



EUROPEAN PRECIOUS METALS FEDERATION
PRECIOUS METALS CONSORTIUM
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE

Chairman: *Robert Binney (Johnson Matthey)*

Secretariat: *Caroline Braibant (EPMF)*

20th of June 2007, 13:00 - 16:00

MINUTES

Participants: R. Binney, C. Braibant, P. Charlesworth, R. Davies, A. Griffiths, G. Gutekunst.
M. Kabs was excused.

The Agenda is attached (cf. Annex 1).

1. Introduction and organization

R. Binney reminded the attendees about their commitment to comply with Confidentiality and European Competition Law rules. The draft agenda was approved.

2. Feedback on the PM WG + TAP joint teleconference (15/05/07)

C. Braibant updated the attendees on the key conclusions of the last PM WG and TAP joint teleconference:

- 2.1. The scoping statement now includes a paragraph for the exceptional situation where the PM Consortium might have to prepare Registration of a Substance which is not and/or does not contain PM but which is of keen importance to the manufacture of PM. Additionally, based on the recommendations of the MC, the decision tree was updated and redrafted by the TAP. The new paragraph and the updated decision tree were accepted by the MC.
- 2.2. The TAP and the PM WG have been working hard on the substance inventory to compile the reference lists to be included in the Consortium Agreement (CA). They could unfortunately not be finished on-time to be included in the version of the CA which is to be circulated to all the attendees of the EPMF Plenary Meeting in Krakow by the 20 June 2007. They will however be ready for the presentation in Krakow (by M. Raffray). *Once they are finalised (prior to Krakow), they will be circulated to the MC for comment.*
- 2.3. C. Braibant has contacted Mr. Antonio Domínguez-Pérez (CyPlus – former Degussa) and she was informed on the activities regarding the formation of a CN- Consortium. The Consortium is not yet formed and their CA should not be available before mid-summer. PM Cyanides have initially been covered under the “Electroplating” use. In the meantime, the PM Consortium should envisage the possibility of: (a) inviting those specific Members who manufacture and/or import PM cyanides to join the CN- Consortium; (b) addressing PM cyanides on its own and buy the necessary information to the CN- Consortium; or (c) co-finance the eventual testing programmes together with the CN- Consortium in order to have legitimate access to all the relevant *ad hoc* information. *The Secretariat will keep the technical WG and the MC updated on the evolution of the CN- Consortium.*



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As regards the silver halides, C. Braibant has contacted representatives from AGFA (E. Michiels) and KODAK (I. Barford) in order to explore the response of the Photographic Industry (PI) and, especially, of silver halides, towards the REACH Regulation. E. Michiels has informed the Secretariat on their initial interpretation: for the PI, silver halides are considered to be non-isolated intermediates and they would therefore not be subject to registration. The PI is meeting on the 25 June 2007 to discuss, among others, this interpretation. E. Michiels and I. Barford agreed to join M. Raffray, K.-H. Krebs and S. Hottenroth for a debriefing teleconference on the 27 June 2007 (prior to the Krakow meeting) at 13h30 Brussels time. *The MC will be updated accordingly by the Secretariat.*

3. Approval of service request letters

The service request letters addressed to F. Roland (Accountant for the Consortium) and to C. Jacquet (External Legal Counsel in charge of peer reviewing the CA) were accepted by the MC. *They will be promptly sent out to the addressees by the Secretariat.*

The quotation request letter addressed to R. Battersby (EBRC) was accepted by the MC. Once the silver reference list has been finalised and accepted by the MC (as specified in item 2.2 of the Minutes), *the letter will be updated accordingly and it will be promptly sent out to the addressee by the Secretariat.*

4. Final comments on the latest Consortium Agreement (cf. Annex 2)

In order to resume the comments C. Jacquet made following a preliminary peer review of the CA, A. Griffiths resumed them in a brief document which was circulated a few moments before the teleconference (cf. Annex 3). Three of them were considered as non-relevant for the objectives and the desired flexibility of operation of the Consortium. *It was agreed to rely on the Secretariat to go through the detailed comments of C. Jacquet and to incorporate those which are of relevance for the sake of the good interpretation and implementation of the CA.*

4.1. & 4.2. The Disclaimer/Copyright notice, the header and footer of the latest version of the Consortium Agreement were accepted by the MC.

4.3. The mathematical representation of the cost-sharing formula has been kindly redrafted by A. Griffiths and has been accepted by the MC. It will be integrated to Appendix 9 of the CA and sent out to members of the EPMF Board and to the attendees of the EPMF Plenary Meeting in Krakow together with a worked example (excel spreadsheet). It was recommended by M. Kabs (comment sent by e-mail prior to the teleconference) and by A. Griffiths to use the same period of application of both the Generic costs and the Metal-specific costs which are reflected in the worked example. *As the Metal-specific costs have been calculated for tests which are likely to be conducted over a period of more or less three years, it was agreed to multiply the Generic costs by three and to present the entire worked example based on a three year period-budget* (cf. Annex 4).



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5. Preparation of the EPMF Plenary Meeting in Krakow

The following documents will be sent out before the end of the day (20 June 2007) by the Secretariat to the attendees of the EPMF Plenary Meeting in Krakow:

- The latest version of the CA, after it has been updated as more referred to in item 4 of the Minutes;
- The worked example of the cost-sharing formula, after it has been updated as more referred to in item 4 of the Minutes.

5.1. & 5.2. Some light recommendations were made by the MC on the draft power point presentation for Krakow. *The complete presentation will be sent out to the MC before the next teleconference*, which will be held on the 25 June 2007 at 10:00 Brussels time, in presence of the following speakers: B. Binney, A. Griffiths, A. Palmers, M. Raffray and W. Held.

6. Coming meetings

- 6.1.** MC teleconference with speakers of the EPMF Plenary Meeting in Krakow: 25/06/07, 10h00 Brussels time. Objective: review of the presentations for the morning session of the meeting with the *ad hoc* speakers.
- 6.2.** MC teleconference (27/06/07). It was agreed to address any eventual remaining issue prior to the meeting for Krakow through e-mail exchanges.

7. AOB

8. Conclusion