

# PROJECT UPDATE NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2019

## Latest News

### All, welcome to our latest newsletter.

I am sure that you all witnessed the news coverage and successful positive planning outcome for Woodhouse Colliery in March 2019. I was delighted that the Development Control & Regulations Committee of Cumbria County Council (CCC) voted unanimously to approve the go-ahead of the project, which will be the first deep coal mine in the UK for over 30 years.

Since the positive decision in mid-March my team have been busy, behind the scenes, working on the extensive details required to meet the planning approval being granted. CCC has set-out a schedule of planning conditions [99 in total] which WCM needs to meet to enable the company to move forward to the next phases of the development of the project. Over the rest of this year WCM will continue to work with CCC to finalise the statutory legal agreements around planning and begin discharging the conditions required to enable the project to move into the construction phase.

We are working towards site work starting in early 2020, with coal production commencing around 24-months from the start of construction.

This is also subject to securing construction funding, with the current Brexit impasse impacting our progress with this work.

My team and I are looking forward to moving towards the construction of Woodhouse Colliery and harnessing the extensive mining history and knowledge in West Cumbria to operate a state-of-the-art 21st century mine. This will deliver the highest levels of health and safety and technology, to ultimately realise our vision of becoming a leading European producer of high-quality metallurgical coal for steel making.

Best wishes to you all,



Mark Kirkbride,  
CEO





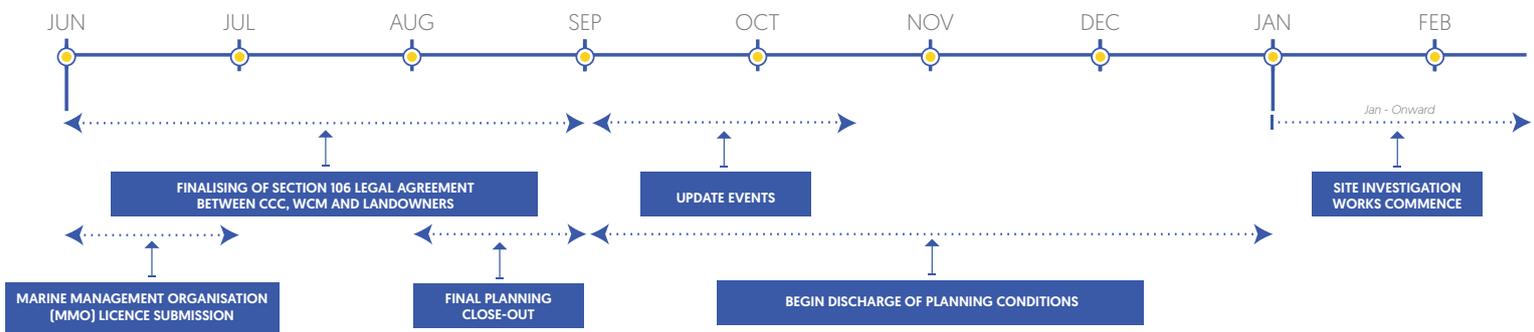
# Steel making Coal

Please find together with this update a copy of our latest Project Summary which provides a brief overview of the project and work completed to date

## Next Steps

2019

2020



## Team News



**Julie Rayson**  
Office Manager

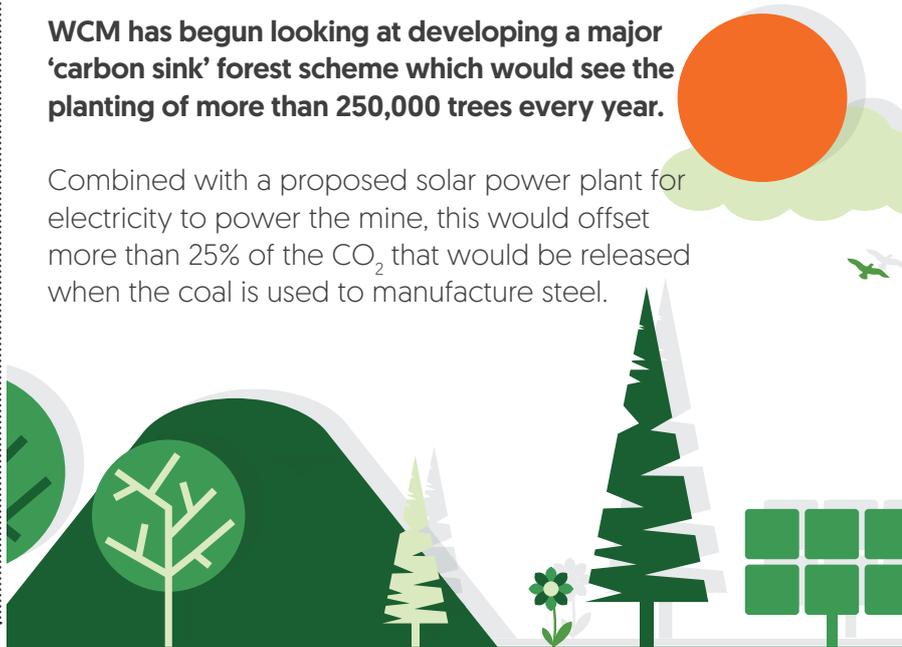
**WCM is delighted to welcome Julie Rayson to the team.**

As Office Manager, Julie will be the first point of contact at our Haig office. Julie can be contacted on 01946 848333

## Carbon Offsetting Schemes

**WCM has begun looking at developing a major 'carbon sink' forest scheme which would see the planting of more than 250,000 trees every year.**

Combined with a proposed solar power plant for electricity to power the mine, this would offset more than 25% of the CO<sub>2</sub> that would be released when the coal is used to manufacture steel.



## Talk To Us

WCM welcomes any further comments and feedback that you may have by email, post or telephone.

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