

## QUARANTINE EXPERT PANEL

### SUMMARY OF MEETING #17

- Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011, 9:00am to 3.30pm
- Location:** Dynon's Plaza, 905 Hay St, Perth – Level 2, Gorgon Room 2:04
- Subject:** Gorgon Quarantine Expert Panel – Meeting #17
- Attendees:** All Panel members other than those for whom apologies are noted
- Apologies:** Mr David Humphreys, Dr Stephanie Turner, Dr Peter Kendrick, Mr Richard Stoklosa, Ms Rae Burrows
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#### Update of Project Progress

Panel Members were shown the January and March Project progress videos. Chevron Australia also provided a brief overview of the current key construction activities.

Chevron Australia provided an overview of the Gorgon Expansion Project, which is being managed by a separate team and which is currently in Phase 2 of its planning.

#### Update on key QMS highlights & achievements

Chevron Australia provided an update on key Quarantine Management System (QMS) highlights and achievements. The following are key points of discussion:

- Mobilisation of the jetty contractor (SLC) that is responsible for the caisson construction and placement.
- Nuovo Pignone (NP) contracted to manufacture turbine units to generate electricity on Barrow Island.
- Hyundai have established a Quarantine team and Chevron Australia has a permanent placement at Hyundai.
- McDermott yard passed its first quarantine inspection.
- The Project has been challenged through the loss of some of its quarantine staff to its Contractors. While frustrating at times it is helping to foster the high standards and competency expected from contractors.
- Twenty training modules have been 'rolled-out', with 10,000 personnel having completed the web based training. This is in addition to the 5,000 personnel trained in-person.
- The Panel discussed the alignment of the completion of the Quarantine Approved Premises (QAP) with that of the Materials Offloading Facility (MOF).
- In the first delivery of procured cable spools from Korea to the mainland supply base an unacceptable level of contamination was found and the delivery was returned.
- Chevron Australia has sourced long term storage at Henderson to house extra goods purchased during the global financial crisis.
- The DVD 'The new Paradigm' was shown to the Panel.

#### Status of WAPET Land upgrade

Chevron Australia provided an update on the WAPET landing upgrade. The following are key points from the discussion:

- The road network within WAPET Landing precinct will be upgraded within the next 3 months. This still excludes the link to Bob's Beach as the planning is still underway.

- An upgrade of the Quarantine Remediation Area has also been approved and the earthworks for an enclosed larger remediation pad with limited remediation capability has commenced. This area will also be fenced to provide additional security.

### Review of Classification

There is a review of the incident classification methodology underway. A workshop was held 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011 with members of the QEP. In addition to the existing definition, additional clarification will be incorporated in the definition that considers the risk of an incident (as agreed by subject matter experts or for which evidence exists) to conservation values on Barrow Island. Several other enhancements were also proposed by the panel for Chevron Australia's consideration.

### Completion of QMS Review

Chevron Australia advised that the target date for the current QMS review cycle is 9 August 2011.

The final draft changes to the revised Specification Documents, as agreed during an earlier workshop, will be submitted for final comment to the QEP members prior to the next QEP meeting.

### Review of Intercept Register

Chevron Australia provided an overview of its Intercept Register and recent events. Key events included the:

- Detection of frogs at the Turner River Sand Quarry (prior to shipment to Barrow Island)
- Detection of tomato and sow thistle seedlings following the significant rain around the camp, of which were removed.
- Detection of a single mussel specimen on the Armoured 7 barge during routine inspection.

The Panel discussed the merits of having a fourth Independent Expert join the panel, one who is a subject matter specialist in marine pests. There was general agreement that subject matter specialists could be invited to attend specific QEP meetings if needed.

### NIS Management Program

#### *General*

There has been a number of significant rainfall events and several Weed Inspection and Control visits conducted over the past three months. The actual number of Buffel grass seedlings weeded is not yet known and will be made available once the Field Visit Reports have been consolidated.

#### *Airport Buffel Grass Integrated Control Program*

Chevron Australia has embarked on a significant campaign to eradicate the largest single Buffel grass infestation on Barrow Island. To date the approach was to wait for a rainfall trigger before responding with a chemical and weeding program. The approach now proposed is predicated on an active approach where response is not triggered by a rainfall event but rather by germination stimulated by either grading, scarifying, irrigating or landscaping.

### Review of Performance Metrics and Trends

The Performance Metrics and Trends were discussed. The Panel discussed the merits of attempting to graph effort (inspection man-hours) vs intercepts.

Chevron Australia reported that at the Australasia Business Unit, it was now including a quarantine metric into corporate reporting.