



18 March 2014 (15:00 - 16:00 CET)

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Minutes

AP refer to Action Points listed at the end of this document

1. Welcome and introduction

- a. **Reminder on confidentiality and Competition Law.** The participants were reminded on their obligation to comply with confidentiality and Competition Law.
- b. **Tour de table and apologies.** The list of participants is available in Annex 1.
- c. **Approval of the Agenda.** The Agenda was approved. The slides supporting the conference call are available in Annex 2.
- d. **Approval of and status of the actions agreed at the last Mgmt Cttee conference call (30 October 2013) and PMC Assembly meeting (4 December 2013).** The status of the actions is available in slides 4 and 5 of Annex 2. All actions are progressing well and will be ready in time for the next Management Committee meeting and the next Assembly meeting, respectively (AP7 - 13). It was clarified that action 6 of the 30 Oct Mgmt Cttee conf call is not delayed but postponed in light of the recent building experience with Substance Evaluation, which may result in additional information requirements from the evaluating MS and/or ECHA. Launching additional work for Ag before obtaining the conclusion from the evaluating MS and/or ECHA on the Substance Evaluation of Ag is not recommended. This was accepted. The minutes were approved.

2. Ag project: Update on dossier update submission and preparation for next steps/business case

The secretariat confirmed that the Ag dossier had been successfully updated as planned. The MC specifically commended the secretariat for the professional and timely handling of this. A working relationship with The NL has been established and the secretariat is now waiting to hear back from The NL to address potential questions or to arrange a meeting. As discussed under agenda point 1c), the secretariat will come back with a proposal on potential additional work at a later stage. The summary of the next steps in preparation of the Substance Evaluation of Ag, and the further maintenance/gap-filling under REACH is available in slide 7 of Annex 2. Though PMC Secretariat will continue trying to reach out to the Ag Task Force for Biocides, it is unlikely that sharing experience and information with PMC is a high priority for the Task Force.

3. Nanos under PMC: Precautionary literature searches launched, what more can be done (e.g. contact with IPA)?

The Mgmt Cttee supported the initiative to include nanomaterials in the regular searches performed by the consultants for each project. Inclusion of nanoAu and nanoPt or nanoPd can only benefit from having a good overview of the likely effects profile of these specific forms of each metal if a decision needs to be made by the respective WG and Sub-Assemblies.

The Mgmt Cttee agreed for the PMC Secretariat to contact IPA and WGC to clarify the situation as regards the presence and use (or none) of nanoforms of Au and PGM on the EU market (AP1), in order to anticipate nanomaterial-related REACH challenges across all PMC projects, and not only Ag.

4. Short update on Authorisation related projects and their related forward strategic plans

Slides 12 and 13 summarise the status of the two PMC Authorisation projects: Hydrazine and RCF. Both projects are now fully under the responsibility of R. Nicolay.

There is one action for the PMC Secretariat to contact the one remaining Member who expressed reservations preventing the finalisation of the preliminary AoA report, and hence moving forward with communication and further (exposure) data collection steps (AP2).

The key next step of the RCF project is to scope down the exact role of the PM sector in the RCF supply chain (AP3), and the proper coverage of the uses in the PM sector in the registration dossier (AP4).

5. PMC Project Planning

A first draft project plan for each project was presented by R. Nicolay, inviting the Mgmt Cttee to indicate any key expectations from these project plans, in order to finalise them in-time for the next Assembly meeting.

It was clarified that the project plans would be used for two purposes:

- High level progress tracking by R. Nicolay and the Mgmt Cttee



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- Detailed tracking by the Project Manager and the relevant WG
- Since the Mgmt Cttee agreed with the layout and overall content of the project plans, it was agreed for the PMC Secretariat to finalise the details in each project plan and the high level overview, and to share this second draft to each respective WG for discussion and approval (AP5).
6. **PMC Accounts, Budget, Projections, and LoA prices**

The Mgmt Cttee agreed to organise an *ad hoc* meeting to address all financial items, after the audit and closure of the 2013 accounts is finalised (planned on 21 March). Once the 2013 accounts are closed, it will allow C. Braibant to finalise the 2014 invoices and move on to the preparation of the other deliverables due for approval by the Assembly in June 2014.
 7. **Logistics and draft Agenda 12 June PMC Assembly meeting and key messages/speakers**

All logistics are set, and the invitation to the Assembly meeting will be circulated on 20 March 2014. As regards the Agenda, the Mgmt Cttee approved the following version:

 1. **Welcome and introduction (G. Ethier)**
 1. Reminder on confidentiality and Competition Law
 2. Tour de table, apologies, and quorum
 3. Approval of the Agenda
 4. Status of the actions agreed at 4 Dec 2013 Assembly meeting (C. Braibant)
 5. Approval of minutes of 4 Dec 2013 Assembly meeting
 2. **PMC Membership news**
 1. PMC Chairmanship (G. Ethier)
 2. A zoom on nanomaterials under REACH (C. Braibant)
 3. Classification updates, CLP notification updates, and TSCA 8(e) notifications (C. Braibant)
 3. **Overall PMC project management (R. Nicolay)**
 4. **Update on PMC registration projects**
 1. Ag (C. Braibant)
 2. Au & PM CN- (R. Nicolay)
 3. PGM (K. Rothenbacher)
 4. Re (C. Braibant)
 5. Refinables (C. Braibant)
 5. **PMC & Authorisation**
 1. Hydrazine (R. Nicolay)
 2. RCF (R. Nicolay)
 3. Other? SVHC tracking initiative *et al.* (C. Braibant)
 4. First Authorisation experience (*tba*)
 6. **Financial items (C. Braibant)**
 1. Status of 2013 payments, accounts and reserves
 2. Status of 2014 invoices
 3. Proposed 2015 budget
 4. Cost projection for 2015-2020
 5. LoA prices as from Jul 2014
 7. **AOB, next meetings, and closing remarks (G. Ethier)**
 8. **Performance review of EPMF/PMC officers**

PMC Officers were invited to leave the call in order to allow the Mgmt Cttee to brainstorm on the overall performance of each officer.
 9. **AOB, next meetings/calls, and closing remarks**
 - a. **EPA's access to REACH data.** Was not addressed, will be added to the Agenda for the next meeting (AP6).
 - **AOB.** No other business was raised.
 - **Next meetings/calls.** The Secretariat will propose a date for the next meeting, which will address financial items in particular.



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Table 1. Actions agreed at 18 March 2014 Mgmt Cttee conf call

	What?	Who?	When?
1.	Contact IPA and WGC to clarify the situation as regards the presence and use (or none) of nanoforms of Au and PGM on the EU market	CB	Apr 2014
2.	Contact reserved Member to inform about majority view and need to respect deadlines for comments and provision of constructive reservations	CB	Apr 2014
3.	Scope down exact role of PM sector in TCF supply/use chain	RN	May 2014
4.	Clarify if and how PM uses of of RCF are covered in the Registration Dossier for RCF	RN	May 2014
5.	Finalise second draft of each project plan and distribute to each WG for discussion, refinement, and approval	Each project manager	May 2014
6.	Prepare PMC interpretation and position on US EPA's interest for accessing REACH data	CB	Apr 2014
7.	Prepare following items for approval by Mgmt Cttee before presentation to Assembly in Jun 2014: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of 2013 payments, accounts and reserves • Status of 2014 invoices • Proposed 2015 budget • Cost projection for 2015-2020 • LoA prices as from Jul 2014 	CB	Apr 2014
8.	Identify Chairperson and Co-chairperson candidates for Mgmt Cttee's mandate 2014-2016	GE + MR	May 2014
9.	Prepare a business case addressing the scope, timeframe, and co-sponsoring opportunities of the additional research on fate and bioavailability of nano(AgS) in soil with CSIRO (to be launched after receiving RIVM's draft decision on the Substance Evaluation of Ag).	Ag WG	End 2014
10.	Confirm scope (nano in or out) and identify missing LR for Au, PM CN-, and PGM projects	RN, and KR	Jun 2014
11.	Validate 'sensitisation' result of K dicyanoaurate and ensure the relevant TSCA 8(e) notification(s) are sent as soon as applicable	RN	Jun 2014
12.	Prepare MSDS for all Re substances and intermediates	KA	Jun 2014
13.	Finalise ID Cards for all remaining PMC substances and intermediates	KA + each LR	End 2014