



Lynwood Quarry

Project News

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This information sheet provides an update on progress relating to the Lynwood Quarry Project and Readymix's plans over the next 12 months.



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APPROVALS UPDATE

On December 21st 2005, the NSW Minister for Planning granted Readymix consent for the proposed 5 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) Lynwood Quarry, to be located approximately 1.5km from Marulan. For those that may be interested, the full details of the consent can be found on the Department of Planning's web site at

www.planning.nsw.gov.au/assessingdev/2005_notices.asp

The Lynwood Quarry approval is the 8th on the list, entitled "Archive of approvals for 2005" (DA 128-5-2005).



In addition to consent from the Minister of Planning, the Quarry requires a number of other approvals from various Government agencies. The planning consent also requires a number of management plans to be prepared and works to be completed, prior to any commencement of quarrying. This further work includes:

- Preparing environmental management plans;
- Undertaking further Aboriginal Heritage Studies;
- Undertaking further European Heritage Studies;
- Applying for the various approvals required, including an Environment Protection Licence.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT – A KEY FOCUS

An environmental management strategy and a number of specific environmental management plans for the site are being prepared in consultation with various government agencies and the Goulburn Mulwaree Council, for approval by the Director-General of the Department of Planning. These include:

- Environmental Management Strategy;
- Air Quality Monitoring Program;
- Noise Monitoring Program;
- Blast Monitoring Program;
- Environmental Monitoring Program;
- Water Management Plan;
- Rehabilitation & Landscape Management Plan (including Riparian Area Management Plans);
- Aboriginal Heritage Management Plan.

The environmental management plans are being prepared for Readymix by our environmental consultant Umwelt. Our aim is to lodge them with the NSW Department of Planning for approval in mid-2006.

CULTURAL HERITAGE STUDIES SOON TO COMMENCE

Building on the work undertaken as part of the environmental assessment for the project, further studies and investigations will be undertaken in the area of aboriginal and European cultural heritage. The first step in both the Aboriginal and European Heritage studies is to prepare a research plan for approval by the relevant agencies before permits for the fieldwork can be granted.

Aboriginal Heritage Studies

Further Aboriginal Heritage Studies will be targeted at the areas on the site to be disturbed by the approved development. These studies will form the basis for applications for permits from the NSW Department of Environment and Conservation; and if obtained successfully will enable the company to disturb sites within the quarry area.

It is anticipated that the fieldwork for the first stage of the Aboriginal Heritage study will commence in the middle of the year. This fieldwork will be undertaken in conjunction with representatives of the Gundungurra Tribal Council Aboriginal Corporation and the Pejar Local Aboriginal Land Council.

European Heritage Studies

Further European Heritage studies will also be conducted to further investigate heritage sites found within the area, in particular in the area of the Old Marulan Township where the approved Hume Highway interchange will be located. These studies will include excavations and will require permits from the Heritage Office, before any development relating to the interchange can occur.



ENVIRONMENT



It is anticipated the first stage of the fieldwork for the European Heritage study will commence in the last quarter of this year.

During this study we plan to hold an Open Day, where people interested in the archaeological work can inspect the “dig” close up. We will let you know the date of the open day closer to the time. A website will also be set up to enable those interested to follow the progress of the study. Details of the website will be advised in our next newsletter.

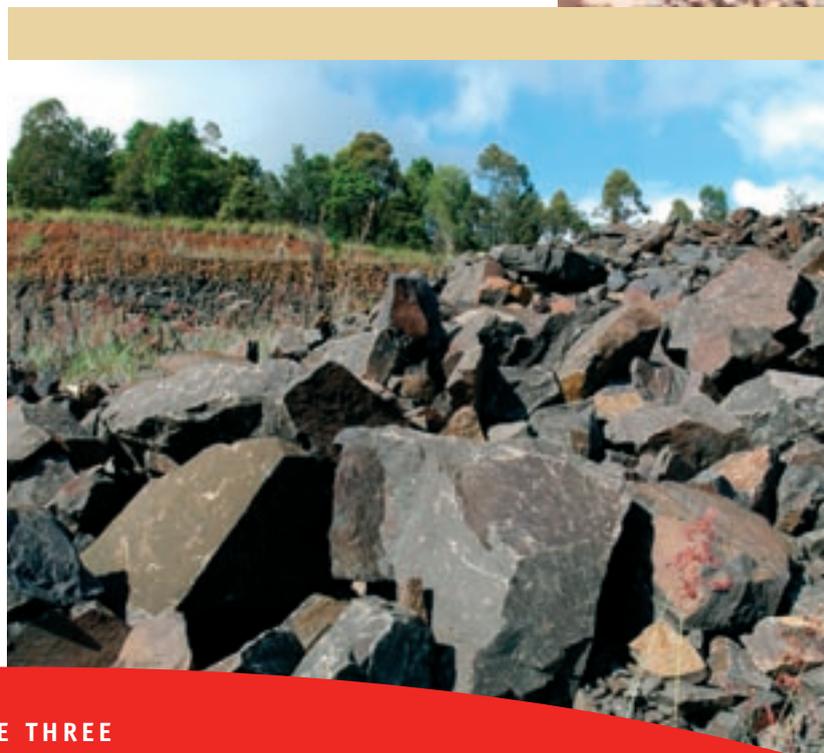
ADDITIONAL PERMITS AND LICENCES REQUIRED

Readymix requires a number of approvals from various government departments to undertake the development works approved as part of the project. This will include an Environment Protection Licence from the NSW Department of Environment and Conservation for the construction works and ongoing operation of the Quarry. Applications for the required permits will be prepared over the coming months.

Other work that we plan to carry out on Lynwood this year includes:

- Full engineering survey of all areas to be developed (for use when the detailed design is commenced);
- Geotechnical studies of all areas to be developed (for foundation design when the detailed design is commenced);
- Carrying out native tree planting in areas on the north-eastern side of the property to provide long-term visual screening of the quarry activities for nearby neighbours.

Readymix is also continuing discussions with the Road and Traffic Authority, NSW (RTA) to finalise the Hume Highway Interchange design. For this, detailed design for the interchange will be undertaken by GHD Pty Ltd. Discussions with other agencies such as Country Energy (electricity supply) and Australian Rail Track Corporation Ltd (ARTC) (rail siding turnouts) will also be ongoing.



ENSURING THE COMMUNITY IS INVOLVED

Discussions with Goulburn-Mulwaree Council about the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) for the Quarry will be held over the coming months. These discussions will involve the development of guidelines and terms of reference for the group. The CCC will play a key role in providing feedback to the company on community issues relating to the quarry's development and operation. The CCC is expected to be established prior to the start of the construction phase of the project.

PROJECT TIMING

The start of quarry operations at Lynwood is closely linked to the end of operations at the Penrith Lakes Scheme, the timing of which is under regular review. Readymix currently anticipates Lynwood will commence production in 2010 to 2011. It is expected this will require a start to construction in 2008-2009. As stated, this timing is reviewed regularly and we will keep you updated of any changes to these plans.

While you may notice some activity at Lynwood over the coming 9 to 12 months, please bear in mind that these works are not the start of construction activities. They are however essential for ensuring that the required approvals and licences are in place for the start of the construction of the Lynwood Quarry, when the time comes.



>> FURTHER INFORMATION

If you would like any further information on the project or any aspect outlined in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact Georgia Manning of Readymix on 02 9412 6615 or gmanning@readymix.com.au.

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