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Participants

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Apologies

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Minutes

Additions to Annotated Agenda made in **bold purple**

1. Welcome and introduction

- a. Confidentiality and Competition Law. **Participants were reminded on their obligation to comply with Confidentiality and Competition Law rules.**
- b. Tour de table and apologies. **Cf. list above.**
- c. Follow-up of actions agreed and approval of the minutes of the last conference call (20 April 2012)
Minutes were circulated on 26 April. Minutes approved.

Table 1. Status of actions agreed at MC cc held on 20 April 2012

	What?	Who?	When?	Status
1.	Contact potential LR for remaining PM CN- and PGM	CB	On-going	On-going
2.	Ensure regular literature searches are performed for all projects to capture emerging/delivering research programmes	CB + KR	May 2012	Done
3.	List pros and cons of addressing nanosilver under the existing Ag Dossier or in a separate Dossier	Nano TF	Apr 2012	Done
4.	Inform I&P about conditions for cooperation	CB	Apr 2012	Done
5.	Prepare draft "Cooperation Agreement"/ "Letter of Intent" to be signed with concerned I&P Members I&P Members agree to sign LoA Agreement upfront instead of signing Lol - AGREED BY MC AGFA volunteers to act as LR for the three Ag halides and sign the required Declaration of Commitment - AGREED BY MC ACTION: Since AGFA is not a Member of PMC, CB and A. Palmers to check if approval at Assembly meeting is sufficient to be in compliance with Consortium Agreement	CB + AP	May 2012	Pending
6.	Adjust PMC cost-sharing formula for Refinables project	CB	2013	On schedule
7.	Circulate EPMF Internal rules to PMC for information	CB	Dec 2012	On schedule



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8.	Finalise Agenda and background documents for 2012 Plenary Meeting, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project plan for Hydrazine TF - awaiting outcome of 12 June 2012 HTF cc• Project plan for Nano TF - ok to prepare	PMC Sec + MC	Mid-May 2012	Done on 31 May Project plans delayed
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	Done
10.	Organise conference call between EPMF Board and PMC Mgmt Cttee to discuss EPMF/PMC human resources	CB	Before 15 May 2012	Done Working dinner 13 Jun 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	At Jun 2012 Assembly meetings
12.	Inform sample providers about the proposed way forward for sample management	CB	Before 15 May 2012	Done

d. Approval of the Agenda

2. Key messages in preparation of the Assembly meeting

- a. Ag project: preparation for the Evaluation phase (including budget requirements). REACH 2010 Dossiers are not behind/done deal... Evaluation phase requires specific attention from PMC to ensure a successful outcome. If properly done (with all required means), dossier could become international reference data set (via OECD initiative). NL are particularly interested in NanoAg and as such PMC should address REACH information requirements applicable to nanoAg as efficiently as possible. PMC Mgmt Cttee to support budget requirements in preparation for Evaluation. AGREED
- b. PGM project: data-sharing agreement with IPA and embarking into Phase IV - heads-up! Work done under IPA's Science Task Force could be of benefit in chemical safety assessment of PGM. PMC Members should be as efficient as possible in providing uses, exposure and emission data. Katrien Arijs will integrate PMC secretariat to support PMC in data collection exercises. PMC Mgmt Cttee to support data-sharing agreement, to promote membership participation in data collection, and justify need for additional resources. AGREED
- c. Refinables project: message from Mgmt Cttee to decide upon SCC/non-SCC.
 - SCC:
 - Examples provided by Eurométaux members to ECHA in order to illustrate how strict control is implemented in the metals industry were received and assessed by ECHA. Informal feed-back indicates ECHA does not consider most of these to properly reflect strictly controlled conditions in the sense of the latest ECHA Guidance on intermediates. No formal feed-back is expected and it is unlikely that the ECHA Guidance will be revised for this purpose.
 - PMC believes there is not much more to expect from this advocacy and PMC Members should take the REACH regulation, the existing ECHA Guidance on intermediates, and the view of their national/local authorities as a basis to decide whether their current registration complies or not with their REACH obligations.



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- Risk assessment of complex UVCB:
 - ECHA recognises the fact that full registration of a complex UVCB can be challenging and may require an approach which is different to the one followed for simpler substances under REACH (i.e. REACH Annexes VII-X tests). The kick-off brainstorming session between technical experts of Eurométaux and ECHA held on 21 May 2012 indicates ECHA is interested/would be supportive of a non-testing approach proposed by the industry. A larger workshop will be organised where examples (including PM) illustrating how UVCB intermediates and substances can be risk assessed under REACH later in Summer 2012.
 - PMC Mgmt Cttee to request PM Refiners WG to progress on decision of SCC/non-SCC and define scope for full risk assessment to prepare update or upgrade exercise without further delay. **AGREED**
- d. Hydrazine project: latest developments/proposed way forward.
Latest informal feed-back indicates Hydrazine unlikely to be prioritised for Authorisation in 2012. Likelihood to remain on the Candidate List and be picked up in future remains unknown. HTF will discuss best way forward at 12 Jun 2012 conference call. **PMC Mgmt Cttee to support HTF's proposed way forward. AGREED, MC would support scenario 2 (cf. table 2 below) in particular.**
- e. PMC resources: how to address growing EPMF and PMC priorities?
Working dinner on 13 Jun 2012 aimed at evaluating EPMF and PMC priorities, skill and resource needs as part of a medium- to long-term strategic planning and re-organisation of officers. C. Braibant preparing work programme in order to identify resource and skills needed for REACH and non-REACH work of precious metals sector, as well as description of the work done by Eurométaux, Member companies, and partner associations. Constitutes a deep review exercise kicking-off with working dinner and which requires several months of work before releasing any plausible outcome. This also means delaying the announcement of the 2013 budget till the Dec 2012 Assembly meeting. **PMC Mgmt Cttee to participate in working dinner and/or support proposed way forward at Assembly meetings. AGREED, ACTION: C. Braibant to circulate detailed work programme in advance of working dinner.**
- f. Deviations to the 2012 budget in light of the need for more resources, and second 2012 invoices.
Re-organisation of resources, need to prepare Ag Evaluation and Hydrazine work requires additional budget from PMC.

Table 2. Additional budget requirements for 2012

Item	Description	Original 2012 budget	Reviewed 2012 budget	Delta	Available reserves by 30 May 2012	2 nd 2012 invoice needed?
Generic costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Removal of 3d/w of consultant: 465 €/d*3d/wk*11 mo = - 64.449 € – Addition of 2d/w of consultant (K. Arijs) to support use, exposure and emission data collection exercise: 864 €/d 	539.968 €	512.006 €	27.962 €	26.888,70 €	No



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	*2d/wk*6 mo = + 43.546 € – Removal of 10% of C. Braibant's time (moving to EPMF): - - 11500 € – A. Rondepierre in maternity leave: - - 21.700 € + – Temporary replacement for A. Rondepierre: + 1500 €/wk*4.2 wk/mo*9 mo = 56.700 € – Eurométaux REACH package: + 16.000 € – REACH communication: - 10.000 € – Adjustment of meeting, travel and office costs + re-balance with EPMF (20% scenario): - - 20.000 €					
Ag	On-going work: – On-going soil work: 301.328 € – Aq classification review: 55.000 € Additional requirements: – Updated ES (exposure via food, waste):20.000 € Preparation for Evaluation: – Updated literature search: 9000 € – Nano: 75.000 € Dossier preparation: – Update of existing Dossiers: 46.500 € – Remaining Dossiers (I&P): 91.763 €	117.980 €	611.287 €	- 493.307 €	311.768 €	No**
Hydrazine	– Scenario 1: Prepare for Authorisation anyway - up to 28.400 €*** – Scenario 2: Launch data collection and analysis of alternatives only - up to 15.000 €*** – Scenario 3: Do nothing - 0 €	0 €	28.400 € Or 15.000 € Or 0 €	- 28.400 € Or - 15.000 € Or 0 €	- 482 €* 	Yes*** Yes*** Yes*;**

* Consultancy work for Hydrazine Project in 2011-2012.

** For Ag project, 2012 budget includes all budgeted expenses even if some of them may be payable in 2013 (unknown). An additional 2012 invoice is hence not necessary in the view of the PMC Secretariat. As regards the soil work, the amount indicated in the table corresponds to CSIRO's payment schedule for 2012 and additional expenses are expected in 2013 (for ~ 200.000 €).

*** Only addresses 2012 budget needs according to RPA's payment schedule. If scenario 1 or 2 are followed, additional expenses accrue in 2013 (up to 88.500 € for scenario 1; and up to 20.000 € for scenario 2). In any case, HTF should agree on a cost-sharing formula.



PRECIOUS METALS AND RHENIUM CONSORTIUM
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PMC Mgmt Cttee to support budget adjustments and decide on whether to exhaust reserves or release second 2012 invoices. **ACTION:** Table 2 to be adjusted and presented to Assembly for decision.

- g. 2013 budget and proposed way forward after submission finalisation (e.g.: Re case).

It is proposed to present this budget and the adapted invoicing system at the Dec 2012 meeting. PMC Mgmt Cttee to support proposal from secretariat. **ACTION:** C. Braibant to prepare an indicative 2013 budget for refinement over summer 2012 and approval at Dec 2012 Assembly meeting.

3. AOB, next meeting/calls and closing remarks

No other business was raised.

Next conference call will take place in Aug/Sep 2012 and aimed at discussing:

- the 2013 budget proposal

- way forward for low-profile registrants Members of PMC (e.g. Re) - **ACTION:** C. Braibant & A. Palmers to evaluate possibilities within existing Consortium Agreement