



Chairperson: *Dr Andrew Griffiths* (Umicore)
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19 June 2009, 10h00 - 15h00
Grand Hotel Eden - Room San Salvatore
Riva Paradiso 1, 6900 Lugano (Switzerland)

MINUTES

1. Welcome and introduction

- 1.1. **Confidentiality and European Competition Law provisions.** All attendees (Annex 1) have committed to respect Confidentiality and Competition Law. All attendees were reminded on the importance of attending or being represented at Assembly meeting so as to reach the required quorum to validate the decisions taken.
- 1.2. **Approval of the Agenda.** The Agenda (Annex 2) was approved. The slide set of the meeting is available in Annex 3.
- 1.3. **Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting (03/12/08).** The minutes of the meeting were approved.

2. Operational and working structure of the Consortium

- 2.1. **Introduction to Consortium's personnel and task distribution.** The adjusted working structure of the Consortium was presented. The increase of workload, the departure of Z. Hugonin (Scientific Manager), and the retirement of J. Levison (Co-Chair of Management Committee and Chair of Complex Refinables Task Force), amongst other changes, have obliged the Consortium to hire additional/replacement officers. T. Hird (REACH Project Manager) and K. Rothenbacher (Scientific Manager) were warmly welcomed. **Post-meeting note:** job descriptions are available on request to the Secretariat.
- 2.2. **Co-Chairmanship of PM & Re Consortium.** The Assembly supported the nomination of Mark Raffray as Co-Chairman of the Consortium.

3. Membership of the Consortium. Pre-registrants who have not joined the Consortium yet must be provided with an alternative that will still enable all potential registrants to prepare a joint submission of the Registration Dossier. A letter of access and licence to use shall therefore be prepared. The Legal Work Group shall be invited to check the legal text whereas the Cost-Sharing Work Group will be responsible for agreeing on the associated cost of the letter or licence.

- 3.1. **Presentation of the 43rd Member of the Consortium: Glencore.** M. Fahbrach gave a short presentation on Glencore. The Consortium welcomes its 43rd Member!
- 3.2. **Vote on new membership application(s).** Dragtsvetmet and Krastsvetmet were accepted as the 44th and 45th Member of the Consortium!

4. Status and progress of technical programmes. An update on each one of the PMC metal projects is presented in slides 33 to 71 of Annex 3.

Silver is a priority project as three registrations are due by 2010. The other projects continue evolving in a steady way. The scope of work of the silver project includes determining sameness between nanosilver and other forms of silver and the refinement of the silver PNEC (with the UK Environment Agency). A questionnaire has been circulated to all Members to gather information on uses, exposure and emissions. The responses will be collated and used by the consultants (EBRC and WCA) in the preparation of exposure scenarios (ES). In the event a Member of any of its customers did not respond to the questionnaire on time, it will have the opportunity to confirm the coverage of its use(s) when the ES are circulated within PMC for approval. However, a minimum number of responses to the questionnaire are required to prepare the ES.



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In preparing **gold** for registration, it was agreed for the PM industry (LBMA with PMC) to prepare a joint statement explaining how Good Delivery Bars of Gold fulfil the definition of “article” under REACH.

The **PGM** project is the largest project of the PMC, counting close to 80 substances and intermediates. The data gap analysis performed so far indicates that a patchy data set exists and that the first part of the testing programme will most probably cover physico-chemical endpoints and in particular water solubility and transformation/dissolution tests.

Smaller than the PGM project but working in tandem with the latter, the testing programme of the **Rhenium** project will also include physico-chemical endpoints tests so as to fill the existing data gaps. Ni alloy scrap is the only complex material (UVCB transported intermediate) to be addressed under the Rhenium project. For both the PGM and the Rhenium projects, the identification of reference substances with read-across potential and the preparation of groups around each reference substance is key.

Finally, substantial progress has been achieved in proposing groups of **complex refinables** (non-waste PM containing-UVCB transported and on-site intermediates). It is now essential to identify data and testing requirements and the registration deadline for each group (based on composition and classification discussions).

5. 2009(II) Budget and predictions for next years

5.1. **Presentation and approval of 2009 budget.** The 2009 was presented and approved in April 2009. However, due to the change in personnel, and the need for additional tools (see item 5.1.1), the budget of the Consortium has increased significantly and was presented again for approval. The Members acknowledged the justifications of the Secretariat (including detail on REACHsuite below) and the Budget (Annex 4) was approved. The invoices (Annex 5) will be sent before the end of the summer (one full invoice for 2009 instead of two partial ones as it was done in 2008).

5.1.1. **REACHsuite.** The features and advantages of REACHsuite were presented and attendees were invited to resolve any pending question on this tool. It was agreed that no contract would be signed before the retainer fee for years 3, 4, and next has been agreed and confirmed by Baytouch. **Post-meeting note:** the contract was signed on 15 September after a retainer has been proposed by Baytouch and agreed by the Mgmt Cttee.

5.2. **Predictions for next years.** The attendees were provided with budget predictions so as to allow them to prepare the budget for the upcoming years. However, it was reminded that these predictions are indicative only and that the actual 2010 and 2011 budgets will be adjusted, presented and approved at the Consortium Assembly meeting in December 2010 and 2011 respectively.

6. Next Assembly meeting

6.1. Next Assembly meeting: 3 December 2009, Brussels - Belgium.

6.2. Next Plenary meeting: 17-19 June 2010, Hamburg - Germany.

7. AOB. None was raised.

8. Closing remarks. The Consortium thanked J. Levison and Z. Hugonin for the time and efforts they invested into supporting the Consortium.