



20 April 2012 (11:00 - 12:30 CET)

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Minutes

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

1. Welcome and Introduction

- 1.1. **Confidentiality and Competition Law.** Participants (Annex 1) were reminded on their obligation to comply with confidentiality and Competition Law.
- 1.2. **Tour de table.** The list of participants is available in Annex 1. The MC is fully represented in the conference call.
- 1.3. **Actions agreed at last MC call: 9 Feb 2012.** All actions have been finalized or are in progress and addressed below. Pending/On-going actions are listed in the table at the end of this document (**AP1, 2, 4, and 6-8**).
- 1.4. **Approval minutes of last meetings: 9 Feb 2012.** The minutes were approved.

2. PMC projects

2.1. Ag

- 2.1.1. **Evaluation: status of communication with PMC members and NL.** A Ag WG conference call took place on the morning of 20 April to update participants on the status of the CoRAP list and associated PMC secretariat actions in preparation of the Evaluation. The WG discussed a draft working proposal prepared by the secretariat and generally agreed with the proposed way forward. Preliminary contact has been made with the Competent Authorities responsible for the Evaluation of Ag (NL's REACH Bureau) in order to launch an early preparation for the Evaluation phase. The preparatory work includes revising/reinforcing the waiver for the 2-Generation (reproduction toxicity) study and the scope of the Ag Dossier in order to evaluate whether nanoAg should be included in the Ag Dossier or registered in a separate Dossier. Cf. **AP3** and item 2.4 below).
- 2.1.2. **Ag project scope and remaining registrations: exchange with Imaging and Printing Association.** Following the recent updates of substance and tonnage band declarations the Registration of Ag₂S is no longer necessary (although *ad hoc* work may be useful in order to close science gaps on the solubility of Ag compounds), the tonnage band of AgCl and AgBr are increased to 100-1000 t/a and AgI (1-10 t/a) should be added to the scope of the Ag project. Although the Registration of AgCl is necessary to several PMC Members and non-Members, the Registrations for AgBr and AgI are only required for non-Members and more particularly to four Members of the Imaging and Printing Association (I&P). Based on the arguments listed in the Annotated Agenda (Annex 1), MC supported the principle of cooperation between PMC and I&P as long as (**AP4**):
 - PMC secretariat's involvement is limited to the one of a shadow secretariat, QA supervisor, and arbitrator between the involved parties
 - H. Waeterschoot will be responsible for the coordination of the Dossiers preparation
 - EBRC and WCA are responsible for the Dossier content preparation
 - PMC remains owner of the Dossiers and makes the Registration accessible to non-Members via a dedicated Letter of Access (LoA)
 - There will be a MC checkpoint after consultant analysis of any additional testing needs (e.g. due to counter-ion presence in AgBr/AgI)
 - In order to make sure that what is committed and expected by each Party is fully and clearly established upfront (including LoA conditions), a "*cooperation agreement*" or "*letter of intent*" type of document is prepared by PMC secretariat and signed by PMC secretariat and the concerned I&P Members (**AP5**)



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2.2. PGM: update on 2013 registrations' testing programmes and exposure assessment. K. Rothenbacher updated the MC on the smooth progress of the on-going testing programme for the fast-tracked PGM substances among others.

A kick-off meeting between PMC secretariat and consultants to organize Phase IV of the PGM project (CSA/CSR + ES preparation) will take place on 31 May 2012. It is evident that this specific phase of the PGM project will be very time-consuming and hence MC supported the proposal to sub-contract K. Arijns (ARCHE) as a supporting manager for the collection of exposure and emission data on PGM upon her return from maternity leave (21 Jun 2012).

2.3. Hydrazine. C. Braibant updated the MC on the outcome of the 21 March 2012 meeting with RPA, the selected consultant; and the Hydrazine Consortium, who fully supports PMC pro-actively leading the preparation of the Authorisation request for the use(s) of Hydrazine in the PM sector. As soon as a contract proposal is received from RPA and further information on the likely prioritisation of Hydrazine becomes available, a project plan, budget (and cost-sharing) and timeplan will be proposed to the HTF and to the Assembly (AP8).

2.4. Nano. C. Braibant updated the MC on the outcome of the kick-off conference call of the recently formed Nano TF. Although the scope of the TF addresses all precious metals, nanosilver will be addressed first; hence, the Nano TF will temporarily function as a sub-group of the Ag WG.

EBRC and WCA have been asked to prepare a quote for the following work:

- The determination and recommendation of the best technique(s) to measure the particle size distribution and surface area
- The preparation of a nanosilver REACH registration dossier (whether within the existing Ag Dossier or as a separate Dossier).
- An overarching literature search and critical review to underpin the two tasks detailed above.
- A critical review of the available literature to synthesise current understanding of the differences in environmental fate and toxicity associated with bulk and nano forms of silver

As soon as these quotes are received a project plan, budget (and cost-sharing) and timeplan will be proposed to the Nano TF and to the Assembly (AP8).

The MC stressed the need to allow sufficient time and information to discuss whether nanoAg should be registered with Ag or in a separate Dossier. A list of pros and cons will be prepared to allow an informed discussion at the next Nano TF conference call and Assembly meeting (AP3).

2.5. CLP. CLP updates have been prepared and circulated among Members. A few updates have not yet been submitted to ECHA but should be done before the end of April (AP9).

3. PMC resources and budget

3.1. PMC work and HR from Q3 2012 on. The MC did not support the recommendation of the EPMF Board to adjust C. Braibant's time for REACH/PMC matters to less than 90% and to replace her by K. Arijns where and as needed. MC is concerned that C. Braibant's will anyhow be involved in the projects it would delegate part of the management to K. Arijns for and may hence face excessive workload. Also, the EPMF activities for which C. Braibant is being requested (i.e. drafting of BRef note) may be better placed with someone with industrial experience/expertise. Finally, the EPMF human resources should be discussed with a longer term perspective in mind.

A conference call between the EPMF Board and MC should be organized before mid-May 2012 to enable a constructive exchange of ideas on how best to address the priorities of the EPMF and PMC (AP10).

3.2. PMC 2011 Accounts and Reserves and 2012 budget/invoicing proposal. The MC approved the 2011 Accounts and Reserves, 50% of which will be credited from the 2012 invoices (Annex 3).

As regards the 2012 budget, it was agreed to use the 2012 budget agreed at the Dec 2011 Assembly meeting (Annex 4) to prepare the 2012 invoices to be issued in Apr/May 2012 and to present the proposed adjustments to the original 2012 budget as deviations to this budget (Annex 5), for approval by the PMC Assembly.



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For future budgets, as from the 2013 budget, it is proposed to follow a profit & loss approach rather than a budget review one. Whether this approach fulfills the conditions laid down in the Consortium Agreement needs to be checked with the Treasurer and Chairman of the Legal Work Group (AP11).

4. Sample management protocol and post-testing refinement.

The proposed way forward was supported by the MC. C. Braibant will inform the relevant sample providers about the proposed approach before consultants/test houses are instructed on the way forward (one or two shipments of samples to Carl Hafner per year per test house upon finalization of testing programme for the concerned substance) (AP12).

5. AOB, next calls/meetings and closing remarks.

No other business was raised during the meeting. The next call will take place before 15 May to follow-up the agreed actions and finalise the key messages in preparation of the Plenary meeting.

Annexes

1. Annotated Agenda
2. Slides presented at the meeting (for item 3 only)
3. Final 2011 Accounts and Reserves
4. 2012 Budget to be invoiced in Apr/May 2012
5. 2012 Budget to be presented as deviation at Jun 2012 Assembly meeting

Table 1. Actions agreed at MC cc held on 20 April 2012

	What?	Who?	When?
1.	Contact potential LR for remaining PM CN- and PGM	CB	On-going
2.	Ensure regular literature searches are performed for all projects to capture emerging/delivering research programmes	CB + KR	May 2012
3.	List pros and cons of addressing nanosilver under the existing Ag Dossier or in a separate Dossier	Nano TF	Apr 2012
4.	Inform I&P about conditions for cooperation	CB	Apr 2012
5.	Prepare draft "Cooperation Agreement"/ "Letter of Intent" to be signed with concerned I&P Members	CB + AP	May 2012
6.	Adjust PMC cost-sharing formula for Refinables project	CB	2013
7.	Circulate EPMF Internal rules to PMC for information	CB	Dec 2012
8.	Finalise Agenda and background documents for 2012 Plenary Meeting, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project plan for Hydrazine TF• Project plan for Nano TF	PMC Sec + MC	Mid-May 2012
9.	Give greenlight to PMC Members to update their CLP notifications via REACH-IT + send reminder to implement updated CLP before Dec 2012	CB	May 2012
10.	Organise conference call between EPMF Board and PMC Mgmt Cttee to discuss EPMF/PMC human resources	CB	Before 15 May 2012
11.	Develop P&L approach for EPMF/PMC budget and align approval of PMC and EPMF budgets	CB, RD, AP	Before 15 May 2012
12.	Inform sample providers about the proposed way forward for sample management	CB	Before 15 May 2012