

**MINUTES OF THE SAMESG WORKING GROUP MEETING**

**HELD ON 30 August 2018 AT 11:30**

**At CSIR MININGTEK, CARLOW RD & RUSTENBURG ROAD,  
AUCKLAND PARK, JOHANNESBURG**

**Present:**               **M Mullins (Chairperson)**  
                              **A Baker**  
                              **K Brady**  
                              **S Magnus**  
                              **C Dixon**  
                              **J Lake**  
                              **T Marshall**  
                              **R Ingram**

**Dialling in:**         **A Botha**  
                              **J Cross**  
                              **T Steele-Schober**

**Apologies:**

**In Attendance:**     **Kea Shumba, SAIMM**

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**1.     WELCOME**

Ms Magnus welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that the point of this meeting was to get everybody up to speed with what has happened over the year.

Ms Magnus has moved overseas and the focus of the meeting was about changing the leadership and also to get the meetings planned for the next 12 months.

Ms Magnus also added that the focus of the meeting is to get SAMESG integrated into the industry.

**2.     ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held in November 2017 were accepted as being a true reflection of proceedings.

**3.     DISCUSSION OF PROGRESS AND ACTIVITIES TO DATE**

**Updated SAMESG and committee response to edits**

Ms Magnus advised that these were closed out at the last meeting and also the committee completed a lot of these documents.

Ms Magnus also advised that one of the actions for this meeting is for the committee to have a look at these documents and see if they need updating.

**ACTION: All Members**

#### **4. SSC LEADERSHIP UPDATES – INTRODUCTION TO MATT MULLINS (SSC CHAIRPERSON)**

S Magnus introduced the committee members to the new chairperson Mr Matt Mullins who took the opportunity to give a background about himself and the SCC.

#### **5. THE WAY FORWARD FOR THE SCC (MATT MULLINS)**

Mr Mullins explained firstly the structure of the SSC - the chairmanship of the SSC revolves every two years between the SSC SAIMM and the GSSA. It's been a structure with longevity and with an enormous amount of clout in the country as a whole now where we often are seen as one of the very few independent voices in what's often is quite an accurate acute debate in the whole mining industry in South Africa and as such we use that voice very carefully, but it is one that is listened to. So where I see this going forward is very much building on the strong foundation that's been built, where I want to continue to emphasise what we would like to do as the co-branding of all of our parts so that the SSC's suite of codes and our whole structure gets seen to be as a single entity that speaks as much as possible with the single voice and has branding items that people identify with.

Mr Mullins further explained that he would like to see as much as possible an interaction with other code committees and ensuring that the SAMESG code and SAMESG's guidelines is completely compatible with each other, support each other and actually have an interaction in terms of suggestions on improvements. If we build on this incredible foundation that we have, we will increasingly be commenting on what happens in the industry or what perhaps should happen without getting into any political debates. So, we have regular events and regular offerings and Mr Mullins would like to see the SAMESG being an integral part of all of that training and promotion going forward so that we have key people in the committee on a regular basis helping with that promotion.

Mr Mullins added that one of the things the committee needs to be aware of in the longer term is the developments that in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the whole way that reporting is going there is towards the greening of the planet and sustainable energy. We have are a member ofr CRISCO which has a representative on that committee, Roger Dixon from SRK but the discussions that Mr Mullins has had with Mr Dixon indicate that this is something that this committee and the whole SSC needs to be fully aware of in terms of international developments.

Mr Mullins further added that he would encourage a discussion with Mr Dixon perhaps at the next meeting perhaps or we even beforehand on getting his feedback on what's happening there. Countries are obviously going through some major changes in the mining industry on the whole environmental side. Mr Mullins advised that if we can use our guideline and codes to help and ensure that we firstly clean up through closure etcetera the mess that we've created then we will be providing a really huge service to our country at the moment. Mr Mullins added that this committee has a very big and very real responsibility and he would certainly like to see it rise to that challenge.

**ACTION: Teresa Steele-Schober/Tania Marshall/Roger Dixon**

#### **6. SAMESG LEADERSHIP UPDATES – SUCCESSION PLANNING**

Ms Magnus advised that since she is in Australia, she cannot continue being the chairperson but the person who put up their hands and who Ms Magnus think is very appropriate for the role is Ms Steele-Schober who has about twenty years of experience

mostly with Anglo American, and it's specifically around their standards. So, she understands the on the underground challenges, reporting on all of those different aspects and how they tend to be separated. Ms Steel-Schoeber also understands sustainability reporting for example and those silos and also about the global aspects she understands that very well. Ms Magnus further proposed that Ms Botha stay on as a vice chair if she's happy with that.

The rest of the committee supported this.

Ms Magnus added that the nice thing about the committee is that we also have a couple of big players who occasionally attend the meeting, so we've got some representation from places like Glencore, Exxaro, Anglo and Goldfields and I know that they've got their hands quite full at the moment, but they are available specifically when it comes to things like these workshops.

Ms Magnus asked Ms Dixon if she would be able to take over on the legal side as leader for the legal reporting side.

Ms Dixon advised that she can take over but she is a little bit conflicted at the moment in terms of the expectation of the Mineral Council Role as she is on the committee under that representation. Ms Dixon further agreed that she will be willing to take over this position under her personal capacity.

**ACTION: Teresa Steele-Schober /Annelie Botha/Carol Dixon**

## **7. AREAS OF FOCUS FOR THE NEXT 3, 6, 12 MONTHS**

Ms Magnus advised that the key point and focus for the next six months is a training and awareness.

Ms Magnus explained that the first one is on the training session for the readers panel, the second one would be what kind of workshops we want to start building and the training we want to have, and she'd like to link that to pieces that can probably be put on the SCC website.

Ms Magnus then added that our third aspect given that we are in August was the specific conference that Mr Mullins was talking about and then once we've addressed that then that will drop off and we can fix something else. Mr Mullins corrected that the point Ms Magnus was referring to was the involvement with the Chinese delegation.

Mr Mullins reminded the committee about the proposed meeting that we're going to have with the SADC Chamber of Mines countries or Chamber of Mines of the countries that belong to SADC around the mining indaba in February. An agenda must still be drafted for that and Mr Mullins added that he would like to see a presence from all the key areas in the SAMESG.

## **8. GENERAL**

Ms Magnus expressed her excitement that SAMESG was up and running and is looking forward to making some serious progress in the year.

Ms Baker commented that this was all very new for her having a lack of industry and standing its quite mind boggling what is involved but really from her side of point, she will be able to help out wherever is required and where she can fit in even if it's just a bit of support.

Ms Magnus thanked Mr Mullins and Ms Baker and added that she was very excited to have Ms Baker on this committee. Ms Magnus expressed that although she hasn't assigned anything to Ms Baker as yet as she did not want to overwhelm her to start, she expressed that Ms Baker is welcomed to volunteer on any area of SAMESG that she would like to focus on.

Ms Shumba was requested to ask Ms Jardine to get in touch with Mr Mullins so that they can coordinate and plan the dates for the next committee meetings for the coming 12 months. Ms Jardine to also send out the minutes of the meeting.

**ACTION: Camielah Jardine**

## **9. CLOSING**

Mr Mullins closed the meeting and thanked all members for their participation.

## **10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Mr Mullins advised that the next meeting will be held on 29 November 2018.

### **SUMMARY OF KEY ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Teresa Steele-Schober/Tania Marshall/Roger Dixon**

Roger Dixon to give feedback to Mr Mullins and the committee about what is happening at the United Nations Economic Commission.

#### **Rob Ingram**

Rob Ingram to look into his list and advise the committee on who they can reach out to – to assist with the readers panel.

#### **Camielah Jardine**

Camielah Jardine to coordinate with Matt Mullins the schedule of meetings for the next 12 months.