

KEY OBJECTIVES

“Alcoa of Australia Limited’s (‘Alcoa’) goal for its Point Henry location is to complete site assessment work consistent with the requirements of the National Environmental Protection Measure 1999 (Assessment of Site Contamination) (as amended 2013) (‘NEPM’) and Environmental Remediation activities consistent with the final end land use strategy as it develops.”

Alcoa will also ensure compliance to the requirements of the Clean Up Notice 90005302 (‘Notice’) as issued to the location by the Victorian Environment Protection Authority (‘Authority’) on March 25th 2015. The Notice requires the submission of quarterly reports on the soil and groundwater assessment activities at the Point Henry location and to confirm if any unacceptable risk to the environment has been identified. In the event of identifying contamination posing an unacceptable risk to the environment, Alcoa must develop and implement an interim clean-up plan in response to such an occurrence.

KEY METRICS

	YTD (Q2 2015)
Non-Compliance with Laws and Regulations	0 (0)
Identified unacceptable risks to Human Health and Environment	None (None)

NEPM

Activities since closure:

Alcoa’s Point Henry location holds property totalling approximately 575 hectares of which, the plant occupies approximately 15%. The remaining areas of the non-industrial property include three landfills, farmlands, vacant low-lying wetland or ephemeral wetlands. The total land holdings have been split into five separate zones for the purpose of conducting environmental site assessments on the level and extent of the contamination in soil and groundwater. These assessments are aligned with the NEPM. The five zones are as follows, and also shown in Figure 1:

- Industrial Site;
- Industrial Landfills (SPL and General Refuse Landfill & the CPL Landfill);
- Moolap Landfill;
- Farmlands; and
- Wetlands and Grasslands.

Alcoa engaged two environmental consultants, GHD and Golder Associates, to undertake the environmental assessments, namely Tier 1 Preliminary Site Investigations (PSI), of each of the five zones. These initial investigations are nearing completion with recommendations expected for further sampling and analysis to address some data gaps. These recommendations will be shared with the Authority. The Alreco Lease area shown in Figure 1 is currently in use by Alreco. This area will be subject to environmental assessment upon the cessation of the lease.

As per Requirement 3.3 of the Notice and discussed with the Authority, Alcoa will appoint an auditor to support a rigorous environmental assessment process as outlined above. Alcoa has conducted initial interviews with a number of potential EPA-Appointed Auditors with further work underway to ensure the appointment of an auditor by July 1st 2015.

Planned activities for June 1st – August 31st 2015:

A review of any recommendations made by GHD and Golder Associates following completion of the five PSI and if necessary, the development of an additional data sampling schedule across the zones to address any identified data gaps.

As required by the Notice, Alcoa Point Henry must engage an EPA-Appointed Environmental Auditor by July 1st 2015. The EPA will be notified in writing of the engagement of the auditor.

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

There have been no non-compliance incidents since the cessation of operations.

IDENTIFIED UNACCEPTABLE RISKS & CLEAN UP PLAN

There have been no unacceptable risk issues identified in the completed Preliminary Site Investigations to date.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Alcoa has continued to engage with the local Geelong community by continuing its Community Advisory Board meetings on a quarterly basis. An overview of the location environmental, health and safety metrics and the site activities, which include updates on the decommissioning work and the environmental studies, have been presented and discussed. To date this year, Community Advisory Board meetings were held on February 23rd and May 25th. This forum continues to enable our stakeholders the opportunity to ask questions and receive information on the former operation and decommissioning project.

The Alcoa Point Henry website has also been updated to provide the community information pertaining to the site. The latest update was posted on April 7th 2015, outlining Alcoa's commitment to Point Henry (http://www.alcoa.com/australia/en/info_page/point_henry_document_library.asp)

The website has also been updated to include a list of Frequently Asked Questions addressing a variety of questions relating to the site decommissioning works, the environmental rehabilitation and studies, the fate of the existing infrastructure and who is responsible for the site. The website also enables any interested parties to lodge a question they wish to have answered. (http://www.alcoa.com/australia/en/info_page/point_henry_faq.asp)

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Figure 1: Alcoa Point Henry Environmental Assessment Zones.

