, through its Decommissioning Manager, has adhered in all aspects to the approved DRP. We do, however, request an extension until 31 October 2014 as the end date of the works.

While we believe that the decommission will be complete by the middle of September, we think it wise to ask for a longer extension to provide a sensible buffer.

We look forward to hearing from you, Alex, in regard to the proposed extension on the timeframe; please feel free to contact me if you require any further elaboration.

Yours sincerely

<via email>

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