



PMC Management Committee

Minutes, Conference call, 21 November 2016

Chair: Guy Ethier, Umicore, Belgium

Actions	Who?	When?	Status
Reflect the impact on the new membership on the members fees for 2017	AR	December 2016	DONE
Set up a system for data sharing outside the EU (agreement and cost sharing)	FC	Q1 2017	ONGOING
Update GA presentation and prepare a one-pager on potential prioritisation of silver under WFD (importance, budget implications etc.)	FC	December 2016	DONE
Organize a meeting/conference call with EPMF Board after the Assembly	FC	December 2016	DONE
Add a slide on expenses and forecast (until 2019)	AR	December 2016	DONE
Launch a doodle for the next Management Committee meeting	AR	December 2016	DONE

1. Welcome and Introduction

Guy Ethier (PMC Chair, Umicore) started the conference call reminding anti-trust and competition law obligations. The list of participants and apologies is available in Annex I. The quorum is reached. The agenda of the meeting has been approved. France Capon reviewed the actions of previous meeting and the minutes have been approved.

2. New PMC member: CRI Criterion (Shell)

France Capon introduced Cri Criterion (Shell) which requested to become a PMC member. Cri Criterion is a catalysts producers which has an interest into silver and some PGMs. It was confirmed that the new membership will not trigger additional work for the dossier preparation (substances and tonnage bands are in the the PMC scope). Cri Criterion membership will be the sum of administrative and related projects costs as per the cost sharing formula agreed in December 2015. This means that Cri Criterion will only start contributing to the reserves building as of 2017.



ACTION: Reflect the impact on the new membership on the members fees for 2017 (AR, December 2016)

The Management Committee recommends to the General Assembly to approve the admission of Cri Criterion (Shell) as new member of the Precious Metals Consortium.

3. Data sharing (Members, Korean REACH)

The Management Committee will receive within the coming weeks a note concerning some data sharing issues:

- Data owned by the members and used in the registration dossiers: a written approval from the relevant companies is needed to ensure compliance with consortium agreement.
- Korean REACH: the Secretariat received recently 3 requests for data from Korea. Other European consortia are currently setting up systems for data sharing outside the EU which could help PMC to put similar system in place.

Korean REACH: the Management Committee gives the mandate to the Secretariat to set up a system to share data outside the EU.

ACTION: Set up a system for data sharing outside the EU (agreement and cost sharing) (FC, Q1 2017)

4. Ag: WFD - outcome of EPMF Board meeting

As requested by the Management Committee, the Secretariat launched a survey in October to understand the importance of a potential prioritisation of silver under the Water Framework Directive. The outcome of the survey clearly demonstrates that this is an important issue for the precious metals industry and that EPMF or PMC (depending on the respondent) must ensure that sufficient resources are freed to handle this issue.

The outcome of the survey was discussed at the EPMF Board meeting on 17 November 2016. Despite the high importance for the precious metals industry, the current budget 2017 approved by the EPMF Assembly in June 2016 does not allow to manage this emerging issue. The EPMF Board suggested to cover 10% of the budget needed (84.000€ for a FTE) and to request PMC to cover the remaining 90%.

The Management Committee:

- Disagreed with the proposal of EPMF Board: EPMF must cover 100% or nothing
- Questioned the added value of an association which cannot address such a type of critical issue
- Requested the Secretariat to add this issue on the GA agenda and prepare a one-pager to explain the importance of the issue, the reasons to do it for PMC and the budget impact. This is indeed a too important issue and competencies are with PMC. Moreover, it was highlighted that this issue has a direct impact on PMC work (e.g.: silver PNEC versus EQS) and is in the 2nd circle of PMC activities after 2018 (if suggested mandate is approved).
- Encouraged companies to put pressure on EPMF and on the national federations involved.



ACTIONS:

- **Update GA presentation and prepare a one-pager on potential prioritisation of silver under WFD (importance, budget implications etc.) (FC, December 2016)**
- **Organize a meeting/conference call with EPMF Board after the Assembly (FC, December 2016)**

5. Preparation of General Assembly

France Capon reviewed the set of slides for the second part of the GA meeting. The Management Committee agreed with the presentation and confirmed that there is a good understanding of the budget. When presenting the budget it is also important to highlight the fact that there is a SEA Task Force to manage the project on volume per use listed in the Workplan.

ACTION: add a slide on expenses and forecast (until 2019) (AR, December 2016)

6. A.O.B. and closure of the meeting

1. Date of next face to face Management Committee in Brussels: 15/03/2017

This date is not convenient for some of the members of the Management Committee.

ACTION: launch a doodle for the next Management Committee meeting (AR, December 2016)



Annex 1: (confirmed) Participants

Francisco Boo, Metalor (Switzerland), face-to-face
France Capon, EPMF (Belgium), face-to-face
Rudolf Eller, Heraeus (Germany), by conference call
Guy Ethier, Umicore (Belgium), by conference call
Jörn Mühlenfeld, Aurubis (Germany), by conference call
Juha Parkinnen, Norilsk (Finland), by conference call
Nissanka Rajapakse, Johnson Matthey (UK), by conference call
Audrey Rondepierre, EPMF (Belgium), face-to-face
Heinz-Günter Schenzel, C. Hafner (Germany), by conference call
Holger Zitt, BASF (Germany), by conference call

Apologies:

Michael Herman, Ames Goldsmith (US)