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Dear All, as you know we have had to postpone any Liaison Group meetings for the time being for obvious reasons. In this update, we would like to provide you with some information on the site's current activities during these challenging times and the wider aspects in respect of the divestment of this site and others to the Breedon Group.

Current Activities

Taffs Well Quarry remains open and is operating in strict accordance with government guidelines. We continue to supply aggregates materials to construction jobs and the steel works at Port Talbot

To help ensure that it is safe for us to operate in the workplace, the industry has worked to develop Site Operating Procedures (SOP), which were published by the Construction Leadership Council along with guidance from the Health and Safety Executive. As health guidance updates, the SOP will reflect any changes.

We have contractors lined up to remove more trees along Heol Goch and fence the area and we hope to start this work as the situation with Covid-19 eases.

We still have security guards contracted at the mine and woodland area to manage the trespass issues

Breedon Aggregates – Divestment of Sites

As you know, CEMEX has agreed to divest a number of its sites to Breedon Aggregates and this includes Taffs Well Quarry. Naturally, the current situation has had a significant impact on the progress of the divestment process. The medical emergency notwithstanding, the process involves extensive consultation with employees who are impacted by the transfer of sites. This process continues but obviously face-to-face meetings with employee representatives and individual employees are considerably curtailed and is thus taking longer than was originally envisaged. The planned date for the business to transfer to Breedon is the 1st July 2020 although this date may slip.

Furthermore, and as is quite usual with such a divestment/acquisition process, the Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) has been reviewing the possible impact of the deal on the competitive environment. Once again, the progress has been less rapid due to the current situation.

From a community relations perspective, Breedon seem keen to maintain the quality of the relationship that we have established at Taffs Well Quarry with the surrounding villages over many years and we hope to continue very much as is currently the case.

Planning Application.

We are still working on the planning application to remove part of the mine as previously discussed and hopefully we will be able to make a submission by the end of June. We will share more information on this when we have more detail.

We are experiencing unprecedented times in so many respects and every aspect of our lives is impacted. We can only hope that the current emergency begins to decline after passing the peak over the next two or three weeks and that we can all slowly return to some form of normality!!

In the meantime, please stay safe and well and do not hesitate to contact us for any clarification or additional information.

With very best wishes

