

Community Information Sheet



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Ridgeland Resources Exploration Project

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

Exploration Drilling

Drilling has progressed since July-August 2016 when a limited exploration drilling programme was commenced. Four drillholes have been completed to date with only one drill rig active up until this point. Drilling will continue up until the end of 2017 and into early 2018, with a second rig planned to be mobilised in the coming month. It is envisaged an additional four to six drillholes will be completed up to the end of the current term being February 2018.

During this time the proposed drill sites will be prepared in close consultation with landholders on the relevant properties. As experienced during 2016-2017, residents will see periodic movements of drilling and other equipment on public roads, as well as traffic movements of geologists and drilling company personnel.

Experience to date suggests noise impacts from drilling are minimal and drillholes have been located away from residential properties to further limit any noise impacts. Each drill site has also been located to ensure compliance with the conditions of the licence and land access agreements. Drilling to date has not generated any odour, and any dust generated has been minimal with a water truck utilised to suppress dust issues if identified.

Hours of operation will not vary for the remainder of the project and are limited to 7am to dusk weekdays. There is no plan to work on weekends or Public Holidays.

Inspections

Each of the new drill sites 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.

Community Consultation

Community consultation to date has revolved around access requirements for completion of flora and fauna species and cultural heritage surveys and subsequent drilling. Consultation will continue during 2017 to incorporate the airborne geophysics survey and to support ongoing drilling activities.

Airborne Geophysical Survey

An airborne geophysical survey is also planned in the coming months. The final specifications of the survey are currently being worked through, the details of which will be communicated with the local community once finalised.

The survey will include the use of a helicopter flying at low height with a sonde that will record the natural magnetic and radiometric response of the rock mass along the survey transect. The helicopter does not record photos and does not emit any sort of magnetic field or radioactivity.

Community Fund

Ridgeland Resources made a commitment when it submitted its expression of interest for the area covered by EL 8064, that it would set up a \$5 million local "Community Fund" to support a series of initiatives that will benefit the local community during the exploration stage until the granting of a Mining Licence.

Ridgeland Resources has commissioned a detailed desktop study to review the needs of the local community and to determine how best to maximise the benefit of the Fund at a local level. That advice has now been received and the Fund is in the process of being established, with the company shortly commencing advertising for applications.

Further Information

Ridgeland Resources welcomes your feedback about the exploration programme and there are 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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