

SYDNEY TAR PONDS AGENCY

STATEMENT OF MANDATE

2012-2013

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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER AND CEO/PRESIDENT

The Sydney Tar Ponds and Coke Ovens Remediation Project made significant progress in 2011-2012. All elements including Future Use are either underway or completed.

This year is the most important year of the Project, it signals the completion of the remediation work as envisioned. The Tar Ponds will be fully solidified and stabilized and the channel completed with clean water flowing freely from the highest reaches of the Coke Ovens Brooks to Sydney Harbour. The environmental legacy of the Tar Ponds and Coke Ovens sites is soon to be no more.

The pumps and piping have been relocated to the narrows. Pumping has commenced, enabling the dewatering of the last phase of the Tar Ponds in preparation for construction start up this spring. The girders for the Ferry Street Bridge are installed, and the work has commenced on the bridge infrastructure and approaches. Construction will soon resume on the Coke Ovens site, which will be completed in the late fall of this year

The Project will continue to increase the profile of local companies and local labour, enhance community involvement, develop and implement employment equity initiatives, and engage and build the capacity of Aboriginal peoples. The impact on the local economy will remain considerable.

A future use vision for the 240 acres of industrial land that was prepared previously has been used as the basis for a call for proposals for the preparation of a detailed design and related tender packages. The contract was awarded in late 2011 and the preliminary design was completed in early 2012. A very well received community roll out and open house consultation process was completed in February 2012. The tender packages will be ready to issue early in the summer of 2012.

During the upcoming fiscal year, the Agency team will continue to evolve and to refine their skills and abilities. The positive impact on local economics will continue to spread, and progress will be made on all remaining projects.

The Sydney Tar Ponds Agency remains focused on the future.



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