



03 April 2009, 10h00 - 11h00 (CET)

Chair: J. Levison (Vale Inco)

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APOLOGIES

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MINUTES

1. Introduction.

1. **Approval of the Minutes from the last meeting.** The Minutes from the last teleconference (16/03/2009) were approved.

2. **There was not a specific agenda**, however, as agreed during the last teleconference the main objectives were to go through the action points highlighted in the minutes from 16/03/2009 and to up-date the participants on the progress of the analysis of the data submitted by Members.

2.1 Actions from the previous minutes.

Item 2.1: All previously requested .xml files were received from Members and stored at the Secretariat. Reviewing the received .xml files against the indicative list, it appears that one more .xml file is missing. It is EINECS entry 273-589-7, Balsams, copaiba, sulfurised, mixed with turpentine, gold salts. Secretariat has contacted the Member potentially interested in this material. The pre-registration appears to be only precautionary. **For the Member in question it is to confirm whether**



considering this material within Consortium is no longer required.

The matter of spent catalyst was briefly discussed. The participants were reminded of the ECMA position paper circulated as the support material for the previous teleconference (16/03/2009). The Members were also reminded of Ms France Capon (ENIA) advised that since the material clearly does not fall under Waste Regulation, the term “waste” used in the name should not be of concern. ***The discussion amongst the Members interested in spent catalyst is still to be initiated by the Secretariat.***

Election of Co-Chair, as of yet there had been no volunteers for the position. The execution of this action is necessary as current chair Dr J. Levison is retiring in few short period of time.

Anonymous list of the individual composition of substances as supplied by Consortium Members to allow sameness discussion was supposed to be compiled in since last teleconference with help of J. Levison (within confidentiality borders) and circulated to PM Refiners TF before next teleconference. Please see Section 2.2 on up-date on the progress of the analysis of the data submitted by Members.

Those who have pre-registered silver electrolytes should contact Secretariat for further discussion. The action is still pending.

Item 3.2: The e-mail to confirm the availability of the Members was circulated on 17 March and according the responses, next face-to-face meeting was scheduled for 22 April 2009. Meeting should be held in Brussels in the Metals Conference Centre.

2.2 Up-date on the progress of the analysis of the data submitted by Members.

All analytical data in anonymized form from the Consortium’s Complex Refinables Inventory was scrutinised by J. Levison who was unable to merge the data into a master spreadsheet due to various reasons. There is no simple fix and a more user friendly way to move forward was sought, e.g. the data submitted by Members were not submitted in the uniform way, the dates of submissions are very different and it is difficult to say whether those are the most updated, some data were submitted without assigning the EINECS entry to the materials, in some case the composition of the material was not indicated clearly. The greatest concern is that no Consortium Member should be left stranded.

E. Broekaert suggested a re-submission of EINECS numbers against process descriptions, composition and speciation. The suggestion has now been adopted and ***all Consortium Members involved with complex refinables shall re-submit the information to the Scientific Manager for processing.*** The desired outcome should allow the appropriate SIEF to be allocated for each UVCB. It is also hoped that an external consultant would be invited to this process. Christian Canoo from International Zinc Association (IZA) was suggested as the possible choice for this role¹.

The selection of an appropriate consultant would be decided at the next face-to-face meeting.

There was concern that a generic process description could cover two very different processes - in which case the description should also include the objectives of the process. It was also suggested that grouping for sameness could be based on generic risk assessments and this would also be useful for the exposure scenarios.

¹ **Post-meeting note:** C. Braibant has contacted Mr. Canoo via e-mail on 10 April 2009, asking whether he would be interested in taking the position.



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Discussions with other consortia, e.g. the Lead Consortium, about whether certain SIEFs should come under their remit should wait until we have been able to define substance sameness within our own Consortium and have some concrete proposals.

In order to gather the data in uniform way a small group of volunteers: J. Levison, E. Broekaert, D. Cholakova, and A. Alderman, was establish. *The group, with the support of Secretariat, should prepare the questionnaire by the close of business on the 8 April 2009. The questionnaire shall be then formatted and circulated by Secretariat to Consortium Members with an interest in refinables by the end of business on 9 April 2009. The completed questionnaire shall be returned by 17 April 2009 (if possible) to the Secretariat², in light of material preparation for the up-coming face-to-face meeting on the 22 April 2009. Z. Hugonin is to circulate an e-mail in advance to notify Consortia Members of the questionnaire, the sort of information likely to be required and the tight deadlines.* Since there were only 10 Consortia Members interested in UVCB's, Z. Hugonin could phone and remind Members of the questionnaire to be filled in.

² **Post-meeting note:** The questionnaire was built up in due time and circulated together with the note of J. Levison to all Consortium Members with the declared interest in the Complex Refinables and to Consortium Members likely to be involved in any of the "Complex Refinables" pre-SIEFs.