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29 November 2005

Director-General
Department of Planning
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Proposed Somersby Fields Project

Originally sent by email to david.kitto@dpnr.nsw.gov.au
michael.young@dpnr.nsw.gov.au

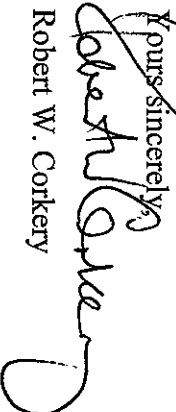
We are formally writing in accordance with Section 75E of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* to apply for planning approval for the above project. This request for environmental assessment requirements supersedes our request dated 16 September 2005 given the Department has since provided an Application Form for Part 3A Projects and guidance on its expectations for Project Description Reports. It is noted that all information previously provided with our earlier written request remains applicable. I have attached for the Department's action:

- (i) a completed Application Form; and
- (ii) a Project Description Report.

For your information, the land within the Project Site is owned entirely by the Proponent, however, it will be necessary to cross a section of the Peats Ridge Road reserve to gain access to the Project Site. We are informed that the road reserve is owned by Gosford City Council. In light of this, the Proponent has written to the Council in accordance with Clause 8F(1) and (2) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* notifying Council of the application being sent to the Department – see attached correspondence.

Should you require any further information about the proposed Project, please do not hesitate to contact either Alex Irwin or myself. Likewise, we would also appreciate feedback on the adequacy of the documentation supplied. We look forward to receiving the environmental assessment requirements from the Department in the near future. We will keep you informed regarding the date for the lodgement of the Environmental Assessment, however, at this stage, we plan to lodge the draft document for the 21 day review period on or about January 18.

Yours sincerely,



Robert W. Corkery

Encls: (i) and (ii)
Correspondence to Gosford City Council
Copy: Somersby Fields Partnership

Major Projects application



NSW GOVERNMENT
Department of Planning

Date received: 6/12/05

Project Application No. 05/0137

1. Before you lodge

This form is required to apply for the approval of the Minister to carry out a Project to which Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (the Act) applies.

Before lodging this application, it is recommended that you first consult with the Department of Planning (the Department) concerning your Project.

Please be aware that you may need to conduct a Planning Focus Meeting before lodging this application involving the Department, relevant agencies, Council or other groups identified by the Department. If you are required to conduct a Planning Focus Meeting, you will need to provide details and outcomes arising from the meeting.

To ensure that your application is accepted as being duly made, you must

- complete ALL parts of this form, and
- submit all relevant information required by this form.

All applications must be lodged with the Director-General, by courier or mail.

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GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001
DX 10181 Sydney Stock Exchange
t: 02 9228 6111
f: 02 9228 6455

2. Details of the proponent

Company/organisation/agency		ABN	
Somersby Fields Partnership (Vulcan Materials)		41 781 514 513	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Dr <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
First name	Family name		
STREET ADDRESS			
Unit/street no.	Street name		
20	Park Crescent		
Suburb or town	State	Postcode	
PYMBLE	NSW	2073	
POSTAL ADDRESS (or mark 'as above')			
PO Box 6011			
Suburb or town	State	Postcode	
PYMBLE	NSW	2073	
Daytime telephone	Fax	Mobile	
02 9488 9119	02 9488 9031	0409 994 849	
Email			
korinya@ozemail.com.au			

3. Identify the land you propose to develop

STREET ADDRESS

Unit/street no.

Street or property name

Peats Ridge Road

Suburb, town or locality

SOMERSBY

Postcode

NSW

Local government area

GOSFORD

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Lot 41/DP 1046841, Lot 1/DP 302768, Peats Ridge Road Reserve

OR: detailed description of land attached: ☐

The real property description is found on a map of the land or on the title documents for the land. If you are unsure of the real property description, you should contact the Department of Lands.

Please ensure that you place a slash (/) to distinguish between the lot, section, DP and strata numbers. If the Major Project applies to more than one piece of land, please use a comma to distinguish between each real property description.

Where the Major Project is subject to Clause 8F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* and in lieu of completing the above, a description or detailed plan of the land affected must be included with the documents required with Part 4 below.

4. Proposed Major Project – Description and other Requirements

Provide a brief title for your Project that includes all significant components. If the application relates to only part of a Project, include a clear title that describes the relevant part.

Somersby Fields sand removal project involving sand removal, processing, product transportation and progressive rehabilitation for a range of land uses.

Is the application related only to a part of a Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

You are also required to provide a Project Description Report and address any matters required by the Director-General in accordance with 75E of the Act. Failure to do so may lead to your application being rejected.

Is a Project Description attached:

Hard copy:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Electronic version:

☒ Yes ☐ No

(NB: An electronic copy is required as all applications must be provided on the Department's website. You should contact the Department on the correct electronic format).

Is the Project Description Report consistent with the requirements of any Guideline produced by the Department (including any draft)? ☐ Yes ☐ No **Not Yet Available**

Does the Project Description Report include additional matters required by the Director-General, such as evidence of a Planning Focus Meeting and consultation? ☒ Yes ☐ No

CONCEPT APPROVAL

If you are applying for a **concept approval**, the Department's *Concept Approval Guideline* should be consulted and the matters identified therein must be addressed as part of your application.

Does the Project Description Report submitted address the relevant guidelines for Concept Approvals? ☐ Yes ☐ No

FULL TIME EQUIVALENT JOBS

Please indicate the number of jobs created by the proposed Major Project. This should be expressed as a proportion of full time jobs over a full year.

Construction jobs (full-time equivalent)

10

Operational jobs (full-time equivalent)

12 + 14 Truck Drivers

5. Approvals from state agencies

Does the proposed Major Project require any of the following: (tick all appropriate)

- ☐ an aquaculture permit under section 144 of the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*
- ☐ an approval under section 15 of the *Mine Subsidence Compensation Act 1961*
- ☐ a mining lease under the *Mining Act 1992*
- ☐ a production lease under the *Petroleum (Onshore) Act 1991*
- ☒ an environment protection licence under Chapter 3 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (for any of the purposes referred to in section 43 of that Act)
- ☒ a consent under section 138 of the *Roads Act 1993*

6. Application fee

You are required to pay a fee for the assessment of a Major Project. This fee is based on the estimated cost of the Major Project.

The Department requires that you pay a proportion of the total fee with this application and you should consult with the Department before lodging this application to determine the proportion to be paid.

Estimated Project Cost

\$6,000,000.00

7. Owner's Consent

As the owner(s) of the above property, I/we consent to this application being made on our behalf by the

Proponent:

Signature



Name

Geoffrey V. Kells

Date

21 November 2005

Signature

Name

Date

Note: The Department will not accept an application for a Major Project without having the signature of the owner of the land, unless the Major Project is subject to Clause 8F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*.

8. Proponent's Signatures

As the proponent(s) of the proposed Major Project and in signing below, I/we hereby:

- provide a description of the proposed Project and address all matters required by the Director-General pursuant to Section 79E of the Act, and
- apply, subject to satisfying Clause 8D of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, for the Director-General Environmental Assessment Requirements pursuant to Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, and
- declare that all information contained within this application is accurate at the time of signing.

Signature



Name

Geoffrey V. Kells

Date

21 November 2005

In what capacity are you signing if you are not the proponent

—

Name, if you are not the proponent

—

Somersby Fields Partnership

Proposed Somersby Fields Project

Project Description Report – 1 December 2005

LOCATION: (see Figure A)

- 11km northwest of Gosford.
- 0.5km east of Somersby.

LAND DESCRIPTION:

Sand Removal Area:
Lot 41/DP 1046841 & Lot 1/DP 302768.

Access: Across Peats Ridge Road Reserve.

PROPONENT:

Somersby Fields Partnership
(Trading name for Vulcan Materials)

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

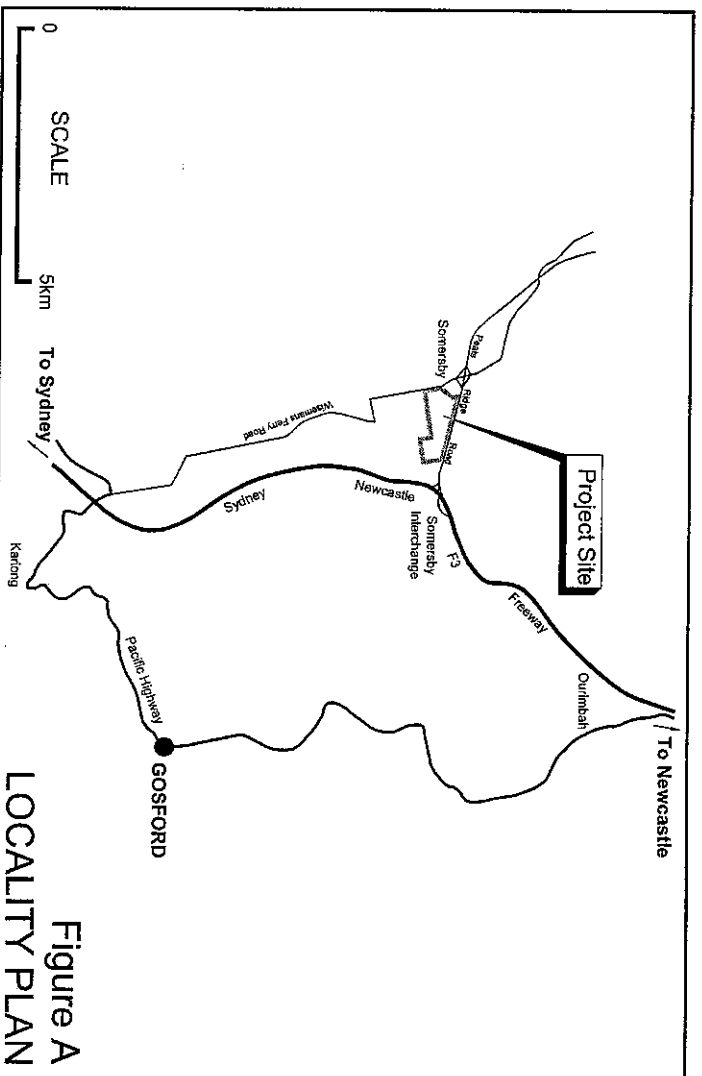
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PLANNING FOCUS MEETING:

31 May 2005

PROJECT COMPONENTS:

- Construction sand removal operation.
- Project Site = 42.3ha (Area of Sand Removal = 22ha)
- Sand removal by excavator / bulldozer and transfer of raw feed by haul trucks to processing area.
- Sand extraction is staged from east to west with performance criteria in Stage 1 to be met before commencing operations in Stage 2.
- Processing operations involve washing (85%) and dry screening (15%).
- All sand products despatched via Peats Ridge Road and F3 Freeway (no local roads to be used).
- Fine residues from sand washing would be dewatered with a filter press and used for landform reconstruction.
- Progressive staged sand removal is proposed with progressive landform reconstruction and vegetation.
- A community oval / showground is proposed to be constructed on the western side of the Project Site early during the life of the project.
- A range of land use options exist for the final landform. Options range from a major sporting complex to a simple rural-residential land use consistent with prevailing local planning requirements.
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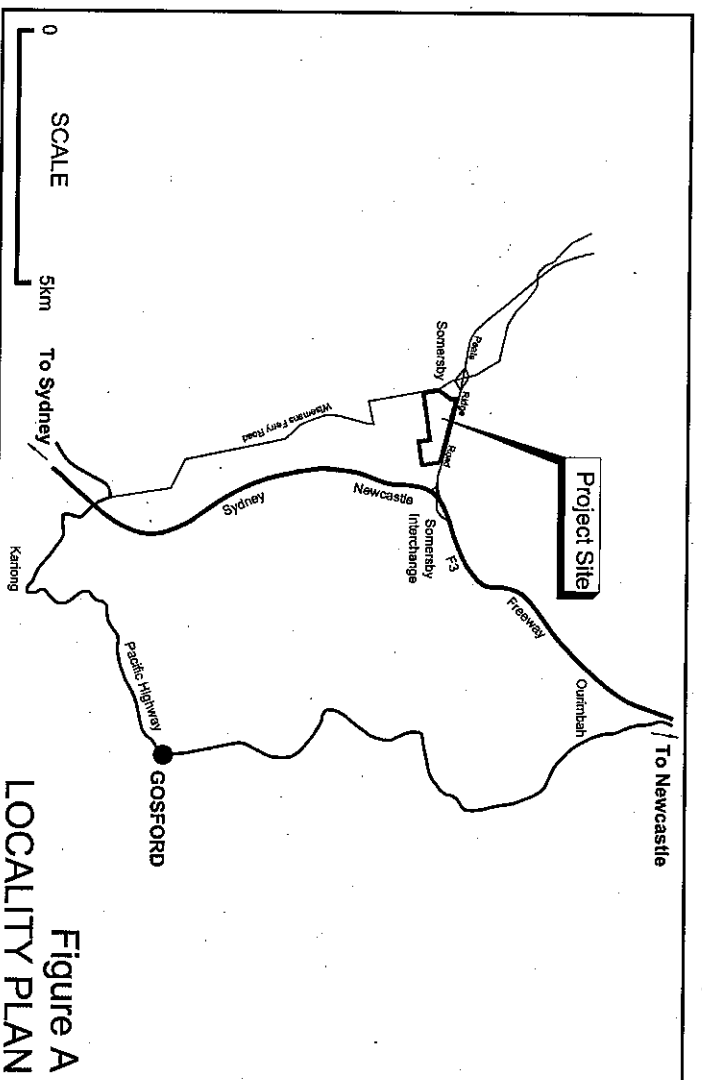


Figure A
LOCALITY PLAN



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