

Further Information

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- For further information on the Bell Bay Pulp Mill Project, please visit www.gunnspulpmill.com.au
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Barry Youl (Environmental Officer, Gunns Limited) is seen here calibrating a continuous noise logger and is being assisted by two inquisitive four legged friends



This is the second in a series of newsletters that are published to provide interested community members with information about the Bell Bay Pulp Mill Project.

We will continue to provide this newsletter regularly and encourage interested people to make contact with Gunns if they would like more information about the project.

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Bulk Earthworks Contracts

Gunns was pleased to advise the community recently that a further construction phase contract had been awarded leading to the commencement of bulk earthworks on the 29th of August 2011 at the Bell Bay Pulp Mill Project site. Key 'facts and figures' of the bulk earthworks phase were provided in Newsletter 1, which remains available for viewing on the gunnspulpmill.com.au web site.

This latest construction phase contract was awarded to a Tasmanian joint-venture between John Holland and Hazell Bros, which has a combined workforce of over 500 in Tasmania. The bulk earthworks contract will advance the previously completed site clearing and access road construction works through the preparation of the large earth and rock platforms required for the installation of mill processing plant.

The commencement of the contract has seen the establishment of site facilities and construction equipment at the site. Sedimentation ponds and other environmental controls have been installed and the vegetation and topsoil removal commenced.

The removal of the topsoil will be followed by substantial bulk excavation of clay and rock and embankment construction. Rock excavation will require the use of drilling and blasting processes and this will be advertised prior to these activities occurring. The platforms will ultimately be surfaced with gravel produced from the rock excavated from the site. Noise, dust and vibration monitoring equipment has been installed at various locations around the planned works to facilitate ongoing monitoring of potential environmental impacts. Works are expected to take seven months to complete and we will continue to provide updates as works progress.

The general public should be mindful that the pulp mill site is an active work place subject to the contractor's and Gunns' rigorous statutory safety management requirements. The site is fenced, well sign posted and patrolled by security officers. Unauthorised visitors to the site present a safety risk to themselves as well as project staff. The below is the link to the updated footage.

<http://www.gunnspulpmill.com.au/factsheets.php>

INTRODUCING



Chris has tertiary qualifications in forest science and environmental management and has worked in the forestry industry for 25 years. Originally from NSW, Chris moved his family to Tasmania in 1996 to take up the role of Operations Forester with North Forest Products. Since that time he has held a number of management positions with the Company including Wood Supply Manager at NFP Tamar, Mill Operations Manager at Gunns Hampshire and Resource Manager for Gunns North West Operations.

Chris commenced work with the Gunns Pulp Mill Environment Team in 2008 and is closely involved with the State and Federal environmental regulation of the project. All of the site works undertaken to date have been performed under his experienced supervision and he continues to ensure best practice environmental management is being implemented.



Permitting

The recent period has seen significant milestones achieved for the project. Finalisation of Federal Government operating permits was achieved in March 2011, to complement the construction permits awarded in October 2007. The operating permits reflect the outcome of a two year hydrodynamic modelling process, which confirmed previous modelling assessments undertaken by Gunns. In finalising the permits, significant changes to the project were implemented with the commitment to utilisation of 100% plantation feed stock for mill operations and the implementation of ECF light bleaching technology to further minimise environmental impacts. This means NO native forest product will be used to produce pulp.

Subsequent to the issue of the Federal operating permits, application was made to harmonise State permits. This process has been completed subject to the issue of a formal Environmental Protection Notice (EPN). Included with this approval was an upgrade of mill permitted production capacity to 1.3 million air dried tones (ADT) of pulp annually. This increase ensures that the mill remains at global scale and will assist global competitiveness.

The EPA Tasmania confirmed that the project permits remain valid, due to the substantial progress in the project achieved by Gunns up to 30 August 2011.

The EPA accepted Gunns' submission that work had been done across four major work streams, and that it constituted "substantial commencement". The EPA also sought its own legal advice before confirming the validity of the permit under the Pulp Mill Assessment Act, 2007.

Gunns' submission (excluding commercial matters) is available for viewing on Gunns' website along with information provided to Gunns by the EPA on the same matter. www.gunnspulpmill.com.au or gunnsblog.com

Did you know . . .

The Pulp mill will produce approximately 180MW of power. Half of this will be used by the mill and so the remaining 90MW surplus will be added to the national grid as green power. This surplus will replace energy that is currently produced from fossil fuels.



Bulk Earth Works

WELCOME



Gunns is pleased to introduce you to our new Community Liaison Officer, Ms Bettina Goodwin.

Over the past year Gunns has substantially increased community engagement activities as part of our commitment to developing a proactive, open relationship with the communities surrounding the Bell Bay Pulp Mill Project.

As Community Liaison Officer, Bettina will act as the initial point of contact for the local community on day-to-day matters and any interests and/or concerns that you may have regarding the Bell Bay Pulp Mill Project.

Bettina comes with excellent communication credentials and an extensive background in training and community development.

Over the coming weeks, Bettina will be familiarising herself with the issues surrounding the Bell Bay Pulp Mill Project by spending time in local communities and meeting with interested organisations.

Bettina can be contacted directly by phone on 6335 5459 and via email at bettina.goodwin@gunns.com.au.

Gunns is pleased to be progressing the Bell Bay Pulp Mill Project, and reaffirms its commitment to work with the many and varied interests in such a significant project.