

#### May 2021

Welcome to Iluka Resources' first stakeholder update about its activities in the Murray Basin. This email update will be produced every six months, and provide summaries of current activities in the region with links to further information online where applicable. The aim is to improve transparency and present stakeholders with a more complete picture of Iluka's activities in the region.

# **Southern Murray Basin**

#### Wimmera Project

Environmental studies and community engagement relating to development of the Wimmera Project's Environmental Effects Statement continue to progress, as previously reported.

A face-to-face session was held in the Toolondo Hall on March 18, and an online session was held on March 24. Technical consultants presented on work completed to date on Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment, Historical Heritage Impact Assessment, and Noise & Vibration Impact Assessment. Technical information was also presented relating to the flora and fauna survey results to date and the preliminary soil survey results.

Areas of interest to attendees included noise, air quality, traffic numbers and road impacts. Water availability and security, groundwater, flora and fauna, job and growth opportunities were also discussed. Further information on the forums is available online at **Iluka.com/engage/wimmera.** 

## **Rehabilitation projects**

#### Kulwin

Rehabilitation earthworks at the former Kulwin mine resumed mid 2020, works are progressing well and are on track for completion during 2021. 305ha of topsoil placement and first year cropping are planned for completion at Kulwin in 2021. Kulwin will then move into an agricultural and environmental monitoring phase whilst we work towards achieving rehabilitation criteria.

## WRP

Earthworks at the Woornack, Rownack, Pirro (WRP) mine are largely complete with 44 hectares rehabilitated during Q1 2021 and 88 hectares remaining to be completed. The final area consists of a mined pit containing stored ilmenite and an access road to this pit. Rehabilitation of these areas is expected to be finished by 2025, and will progress following completion of ilmenite removal from pit.

Preparation for the revegetation of 84 hectares of unreserved Crown land with native plant species at the WRP mine is progressing. Installation of pest proof fencing began in April 2021, and revegetation of the land with native species is scheduled to start in June 2021.

Greening Australia has been commissioned to undertake the revegetation works and will be using a combination of direct seeding, tubestock planting, and the application of native grass and herbaceous seed using their grassland seeding unit.

Revegetation works are anticipated to be completed over a period of three years, dependent on how successfully the vegetation establishes over this time.

# WIM100 test pit

The WIM100 Test Pit reached the final phase of rehabilitation of the site in late February/early March. Rehabilitation works included final filling of the pit, recovery and stockpiling of crushed rock from the haul road and hardstand area, placement of subsoil and topsoil, removal of site huts, storage container and site boundary fence, burning of stubble.

Signage to inform landowners and passers-by about the rehabilitation of WIM100 Test Pit is being developed and will be installed in late May 2021.

## Douglas

Rehabilitation earthworks at the Douglas mine are restarting in May 2021 and expected to be finished by 2025. The project has been expanded to include rehabilitation of Pit 23 at Douglas, following a decision by Iluka to close the pit rather than to retain it for future use. Relocation of final by-product material currently stored at the Hamilton MSP destined for the pit is underway to allow rehabilitation earthworks to start.

Environmental monitoring at the Douglas mine and Hamilton MSP is ongoing with results of monitoring programs reviewed as data is received. No trends of concern or exceedances have been identified for any of the monitoring events undertaken throughout 2021.

Weed and pest animal control works are ongoing at the Douglas mine with Fox control undertaken in March 2021

# Douglas stakeholder engagement

The Douglas Environmental Review Committee has been dissolved as of May 2021 and replaced with a revised community engagement strategy. This follows a detailed review of community stakeholder engagement requirements along with extensive consultation with the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR). Approval of administrative changes to the Douglas Work Plan and Community Engagement Plan was approved by DJPR May 5 2021.

Iluka will address items such as progress with rehabilitation activities and environmental performance in its six-monthly stakeholder update, frequency adjusted according to the level of community interest. This, and additional information as required, will be published via Iluka's online engagement portal at 'Iluka.com/engage', which includes facilities for public inquiries and feedback.

# **Northern Murray Basin**

# **Euston Project**

In Q1 2021, Iluka engaged State and local stakeholders – including local landholders, Traditional Owners and local businesses – about its plans to assess the development potential of deposits within Iluka-held tenement areas west-north-west of Euston. Iluka will undertake a program of field work over Q2 and Q3 this year to collect information about the deposits.

This field work involves exploration drilling activities, ground water assessment and sampling, and rehabilitation works of disturbed ground. Iluka will assess the information gained through the field work over several months which will then be used to inform decision making regarding Project feasibility and future studies.

## **Balranald Project**

Iluka undertook a mining trial at its Balranald Project, about 60km from the Balranald township, over the second half of 2020. Site construction began in September 2019 ahead of an underground mining system trial from June to October 2020. Site works were completed and demobilised by the end of November 2020.

Data collected during the trial will take several months to analyse and a decision on next steps will follow.

The mining trial has been decommissioned and placed into care and maintenance. Iluka maintains a regular presence undertaking monitoring and inspections.

Please contact us if you would like more information or to discuss any of the activities described above, or other lluka activities with no current updates in the Murray Basin. You can reach us by email at <u>communities.support@iluka.com</u>, online at <u>www.iluka.com/contact-us</u>, or by calling our 24-hour community line on 1800 305 993.