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COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

The Community Consultative Committee is meeting regularly to discuss progress on the site. Minutes of these meetings are available at the Wood Centre Shop 11 Main Road Huonville. The next meeting will receive a report on the arrangements Neville Smith Tasmania has made for the transport of products from the site.

An environmental management system is being designed for the Huon wood centre operations. The Community Consultative Committee will provide input to the development of the system. As part of the process, the Committee will progressively release draft documents for wider community input.

Bio – monitoring by Hydro Tasmania has returned excellent results for water quality in the Huon River and at Kings Creek. While the permit only requires monitoring in two locations on the Huon River, monitoring of Kings Creek has also been undertaken to ensure that a baseline is established that captures all potential waterways that may be effected by storm water run off from the site. Dario Tomat said that Newwood Huon was committed to good environmental performance and was investing in obtaining the data that would demonstrate this. To date he said that in excess of \$150,000 had been spent on data recording and analysis of water and air parameters around the centre.

A copy of the Hydro report has been sent to the Healthy Rivers project team. A copy will also be available on the revised website (see below).

The Southwood Resources website is going through a thorough facelift. The new website has been designed by Digital Ink and will allow easier access to reports and other documents associated with the project. It is expected to be operational by the end of March.

Neville Smith Timbers has advertised for Mill hands with applications closing on Friday 26th March. Installation of equipment and services is progressing quite well with about 30 Tasmanian subcontractors working on the site on most days. The current projected commissioning date is in mid April.

Work is also being finalised for the site infrastructure with construction of the holding dam for water run off from the operating area of the site. The water that flows into this dam will be disposed by irrigation. The earthen banks of the site pad have been planted with eucalypts to form a visual barrier and, as the trees grow, a windbreak.