

NOTES OF THE SAMREC COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 30 August 2018 AT 09:45
MIDSHAFT BOARDROOM, MINING PRECINCT, CARLOW ROAD

Present: **S Rupprecht (Acting Chairperson)**
 M Mullins
 C Dohm
 S Mathuray
 T Marshall
 T Flitton
 T J Lotheringen

Apologies: **K Lomberg**

In Attendance: **K Shumba (SAIMM)**

1. WELCOME

S Rupprecht chaired the meeting and welcomed the committee.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 August 2018 were accepted as being a true reflection of proceedings.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Chinese Delegation for the Mineral and Resource Visit

Mr Mullins reported on the Mineral and Resource visit by the Chinese delegation. The visit has 19 confirmed visitors who will be visiting over a 3-week period between the middle of October and about the 7th or 8th of November. We have drawn up a detailed itinerary. That itinerary has been submitted to the Chinese attaché of Government for approval and has received that approval. As a result of that, they have also put together a budget. They are paying for pretty much everything. We should not have any shortfall whatsoever and we have managed to bring it in on budget. That budget includes all accommodation and it is all transport. It includes all the lecture rooms, the meals and also includes simultaneous translation for all events and a Mandarin-speaking tour guide. Our total budget is about 1.4 million for this exercise over the 3 weeks. All of which is, or pretty much all of which is being paid for by the Chinese. We have received the deposits, not all the deposits but a fair proportion of the deposit has been paid. It is all being managed through the SAIMM and it is being channelled through the various tour guides.

3.2 SANS Document

Ms Mathiuray reported back on the SANS10320 document and advised that after the last SAMREC meeting they put a vote out to the SANS10320 committee to get them to decide with us sort of guidance on which put was their root preference. The one was to kind of separate the document and have the R2 as a side document. And then the other was to rewrite chapter 4, such that we match SAMREC 100% and there are no differences in it. And it would take the Diamond guideline sort of format where you put in your class at the top and you put in any additional guides at the bottom. And it was resounding everybody voted for that option, which was option B at the time. Since then we have had 3 meetings, to start working on Chapter 4 and that was what is in progress. So, it is kind of every second week but it is reduced committee, we are not working with a full committee. I do not know, it may be about 6 or 8 people, alternating and coming to that meeting to work on Chapter 4. But it is obviously not as simple as that because whatever comes out of chapter 4 that does not fit within the SAMREC reporting, like that inventory coal.

Ms Mathiuray also noted that she will suggest to committee that once they are done with this rewrite, it will be shared with the rest of the committee so we have additional input from mining engineers.

Mr Mullins suggested that it will be a very good idea to organise a roll out of some sort of training, whether as a conference/workshop but various educational processes organised on the back of the new SANS - so we can educate there.

Committee members were in agreement that the educational process will be initiated once everything was finalised.

Mr Austin has been requested to circulate minutes out of the SANS document.

Ms Flitton advised the committee that the SABS still has to do their own editing on the SANS document and that will take a long time.

Ms Marshall added that in addition to the editing, there must also be the approval process which will add to the delay.

ACTION: Mark Austin/Matt Mullins

4. SAMCODES APP

Ms Flitton gave a progress report on the SAMCODES App. Ms Flitton had a meeting with Ms Redman, Mr Peter, Ms du Bruyn and Mr Austin to discuss what the SAMCODES app should look like and should involve all the codes. It was a bit challenging to get the layout of the landing page but the developers managed to get the layout that best represents the three SAMCODES – SAMREC, SAMVAL and SAMESG. The JSE is also included. The second tab will have various features such as world news, events, a calendar, a contact us, notifications that get pushed to users should there be events happening. There are a lot of features that need to be broken down – a demo of the app will be distributed as soon as there is a rough guide of what it looks like with all the codes broken up. The biggest issue in the app was the search functionality – the developers will get back to the committee on that.

Ms Flitton further detailed another issue being the costs involved as the app has to be sustained (these are cost from the developers for support and hosting). It will cost nothing to put the app on the android store but apple store will cost 99.00 USD a year.

Ms Flitton stated it will be great to get the demo out in two weeks and for Mr Lomborg to take it with to CRIRSCO so that he can demonstrate it there.

Mr Mullins advised that a sub-committee should be formed that will look at the sponsorship option for the app.

ACTION: Tarryn Flitton/Ken Lomborg/Matt Mullins

5. CRIRSCO NEWS

Dr Rupprecht advised that Mr Lomborg has spoken to Dr Lock and they have unofficially highlighted that CRIRSCO should look at the definitions again of a qualified person.

Dr Rupprecht further explained that Dr Lock is basically asking when the committee go to CRIRSCO - that we must bring up the definition that the Canadians have on a qualified person and look at how it complies with or how it sinks with our definition of a competent person.

The committee also spoke about the Canadian code and that it is not compatible with the rest of the CRIRSCO world.

Dr Rupprecht advised that the committee should ensure that South Africa addresses the definition of the qualified person at the upcoming CRIRSCO meeting grid and Mr Lomborg has to ensure that Dr Norman Lock's concern is raised at CRIRSCO.

Mr Mullins noted that as founding members of CRIRSCO, SAMREC should have two representatives on the CRIRSCO committee who are currently Ken Lomborg and Roger Dixon and informed committee members that they are looking at a succession plan that will be implemented in terms of the SSC mandate and the changes will be announced in due course.

ACTION: Ken Lomborg/Matt Mullins

6. TRAINING

Dr Rupprecht informed the committee that they did the advanced two-day course at the JSE and it had about nine (9) students and about twenty-two (22) people paying. Another course was the Introduction SAMREC/SAMVAL at Victoria Falls with about eight (8) people in attendance.

Mr Mullins elaborated on the next JSE course coming up – the course is valuation for non-technical people with only six (6) registrations so far. M Mullins expressed concerns on the amount of effort that the presenters have to put in preparing and presenting and it makes no sense to bring out nine (9) presenters for six (6) people. He also spoke about the number of cancellations for the SAMCODES course, at first he thought it was the cost that was driving them away but now wonders if the cancellations are not broader in terms of what the course is offering.

Dr Dohm expressed that the lack of attendance seems to be a social problem – an undercurrent social financial problem as this seems to be the trend with her Masters students as well.

Mr Mullins noted that the issue is with the GSSA and SAIMM to drop the daily rates for SSC courses but he is getting resistance from both of them as they are reliant on courses and conferences to break even.

Mr Mullins further stated that the committee has to relook the advertising method for the courses and also look at the issue of cost because the JSE recommended courses seems to be too high.

Mr Mullins proposed to have a small sub-committee that will relook the course offerings going forward for next year.

Ms Marshall suggested that the course facilitators look at having a webinar as an alternative to a formal course, as essentially the formal courses are targeted at Cape Town and Johannesburg – there a lot of people in between the two cities that cannot attend.

Mr Mullins stated that they have already spoken to the people who provide the webinar service and they have quoted around R80 000. This is a huge issue because of the cost factor. The committee has been trying to get sponsorship for this but without success so far.

ACTION: Steven Rupprecht/Tania Marshall/Matt Mullins

7. GENERAL

Ms Shumba requested clarity with regards to the SANASP CPD process and the changes.

Ms Marshall advised that all CPD points will come through the GSSA.

8. CLOSING

Dr Rupprecht thanked all members for their participation and advised that the next meeting would be held on 29 November 2018.

SUMMARY OF KEY ACTION ITEMS

1. Mark Austin

Mark Austin has been requested to circulate minutes of the SANS document.

2. Ken Lomborg

Ken Lomborg has been requested to take the SAMCODES demo app to CRIRSCO (if it is ready).

3. Matt Mullins

Matt Mullins to drive the formation of the sub-committee that will look at sponsorship options for the SAMCODES app.

4. Ken Lomborg

Ken Lomborg has to ensure that Dr Norman Lock's concerns regarding the definition of the competent person is raised at CRIRSCO.