

Attendance

Peter Hotham, Spiro Kavaleiros, Ian Makins, Fran and Tim Charge, Brian Dellow, Kathy Sajowitz, Gary Wallace, Mark Pointon, Bob & Sally Parrington, John Borg, Jim Snelson, , Victor Bendveski, Julie Booth.

Information session to communicate and meet with community re new raw board line

Jim Snelson addressed meeting with details regarding the new project.

Major benefit for Oberon and the community is the future and ongoing security for the site, providing employment and growth.

The raw board plant will strengthen and secure MDF plant.

The raw board plant will be an industry leader with leading edge technology.

Timeframe estimates:

- Plans submitted for approval by February 2016.
- Extensions to begin at the end of 2016.
- Production looking towards end of 2017.

Questions raised and addressed in meeting:

1. Available fibre resources.
Jim responded that we are not using up the full capacity of our fibre contract
2. Noise concerns from Caravan Park in regards to another chipper.
Mobile chippers to be removed which will decrease noise levels. John told owners of the Caravan Park it is a priority of the site to ensure noise levels are at an acceptable and controlled level as we aim to be around for a long time. Bob and Sally from the caravan park have asked to come to site to see and understand what is being planned at the site, John felt that was a good idea.
3. Timeframe for noise reduction.
6 month time frame for better control of noise.
4. Where will the new line and buildings be situated.
Plans and maps to be available when finalised as to exact size and situation of the new line.
5. Product sizes, types and will the products be leaving site raw or with improvement.
The product will not leave the site raw but will be laminated before leaving site.
6. Why not put laminate on MDF only.
Different products suit different finished goods.
7. Truck movement, how often and how many.
Increased truck movement. Average increase will be 2:1.
8. Volume expected from site.
Not known at this stage

9. Has the company considered using recycled timber.
Cost and quality determine this but the best product is created out of fibre.
10. Water requirements associated with the production of raw board.
Water requirement not high for this product as it is a very dry product not like MDF.
11. The community's major question concerned the impact on the local roads.
Company is well aware of impact on roads and has been dealing with maritime services and the truck movement is still low for class surface A roads. The company is still investigating environmental and road impacts.
12. Have SEARS and EPA been notified.
It is the Company's intention to hold meetings with the key stake holders and forum with Oberon CCC committee.
13. Have you got support from Federal and State Government.
Government bodies have been briefed and involved as the project moves on.
14. Where is the raw board machinery and equipment coming from.
Mostly from Germany some from Italy also some of the larger gear to be built on site.
The Company aims to do as much as possible themselves as the site workshop is being ramped up along with CNC in preparation for the Raw Board Line.
15. What's the involvement of local engineering businesses/ employment associated with construction of new line.
The Company will need to bring in labour as we will not be able to keep up with the work and engineering required for this project.

Tim asked for John/Jim to attend meeting with Oberon Business association second Wednesday of February at 6pm. (10.2.2016).

John communicated to the meeting that the site is undertaking a big clean up, but would like to have tours on site so people get to see what we are about.