

NAK NEWS

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Glencore reports activity on the rise

A critical aspect of the Glencore Aurukun Bauxite Project is consultation with Traditional Owners and the Native Title representative body Ngan Aak-Kunch.

Glencore has undertaken extensive community consultations to better understand TO concerns relating to the environment, cultural heritage and land management.

Scott and Kelly, both from Glencore, have presented a comprehensive update on the Aurukun Bauxite Project and the work that has been taking place in the community and on country.

They said field work done to date included over-water drilling, track clearing for Geotech test pits, drilling related to geotechnical engineering, and water monitoring.

They also gave an update to the Board about the Traditional Owner Aspirations Project and engaging



the Aurukun community to develop management plans for the Aurukun Bauxite Project.

At the same meeting Ben Laidlaw (Beneath the Surface Consulting) talked to the Board about the Environmental Impact Statement, which addresses issues such as surface water, noise, social impact, flora & fauna and cultural heritage.

United Claim information sessions, hosted by the Cape York Land Council and Ngan Aak Kunch, were held in October this year down at the Landing.

United Claim info sessions



Several families took the opportunity to find out if their homelands were included in the Native Title application and to discuss the nature of the United Claim and the reasons behind it.



Kapani / NAK partnership on track for agreement

NAK has been working closely with Kapani Warriors to develop a partnership around the use of 100 hectares of land just outside of Aurukun.

NAK Chair Barbara Bandicootcha said she supported the idea, which was to create a training and skills development site.

"There's still some negotiation to go forward but I totally support it," she said.

Kapani Warriors' Tim White said they hoped to have a lease signed by the New Year.

"Kapani Warriors is a collection of defence veterans, who are mostly retired from the military and share their military skills and training expertise with indigenous communities, particularly men," he said.

"We do that so they can acquire skills around teamwork, leadership and job readiness, share those skills and apply those skills to the jobs that are available around the community.

"So we are going to work with NAK to basically create an outstation out there.

"The site will enable us to use plant machinery, loaders, backhoes and trucks in an area that's safe, because we can't train in and around the Aurukun community, there's a risk that we may come in contact

with other vehicles or buildings and put people at risk.

"With this land we've got a big open area where they can drive around to their heart content and have confidence there aren't a whole range of other factors to worry about."

He said the land was on Aboriginal freehold land managed by NAK.

"They are essentially the owners of the land, and then we enter into an agreement partnership with NAK to be able to lease that land for the purpose of what we intend to use it for," he said.

"This is a location where local people feel safe and comfortable because it's on traditional land, it's close to Aurukun, but not too close, and it enables service providers to access the location within 10 minutes of Aurukun.



"Without NAK's advice on what was an appropriate site, what would suit the community, how we can meet the needs of training and development in the community we would not be able to run this project."

He said the idea was to build long term capacity.

"Our intention is to build a mini-mine camp where we can conduct training, but it won't just be for the Kapani guys," he said.

"NAK will own all infrastructure and development on that site so it will become a location that NAK can use for training and for development of NAK business as well."





Monthly updates a promise after Hey Point inspection

NAK Chair Barbara Bandicootcha and Cape York Land Council inspected the Hey Point Bauxite Project's area of operations, including stockpiles and rehabilitation sites, in early November.

Miss Bandicootcha said they were keen to see, "where everything was at".

"We wanted to follow up on our concerns as Traditional Owners of that land," she said.

"We wanted to know what was happening, but now we are on top of it.

"We can tell people there's really nothing happening out there, so far Green Coast has done their side of the business, so I'm glad we did that and we know what's going on."

She said concerns about potentially missing payments to NAK from 2018, which were also followed up on the tour, were discussed in a report written by CYLC Legal Officer Tim Tabuteau and Project Officer Mark Malthouse.

The report said the Agreement between Green Coast and NAK required them to make payments for the right to develop and operate the bauxite mine at Hey Point.

"The AFP was designed to guarantee NAK a payment of at least \$100,000 every financial year," the report said.

"The only situation where Green Coast does not

have to pay NAK the AFP is where there has been a complete stop of any commercial production at the site for the whole financial year.

"This means there has been no bauxite sold by Green Coast. In 2019 and 2020, Green Coast did not make any payments to NAK."

Operations Manager Krysten Roberts and Clear Logistics director Richard Bond said the project had ceased operations and commercial production was halted in 2019-20.

"During the tour of the Hey Point site, Mr Roberts advised that Green Coast was likely expected to return to commercial production in April 2021," the report said.

"Green Coast is currently running analysis on bauxite samples they have excavated and testing the heavy machinery and vehicles to ensure the operation will be ready to run smoothly and consistently once up and running."

It said Mr Roberts had expressed his willingness to provide monthly updates on how the mine site is progressing in the lead up to their return to operations.



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Koo A'u ML100200 visit for Stage 1



Consultation and planning will soon be underway for the Gulf Minerals and Kaoliin deposit at Koo A'u, near Kendell River Station.

No permits until further notice



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NAK will not be issuing any camping, hunting or fishing permits until further notice due to Sorry Business in the community Chair Barbara Bandicootcha says.

"NAK and APN has worked very closely and built a strong relationship over the past two years," she said.

"We have been working for the betterment of our people and the land itself, and we need to take care of it together.

"This loss is a shock to all of us and there won't be any permits issued until further notice."



Lennie Koowarta and Malcolm Poonkamelya have inspected the area with Nick and Tony from Gulf Minerals, and anthropologist Joyce Gehr and Project Officer Mark Malthouse from the Cape York Land Council.

They reported that the Stage 1 area was half the size of a football field and Stage 2 was still in planning, subject to consultation and further planning with Traditional Owners for their respective areas.

For more information contact Mark at CYLC on 4053 9222

November meetings mark progress



NAK Directors Barbara Bandicootcha, Doug Ahlers, Ron Yunkaporta and Rosie Woolla hooked up with Directors Deborah Holroyd and Smithy Keppel over the phone to meet new lawyer Tim Tabuteau from Sydney in mid-November.

At the meeting it was determined the NAK AGM would be held towards the end of January 2021 – notices will go up when the date has been determined.

There was plenty of business underway in mid-November with a scheduled board

meeting followed by another meeting with Glencore and a joint meeting with Aurukun Shire Council, which was important for developing closer relations and striving for better community of Aurukun as the primary focus.



Ngan Aak Kunch Aboriginal Corporation (NAK) manages Native Title business and represents the Wik, Wik Waya and Kugu people of western Cape York.

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