AFFCO IMLAY

COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP MEETING – MARCH 2022

Date of Meeting:

29.03.22

Present:

Chris Bruns (AFFCO Environmental Manager); Dean Tucker (AFFCO Operations Manager); Walid Mahmoud (Imlay Plant Manager); Ricky Gowan (Imlay Compliance Manager); Oriana Van Nistelrooy (Horizons); Caleb Smith (Horizons); Gemma Bishop (WSP); Barbara Allan; Graham Pearson; Peter Firth; Sandra Kyle.

Apologies :-

Pita Kinaston (Horizons); Valarie Bristol; Hayden Turoa (WDC); Emily Mason; Peter Firth (arrived and left prior to start of meeting).

ACTIONS AGREED:	
Subject	Action
Topics of Discussion and Agreed Actions	 Meeting Agenda:- CLG Meeting Odour Performance Review; 2021 CLG Meeting Minutes; Current Odour Complaint Trends and Proposed Corrective Actions; Rendering Plant Upgrades and Proposed Changes; Odour Compliant Register; RenderTech Action List.
	Minutes:-
	 RG:- Tabled Odour Performance Review document and discussed content:- 2 actions required from the 2021 CLG Meeting closed out; trending odours for the current reporting period; contributing factors for the increase in odour complaints:- Manawatu floods; numerous mechanical breakdowns, Taranaki Byproducts fire at xmas 2021 and subsequent processing of raw material from Alliance, SSF – Hawera, ANZCO – Eltham; Proposed corrective actions going into the new reporting period:- appointment of fulltime fitter in Rendering Plant – preventative maintenance; addressing visible fuming within the Rendering Plant; external audits of extraction systems by specialist consultants; diverting raw product that is out of spec; ensuring raw material is a fresh as possible; performing 3rd party audits of raw product suppliers. RenderTech Action List:- current status.
	DT:- Covered proposed changes in regard to the Blood Processing Plant, the blood drying process and the effect that it may have on odours. Stated the upgrades would improve the discharge of odour through improved point source extraction and also processing times would be reduced through increased capacity. Stated that AFFCO is committed to continual improvement in relation to odour producing activities at the Imlay site.
	GB:- Discussed Odour Impact Assessment Report prepared by Golders for the proposed changes to the Blood Processing Plant and less than minor conclusion in relation to air quality effects. Proposed changes to the Blood Plant would likely be processed as a variation to the existing consent.
	BA:- Stated that AFFCO is on notice in relation to objectionable odours. Sad to think that the good work done last year has been undermined by this year's events; Would like to see monthly odour trends displayed on the AFFCO website as well as complaint reporting for substantiated odour complaints (RG to action). Also questioned how well Horotiu's blood drying plant performs in relation to generating odours.
	DT:- Responded that there had been minimal complaints relating to the blood drying process at Horotiu. It was also explained that Imlay would only take on extra blood, in excess of that already received from Manawatu and Castlecliff, if there was a breakdown at the Horotiu Plant and that this had been assessed within the Odour Impact Assessment Report also.
	CS:- Described Horizons relationship with Imlay and that over the years, subsequent to current

issues, that there been a noted improvement in relation to objectionable odours beyond the

boundary fence. There is a good working relationship between both parties.

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Topics of Discussion and Agreed Actions	WM:- Commented that since the introduction of a fulltime maintenance fitter that there had been a drop in the number of odour complaints made:- March versus January / February.	
	In summary, AFFCO Imlay management is committed to ensuring compliance and maintaining a good relationship with surrounding neighbours. AFFCO Imlay management is also focused on ensuring only 'fit for purpose' raw product is processed – fresh is best.	
	Meeting closed 18:45	