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**Meeting Minutes**  
**SCG – Exmouth**  
**Meeting # 4**  
**25 February 2008**

Apache Energy Limited (Apache), on behalf of the Van Gogh joint venture participants, is proposing to develop an oilfield, known as Van Gogh, off the Exmouth coast.

### Meeting Details

Meeting location: Novotel Ningaloo Resort, Exmouth  
Time: 6.00 – 7.00 pm, followed by drinks and nibbles.

### Agenda

The meeting agenda was as follows:

1.	Welcome and introductions	Myles Hyams
2.	Overview	Tim Wall
3.	Project update	Myles Hyams
4.	Distribution of Draft PER	Myles Hyams
5.	Responses to community issues raised	Myles Hyams/Mitch Elkins
6.	Question and answer session	
7.	Agenda and timing for next meeting	
8.	Drinks and nibbles	

### Attendees

The attendees at the meeting are listed in the table below.

#	Name	Company/Organisation	Title
<b>Apache</b>			
	Myles Hyams	Apache Energy	Environmental Manager
	Giulio Pinzone	Apache Energy	Environmental Scientist
	Tim Wall	Apache Energy	Managing Director
	Mitch Elkins	Apache Energy	Drilling Manager
<b>Government</b>			
1	Phil Anastasakis	Shire of Exmouth	CEO
<b>Non-Government Organisations</b>			
2	Barry Sullivan	Exmouth Chamber of Commerce	President
3	Jac Hine	Cape Conservation Group	Secretary
<b>Community Representatives</b>			
4	Alen Kursar	Exmouth High School	Deputy Principal

## Minutes

Copies of the Draft Public Environment Report (PER) were distributed to SCG members. Myles Hyams presented an update of the Van Gogh Field Development for 35 minutes, with a focus on the FPSO conversion work taking overseas, the way in which to make comments on the Draft PER, and the environmental approvals process from this point forwards. Mitch Elkins, Apache Drilling Manager, presented an update of the Van Gogh drilling program

The following minutes are a record of questions and answers recorded during and after the presentations.

Name	Comment/question	Action
Phil	The rowdy behaviour by crew from all drilling rigs (not one specific company) at Learmonth airport was discussed at the last council meeting. Especially when there are delays at the airport, the guys seem to drink to excess. It becomes an issue when they swear and get too rowdy.	
Mitch	Apache's implementing a new drug and alcohol policy which should be in place in the next 2-3 weeks. Apache does not tolerate drunken behaviour by its staff or contractors. There was an incident (of drunkenness) at the airport a few months ago by a drilling contractor working for us, and he is no longer employed on Apache jobs. I'd appreciate you contacting me directly if you have any concerns.	
Phil	One of the measures that Council discussed as a means to control this behaviour was to stop the serving of alcohol at the airport, but that it would be a last resort measure. Council has the power to stop the sale of alcohol at the airport.	
Mitch	We wouldn't want that to happen, as it impacts on revenue for the airport kiosk and others.	
Myles	The issue of drunkenness becomes an issue because there are now lots of flights coming into the airport (fixed wing and helicopter), and it would be good to shorten the length of time between the helicopter dropping crew off after a swing and them flying back to Perth.	
Mitch	It's hard to regulate our behaviour standards with a commercial airline. We were approached by the Exmouth Aviation Consortium (EAC) to build a private lounge for offshore crew, but there would still be the problem of the crew transferring to the domestic terminal where they can access alcohol.	
Jack	The problem is they still get on the plane (where the rowdy behaviour continues).	
Barry	The intimidating behaviour impacts on travellers and families.	
Jack	There are also lots of unaccompanied minors travelling on these flights.	
Phil	One thought is that the crew be held at the Bristows area longer so that there's less time for them to drink in the public area.	
Alen	The real issue is one of Skywest policing.	
Myles	Yes, Skywest should be more proactive in policing this.	
Phil	Skywest has pulled people off flights and prevented people going onboard if they are suspected drunk.	
Tim	We (Apache) would like to work with you to help resolve this issue.	
Myles	We're also working with Stena (drilling company) to deal with this and will need to deal with the EAC to resolve the issue.	
Jack	Is there any update on the fire truck issue? The volunteer fire brigade are not trained to use it and have no access (i.e. ASIC) to the airport grounds to access the truck in the case of a fire.	
Myles	We can raise this issue with the EAC in order to rectify this.	

Jack	It is do-able, for example the RFDS (Royal Flying Doctors Service) and St John's Ambulance are able to access the airport grounds.	
Barry	The EAC should consult the airport safety committee about this, specifically Neil Haywood, chief of the volunteer fire brigade, and Neil Smith, Executive Manager of Corporate Services at the Shire of Exmouth.	
Myles	Graham Weaver (Apache Logistics Manager) is our contact re airport safety, so he'll be the liaison point.	Make contact with EAC and airport safety committee.
Phil	Where is Apache at with regards to its commitment to Exmouth? The Council has received a grant of \$100,000 to put together a town structure plan for the next 10-20 years. We're trying to get a feel from industry and other players about their local infrastructure needs, expectations regarding shore-based activities and so forth so that Council can plan for it.	
Tim	We foresee the potential for ongoing development and growth in Exmouth, especially with the oil and gas industry.	
Mitch	The issue for Apache re the use of Exmouth for marine activities is the lack of draught in the Gulf for vessels. Karratha is running out of infrastructure, so there may be the need for more.	
Myles	Apache will have a local presence for at least 12-15 years. We have no need for local housing, as most crew will be accommodated on the FPSO and then fly from Exmouth to their home base.	
Barry	Experience with BHP and Woodside indicates that 1.5-2% of the FPSO workforce will choose to live in town.	
Myles	When we undertake an export from the FPSO, large support vessels to assist with the off loading of the crude will probably come from Dampier. The vessels likely to be used will have a draught of anywhere from about 6-9 m. We will however be using existing services, such as Bhagwan Marine and others, based at the marina, to do weekly or fortnightly food runs and small urgent freight transfers to the FPSO.	
Tim	What are your hopes in future regarding the town's interaction with the oil and gas industry?	
Phil	Tourism is one opportunity, and offshore oil and gas activity may give locals more opportunities for work and help keep families in town. There is pressure to develop the town, with the awareness that we need to preserve the environment. We need to secure a future for the town. The Shire is often approached by developers for developments that often don't get up.	
Mitch	Australia in general is seen as a big growth area for oil and gas, and Apache is leading the herd into Australia. Tourism and eco-friendly ventures can co-exist now whereas they wouldn't have 30 years ago.	
Myles	There are lots of multiplier or indirect effects from our industry, rather than direct effects. For example, using existing resources in town which increases local employment, and crew transfers facilitating an increased number of flights in and out of Exmouth and the development of the EAC. The nearby Macedon (gas) field may be up for development soon by BHPB, and Apache is a joint venture in this permit.	
Tim	Apache drills a lot of wells, far more than Woodside. In the oil and gas industry, Australia is viewed as frontier country. There are fewer fields than overseas, but they generally contain larger volumes of oil and gas.	
Jack	In Exmouth, there has been increased rent pressure. Exmouth is a	

	family town, Karratha is a mining town. (In terms of perception) the community lumps mining together with oil and gas.	
Alen	We're essentially a service community. How do we sustain the local population? There has been a decrease in families living in town over the last 10-15 years. We have a transient population. Long term, people are leaving the town.	
Barry	The perception in town is that the school isn't providing a high enough standard of education to allow the kids to further their education in the city. The problem is Year 10 students moving to boarding schools. These kids are acclimatised to the heat and cyclones, but when they leave town, companies like BHPB have trouble hiring local people. It's hard to get these kids back.	
Alen	The staff at the school are excellent and we have some high achieving students. There is a perception by many parents of students that social networking opportunities are better in Perth than in Exmouth. We need to encourage students to stay in town.	
Myles	APPEA (Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Assoc) came up to Exmouth last year to talk to students at the school's annual work experience open day. Apache has led the way with apprenticeships pioneering this program through the Petroleum association. Our personnel often get poached by other companies (e.g., Woodside, BHPB) once they're fully trained. However, that will not stop us from supporting this program.	
Tim	We'd like to work with the school on increasing student participating in the oil and gas industry.	
Barry	On the 8 <sup>th</sup> of April, there will be an industry (employment?) session in town, the third in about 18 months.	Caroline de Mori to follow up with Barry.