SAMESG Committee Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting	30 November 2023	**Time**	11:30
Chaired by:	Teresa Steele-Schober Chair	**Location**	Zoom
Minutes prepared by:	Nazli Mamdoo		

Present:

Teresa Steele-Schober (Chair)
Kevin Davies
Andrew Johnstone
Marvin Lobeko
Tania Marshall
Ashleigh Maritz
Bruce Williamson
Charlene Wrigley
Tim William

Commented [TSS1]: There are people missing. See highlighted names in the minutes.

SAIMM Secretariat:
Nazli Mamdoo

Apologies:
Siobhan Joubert

Topic	**Discussion**
1. Welcome and apologies	Teresa welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Acceptance of previous minutes	Teresa advised that the Committee is trying to condense the minutes, to make them easier to read. She thanked Charlene for condensing the minutes from the previous meeting into a format that would be easier on SAIMM and also for the meeting to process. She asked whether there were any comments or corrections to be made to the minutes. Kevin pointed out that the agenda still did not look the same as the SSC agenda. On point number 4, the second bullet point read that communication was led by Charlene and Siobhan; but Siobhan's name was not included in the list of apologies. Teresa responded that apologies had been received from Siobahn. This should be noted under the apologies. The minutes were accepted, but there was no proposer or seconder.
3. Action Items	The action items were not discussed at the meeting.

Commented [AD2]:

4. SAMESG Portfolios	Teresa asked whether there was any feedback from the portfolios, and no one came forward. She advised that the portfolios would become more active once the SAMESG Guidelines were available for circulation. She would follow up with Siobhan regarding feedback from the SAMREC Committee regarding support for the SAMCodes App. SAMREC had been carrying the load on the SAMREC App and had requested that the other committees become more involved, to get the App to be something that could be used by many people. She believed that everyone could play a role in building up interest in the App, as well as using it. Under the Communications portfolio, they needed to provide content. She would engage with Siobhan further. **Action**: Teresa Steele-Schober
5. Presentation on the JSE Showcase	Marvin Lobeko presented an update on what he had experienced in the JSE Sustainability Showcase 2023. A copy of this presentation would be sent to committee members with these minutes. **Action**: Nazli Mamdoo Teresa thanked Marvin for his detailed presentation and invited comments from the floor. Tim William agreed that it was a great overview of the JSE initiative. He linked what Marvin had presented with the sharp attention on mineral reporting. When there were ESG commitments/obligations embedded into a company's business plan, he highlighted the importance of the benefits of those ESG initiatives being featured in the Life of Mine plans for mining operations; but the cost – be it capital or operating – also needed to be included in the Life of Mine financial models. It needed to be balanced in the financial reporting. This would ensure transparency and financial integrity. Competent Persons should be aware of that.
6. Update to Terms of Reference (ToR)	Charlene delivered a presentation on the Terms of Reference update. The redrafted ToR had been shared with the committee before the meeting. She outlined the five key areas where the committee intends to focus. These were highlighted in her presentation, a copy of which is also attached to these minutes. **Action**: Nazli Mamdoo She outlined the key changes and considerations for the committee. There was a comparison between the 2014 and 2023 ToR. She outlined the process that she had followed in comparing the two; showing that the key components were still there. The new version went into more detail than the previous one. Comments were invited from the floor. Kevin asked how this would be applied and whether the guidelines were meant for South Africa, or whether they were for Southern Africa. SAMREC was cross-national and he asked how this would be applied.

	Charlene responded that it had to be fit-for-purpose for JSE entities. The guideline would be a guideline and there would be some leeway around operations without including burdensome requirements. She believed the guidelines should remain South Africa-centric but that the focus should be on best practices. Teresa advised that the SAMESG Committee was sanctioned by the SSC to support the SAMCodes. Everything that SAMESG did needed to align with that mandate. Andrew was also concerned about dual-listed companies and whether they would use different codes for different stock exchanges. Teresa noted that most stock exchanges had a reciprocity agreement. Kevin added that if a company was primarily listed in America, for example, and secondary listed in South Africa; then they would have to adopt SK-1300 and that would be applicable in the secondary listing requirements. Teresa raised the issue of attendance of committee members at meetings and it was hoped that people were finding value at the meetings and in the conversations. The expectation that people would attend a minimum of two meetings a year was not considered unreasonable, but she asked what the consequences should be if people did not do so. She saw a distinction between people who were active committee members and were involved in the committee; and others who were part of a broader distribution list and who many receive communications from time to time, but not necessarily all the details of every meeting. It was important to encourage people to attend and respect the time of others who had taken the time to attend meetings. This was seconded by Charlene, and she suggested that members could be shifted to a second tier, to allow them to access information and that would be part of the ambit of the Engagement Portfolio to manage. Tania advised that some people liked to attend the meetings to see what was going on, but not everyone had the relevant experience to make significant contributions. If these people were moved to a second tier, they might be lost altogether. Teresa noted that attendance was enough, and it did not mean that members necessarily had to be vocal.
7. General	Kevin advised that he and Charlene had held a meeting with Ken Lomberg about the SAMESG Guideline and interaction with the SAMREC Code. He had prompted that meeting and provided some of the background. Currently, there is nothing in the accounting rules that would require an IFRS Reporter to put ESG aspects into a company's budget e.g. financial life of mine plans or models for reserve or resource reporting or evaluations as accounting rules only require the recognition of legally enforceable obligations, obligations that are only potential or are not reasonably determinable are not required. (The only identified

	requirement is the professional rules in determining Reserves and Resources applicable to Competent Persons). Compliance with the ISSB statements are not a legal requirement in South Africa nor a requirement of the Listing Rules of the JSE and thus is not currently enforceable. The IASB had created a task group to instruct accountants on how to take the ISSB statements and build them into financial reporting. He cited some examples. There was currently no enforced method to put in that 'golden thread' of ESG-related commitment or plan and financial models. Various mining companies were not incorporating all of those statements into the Life of Mine plans, and he believed it was incorrect. Ken Lomberg suggested that, when SAMESG did come up with the final version of the draft guideline, certain examples should be included that would help people understand ESG applications when they are developing their reserve and resource reporting. Teresa believed that was very important and that the regulations were getting tighter. She would liaise with Kevin on how this could be captured in the guidelines.
8. General	Teresa advised that she would like to include presentations such as Marvin's during the meetings and invited members to think about this. For information purposes, Teresa advised that, as of January, Ken would hand over the reins to Nicole Wansbury, who would take over as Chair of SAMREC. Ken was thanked for his involvement with SAMESG over the years.
9. Closing	Teresa thanked everyone for their contribution to the meeting.

Matters arising/Action Items

Meeting Date	Action	Responsible	Due	Status	Comments
31/08/23	Draw up a new table with members' e-mail addresses and attach to agenda for each meeting	Teresa Steele-Schober & Secretariat	Done	Completed	
31/08/23	Discuss with Prof Solomon having an SAIMM on ESGS Committee to act as conduit re information sharing	Vassie Maharaj (Peer Liaison portfolio)	TBC		

Commented [TSS3]: Please can you action this Moipone using the distribution list as a start.

Meeting Date	Action	Responsible	Due	Status	Comments
30/11/23	Engage with Siobhan Joubert regarding SAMREC App	Charlene Wrigley	February 2024	**Pending**	
30/11/23	Send copy of JSE Sustainability Showcase presentation to committee members	Nazli Mamdoo	January 2024		