16th of March 2009, 10h00 – 11h15 (CET)

Chair: J. Levison (Vale Inco)

PARTICIPANTS

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MINUTES

1.Introduction.

1. Approval of the Minutes from the last meeting. The Minutes from the last face-to-face meeting in Brussels (26/02/2009) were approved.

2. There was not a specific agenda, however, as agreed at the last meeting the aim of the teleconference was to go through the action points highlighted in the minutes from 26/02/2009 and to complete going through the Complex Refinables Indicative List (list was provided to the participants as the attachment to the teleconference invitation).

2.1 Actions from the previous minutes.
Item 2.2: Meeting between the Secretariat and J. Leenaers (Euromeaux EHS Manager) has not yet taken place. ***First the Complex Refinables Indicative List should be sanitised and then J. Levison will assist Z. Hugonin in this matter.*** In mean time, J. Levison has discussed with Andy Bush (International Lead Association Europe) possible overlap of PMC intermediates with the substances/intermediates pre-registered by Lead Consortium members. The discussion was positively received and further dialog can continue, once sanitizing of Indicative List had been finalised.
Item 3.1: There was a need for the following .xml files to be supplied to the Secretariat: 310-050-8, 308-526-5, 309-643-4, 266-975-1, 308-315-8, 273-826-4, from which only 308-526-5 had been received. ***Consortium can only deal with refinables for which the .xml file had been received and to finalize this exercise Z. Hugonin should circulate an e-mail reminding to all Consortium Members to submit missing information.***[1]

[1] **Post-meeting note:** All missing .xml files were obtained from Members and were stored by Secretariat.

Item 3.3: Z. Hugonin contacted The European Nickel Association (ENIA) and The European Catalyst Manufacturers Association (ECMA) in question of EINECS entry 308-526-5 (Waste solids, precious metals refining). Ms. France Capon (ENIA) does not consider the inclusion of the term waste in the name to be a problem, since the word "waste" is in this case clearly not referring to anything covered by the waste regulation. Nevertheless, Ms. Capon stressed the importance of awareness on how this entry is being used by other pre-SIEF members. There are 41 members of this particular pre-SIEF. Ms. Sylvia Jacobi (ECMA) supplied PMC with position paper of ECMA on REACh and catalysts, which accounts for different situations. The paper was circulated to Members and ***it was recommended that the matter should be discussed amongst the Members with an interest in spent catalysts.***
Item 4.1.1: ***Election of Co-Chair, as of yet there had been no volunteers for the position.***
Item 4.1.2: An anonymous list of the individual compositions of substances as supplied by Consortium members to allow sameness to be assessed independently of their selected Pre-SIEFs was so far not provided by the Secretariat. ***List of those substances should be compiled in up-coming days with help of J. Levison (within confidentiality borders) and circulated to PM Refiners TF before next teleconference.*** By looking at the spread of analysis and origin of the materials, with consideration of classification, it should be possible to come up with some sensible way of looking at sameness. J. Levison expressed concern that every effort must be made not to compromise CBI (Commercial Business Information).

2.2 Going through the Complex Refinables Indicative List.
J. Levison stated that it was probably too optimistic to have the teleconference so soon after the beginning of C. Braibant absence. It was agreed that it would be difficult to move forward without the abovementioned anonymised list, as the access of participants to the exact composition of substances is now process determining step.
Much discussion was centred on whether some of the refinables would be better placed within the Lead consortium, e.g. silver crusts. It was acknowledged that Consortium Members were under considerable management pressure to determine which consortia which refinable fell under. However, the answers to this are unlikely to be available until the end of April, before next teleconference and face-to-face meeting of PM Refiners TF.
Regarding different entries on the Indicative List: Flue dust, precious metal refining – it was mentioned to be assigned incorrectly by one of the Members and it is likely to be the case with some other materials and/or some other Members. ***Consortium Members were requested to provide any additional information concerning analysis and any amendments, where they think with the wisdom of hindsight they may have put things in the wrong place, to the Secretariat.***
Flue dust, silver refining – possibly high PbO content, but it was acknowledged to be a part of any silver refining operation. Silver dross - was considered to be well established in silver refining process, but it could also be considered as lead or litharge heavily contaminated with silver. Leach residues, precious metals smelting scrap – crushed crucibles cannot be regarded as waste, because some companies refine those. One of the Members made double pre-registration for one of their UVCBs, using this entry as well as a non-EINECS entry (for an exported material). Silver electrolytes – the question was raised on how the solutions should be treated in this case. ***Those who have pre-registered silver electrolytes should contact***

Secretariat for further discussion. The solution could be also treated as the preparation. The last two entries – Secondary refinables, Miscellaneous intermediates, are to be removed as no Consortium Member has used those entries. The original idea of having those on the Indicative list was to accommodate all materials to which it was not possible assign any EINECS entry.

3. Up-coming events within PM Refiners TF.

3.1 Next teleconference will be held as scheduled, 3 April 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (CET).

3.2 Face-to-face meeting should be organized during one of the days 20 – 24 April 2009 in Brussels. ***Z. Hugonin is to circulate the e-mail confirming the availability of the Members and subsequently to organize the meeting.***[2]

[2] **Post-meeting note:** The e-mail to confirm the availability of the Members was circulated on 17 March 2009.