

Media Release

Environment Protection Authority



GPO Box 2607 Adelaide SA 5001
250 Victoria Square Adelaide SA
T (08) 8204 2000 F (08) 8204 2020
Country areas 1800 623 445

18 August 2010

OneSteel receives new Sustainability Licence

The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) today presented OneSteel with South Australia's third EPA Sustainability Licence.

The new sustainability licence is only presented to businesses that demonstrate a genuine commitment to reducing their impact on the environment.

EPA Presiding Member Cheryl Bart AO said OneSteel's Project Magnet had already made great progress in dust reduction, however the company has vowed to continue its sustainability journey.

"Since Project Magnet's completion in 2008, OneSteel has introduced further initiatives to lessen the company's impact on the local community," Ms Bart said.

"These initiatives have involved closing and capping the northern stockpiles, removing redundant equipment from Pelletising and reducing spillage at the Pellet Plant.

"OneSteel has also committed to a Community Dust Target that progressively tightens each year, leading to a better environment for the people of Whyalla.

"And as part of the sustainability licence negotiations, OneSteel committed to reaching the 2011 community dust targets ahead of time in 2010.

"OneSteel has demonstrated that it is serious about working with the community and improving its impact on the environment – this makes the company a worthy recipient of a Sustainability Licence."

The Sustainability Licence commits OneSteel to continually improving its environmental performance as well as actively working with the community.

Initial targets OneSteel aims to achieve under its Sustainability Licence, include:

REDUCING reliance on the River Murray

IMPROVING energy and carbon efficiency

REDUCING waste generation and improving product yield

IMPROVING environmental awareness amongst staff

MAINTAINING social and ethical responsibility by promoting values and initiatives that actively engage the community of Whyalla.

Minister for Environment and Conservation Paul Caica congratulated OneSteel on its ongoing efforts to improve its environmental performance.

"The South Australian Government encourages other EPA licensed businesses to follow this effort and seek to sign up for their own Sustainability Licence," Mr Caica says.

OneSteel Whyalla Chief Executive Mark Parry said the granting of the licence was further proof of the advancements the company had made in reducing its impact on the environment.

“Project Magnet was a significant step forward for OneSteel and the Whyalla community in terms of significantly reducing the red dust problem,” he said.

“However, we recognise there is still a lot of work to be done and that there are many areas we need to continue to focus on.

“This licence provides numerous targets across a range of sustainability areas which will help us push forward with our goal of continual environmental improvement.”

A copy of OneSteel's Sustainability Licence is available on the EPA website at

www.epa.sa.gov.au