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Incitec Pivot lodges Environmental Assessment for Cockle Creek

Earlier this year, Incitec Fertilizers Limited (IFL) a wholly owned subsidiary of Incitec Pivot Limited (IPL), ceased manufacturing at Cockle Creek to enable the site to be remediated.

The first stage of the remediation works was approved in August 2009 and involves the treatment of groundwater in a localised area and the removal of a disused railway gantry.

IPL has prepared the Environmental Assessment for the stage two remediation works, which involves the demolition of remaining structures on site, construction of a containment cell for disposal of contaminated materials and filling and covering of the cell.

The Environmental Assessment covers the environmental effects of the demolition and remediation of the soil and groundwater and includes a comprehensive remediation action plan.

The Environmental Assessment for the works is now on public display until Monday 21 December 2009. The document can be found on the NSW Department of Planning website or at the following locations:

- Lake Macquarie City Council Customer Service Centre, Main Road, Speers Point.
- Department of Planning: Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney
- Nature Conservation Council: Level 2, 301 Kent St, Sydney

The community is invited to speak with the project team and discuss the plans at a community information session to be held on Thursday 26 November at Club Macquarie, 458 Lake Road, Argenton, from 4pm to 8pm.

Public submissions on the project will be accepted by the Department of Planning until 21 December 2009, with a decision on the approval of the project expected in early 2010.

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