



## **MINUTES of the 120<sup>th</sup> SANCOLD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Held at 14h00 on Monday 9 February 2015 at the offices of AECOM  
263A West Ave, Centurion, PRETORIA**

### **1. OPENING and WELCOME**

The Chairperson welcomed the attendees and specifically the new members, Mr Wally Ramokopa, Mr Henry-John Wright and Prof Fanie van Vuuren. Congratulations were extended to Mr Cameron-Ellis on his re-election.

### **2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES and QUORUM**

#### **2.1 Attendance**

Mr D B Badenhorst	(DB)	Chairperson
Dr A Bester	(AB)	
Ms M Blaeser	(MB)	
Mr D Cameron-Ellis	(DCE)	
Mr L Hattingh	(LH)	
Dr B Mwaka	(BM)	
Mr P D Pyke	(PP)	
Dr CPR Roberts	(Sec)	
Dr QHW Shaw	(QS)	
Ms Mari Trümpelmann	(MT)	
Prof F van Vuuren	(FF)	

#### **2.2 Apologies**

Prof G R Basson	(GB)	
Mr M Moshodi	(MM)	
Mr T Tente	(TT)	
Dr E Vorster	(EV)	
Mr H J Wright	(HJW)	

#### **2.3 Quorum**

The meeting was properly constituted. A quorum requires a 40% attendance.

### **3. AGENDA**

The Agenda was adopted.

### **4. CO-OPTION OF ADDITIONAL MC MEMBERS**

The following co-options were made for 2015:

- Prof Jeff Smithers of the University of KwaZulu-Natal for the NFSP;
- Mr Danie Brink for his tailings dams expertise.

### **5. ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF MC OFFICE BEARERS**

#### **5.1 Treasurer**

Mr David Cameron-Ellis was proposed and elected as Treasurer. Mr Pyke was thanked for his sterling work over the years. He will complete the Treasury work for 2014-15.

## **5.2 Secretary**

Dr Paul Roberts was appointed as SANCOLD Secretary for 2015 on the terms and conditions of the proposal document. The work for ICOLD 2016 would be in terms of a separate agreement. The Committee expressed its appreciation of the past work of the Secretary.

## **6. MINUTES OF MC 119**

### **6.1 Amendments**

No amendments.

### **6.2 Approval**

The Minutes of the 119<sup>th</sup> meeting were **approved**.

### **6.3 Matters arising from previous minutes**

The following outstanding issue was discussed, while others were Agenda items:

#### **6.3.1 Voluntary Association of ECSA (Item 2)**

Awaiting formal notification from ECSA.

[Post meeting note : received on 12.2.2015 ]

## **7. EXCO MATTERS**

### **7.1 EXCO Composition**

The Management Committee **agreed** that Exco would consist of the office-bearers plus Messrs W Ramokopa, H-J Wright and L Hattingh.

## **8. SANCOLD ACTIVITIES**

### **8.1 Programme for 2015**

The meeting document was discussed and after discussion was adopted.

The proposed meeting with DWS Management was a particularly important issue and the emphasis should be what support SANCOLD could provide to the Department. The proposed framework for the meeting prepared last year would be updated and sent to Committee Members. **Sec**

### **8.2 SANCOLD Guidelines**

#### **8.2.1 Floods**

The proposed actions to promote the NFSP were supported as well as the one-page promotional document. The main problem was that of funding. The Dam Safety Office would be consulted regarding the application of the SANCOLD Flood Guideline. **Sec**

#### **8.2.2 Risk analysis**

LH reported on progress and hoped to make significant progress this year so that it could be presented at ICOLD 2016 during the workshops. **LH**

#### **8.2.3 Geotextiles for dams**

DB reported that the South African inputs had been incorporated into the draft ICOLD Bulletin and that due acknowledgement would be given in the publication. The draft Bulletin would be approved in Norway. It was agreed that some consideration should be given to a supplementary publication of a guideline nature for SANCOLD. **DB (KL)**

#### **8.2.4 Your Dam**

No report was received and the Secretary would include a post-meeting note in the Minutes. **Sec**

{Post meeting note: Kelvin Legge reports that a first draft had been reviewed by Jan Nortje and that it will now be circulated to others for comment}

#### **8.2.5 Guideline on Ecological Water Reserve**

DB reported on progress. The guideline would also be discussed at ICOLD 2016 Workshops and finalised there. **DB**

### 8.3 SANCOLD Annual Events

#### 8.3.1 SANCOLD Annual Event 2014

The report on the event was in SANCOLD News (November 2014). The accounts were not final and the expected profit is R1.3 million. An audit of the SANCOLD Conference 2014 would be needed. The Treasurer would arrange for a quotation for the audit.

**Sec/Treas**

#### 8.3.2 Dambreak Analysis Workshop

The large attendance of about 90 persons highlighted the need for such short courses/workshops. It was **agreed** that SANCOLD should undertake this in association with academic institutions.

**Sec**

#### 8.3.3 SANCOLD Annual Event 2015

The Secretary reported that the Announcement had been distributed and abstracts for proposed papers were awaited.

### 8.4 Publicity: Website, Newsletter, Publications

The Secretary reported that the website updating was proceeding easily with the new contract. SANCOLD News had been produced regularly and an article on SANCOLD had been published in the SAICE Journal.

### 8.5 SANCOLD Young Engineers' Forum

No report for this meeting. One would be produced for the next meeting. Prof van Vuuren joined the meeting at this stage.

**MM**

## 9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

### 9.1 Expenditure-income statement 2013 and Budget 2014

The draft expenditure-income statement for 2014 was reviewed and it was decided that the Treasurers were requested to split the SANCOLD and ICOLD 2016 accounts. These documents will be circulated to the MC members for final approval.

**DCE/PP**

The draft budget for 2015 was examined and it was **agreed** that R150 000 would be allocated for support for delegates attending ICOLD 2015.

### 9.2 Membership Matters

The Secretary reported that accounts for membership fees had been sent out at the end of January 2015. Payments to date were: Corporate 24% and Individual 17%. Current membership was Corporate 51 and Individual 181 with 6 applicants.

### 9.3 SANCOLD Constitutional changes

The proposed Constitutional changes to align the Constitution with SARS requirements were **approved** in principle. A few other minor housekeeping modifications were also needed. The Secretary would circulate a tracked-change Constitution to members for formal approval.

**Sec**

### 9.4 Resolution to open an Electronic ABSA Banking Account

The SANCOLD Management took a **resolution** to open an electronic banking account with ABSA. The signatories to this account to be Mr David Cameron-Ellis, Dr Quentin Shaw and Dr André Bester.

**DCE**

The SANCOLD Management Committee also resolved that the signing powers of Messrs Peter Pyke and Walther van der Westhuizen be withdrawn.

### 9.5 Resolution on Signing Powers for SANCOLD Accounts

The SANCOLD Management Committee took a **resolution** on the signing powers for the accounts of SANCOLD to be Mr David Cameron-Ellis, Dr Quentin Shaw and Dr André Bester. The accounts are:

**DCE**

- Absa current account
- ICOLD '94 Investec Private Select Fund
- ICOLD 2016 Smart Notice Deposit

## **9.6 SANCOLD Scholarship 2016**

The award of further future scholarships was discussed. It was **agreed** that Prof van Vuuren and Dr Shaw with inputs from the Secretary would prepare a proposal before May 2015 on the basis for such an award. **FF/QS**

## **9.7 Change of SANCOLD Financial Year**

It was **agreed** that the SANCOLD financial year would be the same as the tax year (1 March to end February) as this would make reporting to SARS easier.

## **9.8 Audit of books 2014**

The accounts for 2014 (to end February 2015) would be audited by the same auditors as in the past. New auditors would be procured thereafter. **DCE**

## **9.9 Post Box**

It was **agreed** that the SANCOLD post box be cancelled at the end of the year and that the Secretary's postal address be used.

## **9.10 Approval of Travel Expenses for attending SG Meetings**

It was **agreed** that special claims for the attendance of meetings related to ICOLD 2016 could be made.

Ms Marie Trümpelmann left at this stage.

## **10. ICOLD ACTIVITIES**

### **10.1 ICOLD Circular Letters**

ICOLD Circulars CL 1875 to CL 1884 had been sent to the MC. The Secretary highlighted the ICOLD Circular letters of importance. The draft Agenda of Norway 2015 had not been received.

The most important item for discussion was CL 1881 regarding the nomination of a Vice-President Africa and President ICOLD. These needed to be submitted by 15 March. The Secretary proposed that SANCOLD nominate Mr Michael Abebe of Ethiopia as Vice-President: Africa. SANCOLD supported the proposal. **Sec**

No nomination would be made for the Presidential position.

### **10.2 ICOLD Committees**

South Africa should be represented as a corresponding member on the Committee on Flood Evaluation and Dam Safety. New persons to serve on the Working Groups were approved as highlighted in the meeting document. The Secretary would inform the persons and the Convener of the Working Groups. **Sec**

South Africa should be represented as a corresponding member on the Committee on Flood Evaluation and Dam Safety. The Convener of the SANCOLD Guideline on Floods, Prof Jeff Smithers, would be the ideal candidate to be the SA Representative. Application would be made to the Committee Chairman and Central Office. **Sec**

### **10.3 ICOLD 82<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting and 25<sup>th</sup> Congress, Norway, June 2015**

#### **10.3.1 SANCOLD representation and financial support**

It was **agreed** that the following persons would qualify in terms of the SANCOLD policy for the SANCOLD subsidy of R150 000 divided by number of persons for Norway 2015 if they wished to attend the Norway Meeting and receive the subsidy: D Badenhorst, C Oosthuizen, D Cameron-Ellis, Q Shaw, D Grant-Stuart, L Hattingh, H-J Wright and P Pyke. The Chairperson undertook to find out if H-J Wright is planning to attend. **Sec/DCE**

#### **10.3.2 General Assembly: Draft Agenda**

The following persons would represent South Africa at the General Assembly: D Badenhorst (Voting Member), Q Shaw, D Cameron-Ellis, P Roberts. The Secretary would inform the ICOLD Central Office. **Sec**

**10.3.3 Attendance of Committee Meetings**

Would be decided once the Committee meeting schedule and the SA attendees were known. **DB/Sec**

**10.4 African Regional Club of ICOLD**

Information on ARC activities would be placed in SANCOLD News. **Sec**

**10.5 ICOLD Annual Meeting 2016**

**10.5.1 Local Organising Committee**

The next meeting of the LOC would be held on 20 April 2015.

**10.5.2 Proposal: SANCOLD Secretary for ICOLD 2016**

Dr P Roberts was appointed as the SANCOLD Secretary for ICOLD 2016 as per the written proposal for the year of 2015.

**11. GENERAL**

No discussion.

**12. DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

Most business would be conducted by e-mail. Next Meeting scheduled for February 2016. **Sec**

**13. CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 17h05.