

**MINUTES OF THE SAMESG WORKING GROUP MEETING**

**HELD ON 30 MAY 2019 AT 11:30**

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

**Present:**           **T Steele-Schober (Chairperson)**  
                          **A Baker**  
                          **N Moeketsi**  
                          **J Lake**  
                          **K Davies**  
                          **S Magnus**  
                          **T Marshall**

**Dialling in:**

**Apologies:**       **M Dippenaar**  
                          **A Du Bruyn**  
                          **F Cawood**  
                          **G Nussey**  
                          **T Hurter**  
                          **F Bayliss**  
                          **N Moeketsi**  
                          **A Botha**

**In Attendance:**   **Camielah Jardine**  
                          **Melane Engelbrecht (Scribe)**

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**1. WELCOME**

Ms Steele-Schober welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2019 were accepted as being a true reflection of proceedings.

**3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Ms Steele-Schober stated that there had been a review of reports in terms of Section 3 of the Reader's Panel. The objective of reviewing the reports is to see how the SAMESG Guideline has been incorporated into the.

Ms Steele-Schober indicated that she had received an email from Mr Matthys Dippenaar with regards to Section 4; Ground Water Division of the GSSA. They were trying to get SACNASP to get Ground Water recognised as a discipline in the field of practice within SAMESG and that the application had been rejected, until it has been dealt with there is no way forward with regards to the Competent Person's report.

Dr Marshall stated that she could not understand the reason behind it as a competency statement would have been useful for them, and they could have sent it out to their members, whether or not they were registered as a separate field of practice.

Ms Steele-Schober stated that they had to stay in contact with them and hopefully they could still use SACNASP as a vehicle. SACNASP rejected the application therefore they had bigger issues that they needed to solve urgently in the Ground Water Division.

Ms Steele-Schober stated that the main objective for 2019 was to make people aware of SAMESG. During the quarter there were two presentations. Ms Steele-Schober presented the first one in Johannesburg at the GSSA Coal Day where there were about 50-60 people present, the bulk of them never heard of SAMESG before. Dr Marshall confirmed that it had been an Introductory Course that they do annually for the mining industry and further stated that it really was just an introduction of what the codes were and what they meant.

Ms Steele-Schober stated that there were less formal ways of getting feedback, the first way was through a review on the feedback and the second method was through their networks.

Ms Steele-Schober stated that they had two more forums where they had to present, first one being the 20<sup>th</sup> of June and Ms Steele-Schober further stated that Dr Marshall was co-ordinating a training session with the DMR. It had been discussed that these officials knew very little of the codes and Dr Marshall informed that many of them were mining engineers with a few being geologists, they were the guys that issued the rights and permits.

Ms Steele-Schober stated that the SAIMM Smart Mining Conference had been scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of July which was to take place in Midrand and she confirmed that she would represent SAMESG at the conference.

Ms Steele-Schober stated that according to the Draft Terms of Reference, they had good discussions and thanked James for his input, but further stated that she had to deal with edits based on the previous discussions and send out the terms one last time to make sure there were no more comments, if no further comments had been received, they would take it further to finalisation and adaption at the next meeting.

The Website had still been a work in progress.

The definitions had to be paused for now and Ms Steele-Schober indicated that they needed to get the Terms of Reference adapted as they needed a guidance note around the interpretation of some of these issues, in particular material remaining liability. Ms Steele-Schober stated that the materiality part of it was easier to define, the talks about liability had been listed and further discussions about disclosing social obligations, rehabilitation, material remaining liabilities and compliance costs took place. She stated that they would be able to publish these guidance notes on the SAMESG website to help users on points that needed clarification.

Ms Steele-Schober confirmed that they had a discussion on climate change during the last meeting and stated that they wanted to start addressing it as it needed to come in as a specific reference point as companies were required to consider climate change implications, specifically in the rehab space. Ms Steele-Schober informed the committee that the issue of climate change had been recorded in the minutes and everybody could read it on their own time.

#### **4. FINANCIAL PROVISIONING**

The final revision for comment had been published; there had been a 45-day comment period which would have taken them into July depending on the comments. The Departments were hoping that there were not too many comments as it had not been very different from the one that they had been working on during 2018. Ms Steele-Schober further stated that there were still some aspects of difficulty, but there had been a methodology that had been included.

The Bill was supposed to be dealt with in parliament the previous year, but unfortunately it did not happen and still needed to be finalised. Changes had been made once again on the Section 24P. The public version that they were looking at elicit the kind of comments that would guide the final version.

Ms Steele-Schober commented that hopefully with the new ministers, there might be changes. Sarah Magnus requested Ms Steele-Schober to share the drive for comments, as she had been particularly interested in terms of their Income Tax Act implications. There had been an Income Tax Amendment Act that came through, but that had not been fully addressed as the environmental department was hoping. There had been some changes that potentially would have taken that conflict away to that existence. She further stated that she would prepare a set of comments and share it as was requested. There had been some new provisions which they included around companies who drew out of the fund subject to a range of constraints.

#### **5. CLOSING**

Ms Steele-Schober closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their participation.

#### **6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Ms Steele-Schober advised that the next meeting was scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

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

##### **Theresa Steele-Schober**

Share drive on Financial Provisioning for commenting.