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The Rosehill Project

Newsletter

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This second newsletter provides an update on the progress of the Rosehill Project Stage 1 coal exploration programme. This update is in line with our policy to keep the community informed of our activities at all stages of the Project.

exploration so far

The field component of the Stage 1 coal exploration programme was completed on 13 November 1998. Twenty nine boreholes were drilled - 24 boreholes in the Rosehill exploration area and five boreholes in the Castlerock area (refer to map over page). The Stage 1 results indicate the highest mining potential is in the southern Rosehill exploration area (south of Rossgole Road) and in the northern Castlerock area (south of Castlerock Road). The initial assessment provided in the first newsletter remains the same - there is *no potential* for opencut mining in the northern half of the Rosehill area and there will be no further exploration there.

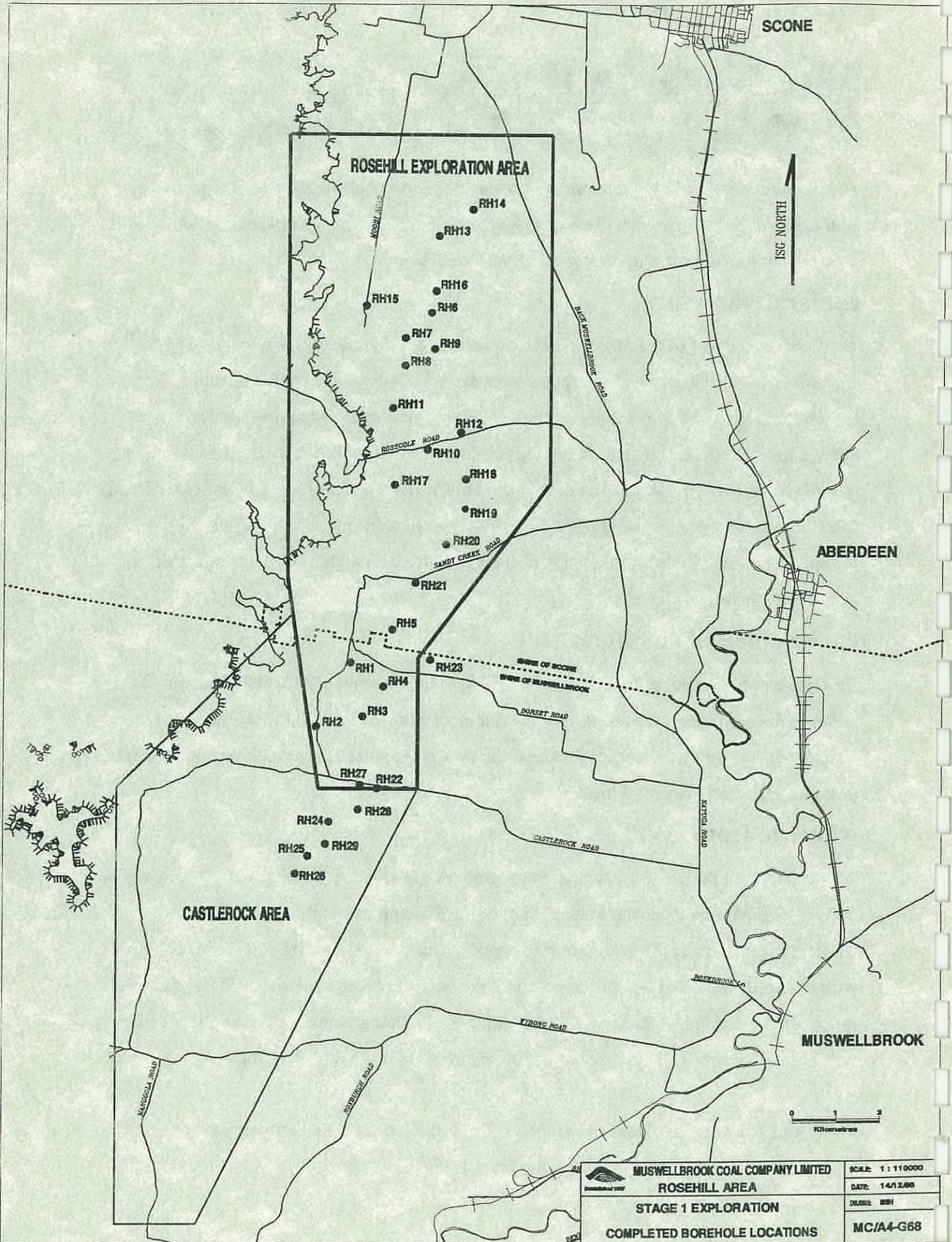
environmental monitoring


Baseline environmental monitoring is continuing in the Rosehill and Castlerock areas. This includes the collection of weather data, regular monitoring of over 30 groundwater wells/bores and 20 surface water sites, and the measurement of dust deposition and airborne dust concentration at over 15 locations.

where to from here?

The results from the Stage 1 exploration programme are currently being assessed. The region under assessment includes the southern half of the Rosehill exploration area and the Castlerock area. A decision has not been made at this point in time on whether to proceed with a Stage 2 exploration programme, and it is anticipated that a decision will be made early in 1999. If a decision is made to proceed with a Stage 2 programme, then a public meeting will be held in early 1999 to discuss the future direction of the Rosehill Project.

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