

MINUTES OF THE SAMREC COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 09:45

Via ZOOM

Present: Ms T Flitton (Chair)
Ms M Antoniadis
Ms A de Bruyn
Mr R Ingram
Dr T Marshall
Ms S Mathuray
Mr G Njowa
Ms K van Deventer
Mr J Witley

Apologies: Mr K Lomborg
Dr S Rupprecht

In Attendance: Ms G Charlie (SAIMM)
Ms C Jardine (SAIMM)
Ms T Letlhaku (SAIMM)

1. WELCOME

Ms Flitton welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that Mr Lomborg had tendered his apologies and requested her to stand in as Chair for this meeting.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2020 were accepted as being a true reflection of proceedings. This was proposed by Mr Ingram and seconded by Dr Marshall.

3. MATTERS ARISING

28 November 2019

Page 3, Agenda Item 6 – CRIRSCO NEWS: Regarding Dr Rupprecht putting together the list of parked issues regarding SK1300, Ms Flitton advised that this item had been put on the agenda for discussion later in the meeting.

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Page 2 – Agenda Item 4 – SANS 10230 AND COAL GUIDELINES: Ms van Deventer had prepared a response to one of the requests from Mr Mullins and this had been sent out. It was agreed that this item could be marked off as complete.

Page 4 – Agenda Item 8 – REVIEW OF INDEPENDENCE: This item was on the agenda for discussion.

4. SAMCODES APP

Ms Flitton reported that there was an Android version of the App but that it had not been possible to get this on the Apple Store. A Progressive Web Application (PWA) was developed and Ms Flitton explained that this was taking a URL and saving it as a home screen on the device to be used that way. There were some limitations; the one being that with a PWA, one was not able to send notifications to the users, but that was a small price to pay for not having to go through the Apple Store because they had rejected the App four times. A number of appeals had been made, to no effect.

With the PWA App, Ms Flitton advised that she had it on her phone. There were four small changes that she would like to make:

- On the contact app, the e-mail was not working, so if the user clicked on the PWA e-mail, it did not work. It did work on the android appl.
- Another thing was that she would like to hide the notifications on the PWA app because it did not get used. The way SAMCODES would contact users would be to e-mail them to advise that the news had been updated, or to check on events.
- There was a search bar, but when the user went into the SAMREC Code and searched a term via the glossary, the search cut off the wording.
- A request had also been made to add a SAMREC app and the gmail.com support e-mail. In that way, whoever was having problems with the app could receive support. Dr Marshall suggested that Ms Flitton contact Ms Moolla to speak to Francois, who was working on the website, as he already had SAMCODES addresses via the website and it would be easier and better to use those rather than creating a new one. Ms Flitton agreed to delete that account and speak to Ms Moolla. Dr Marshall suggested that this e-mail come to Ms Moolla and herself. It was possible to create an address that went directly to Ms Flitton. It was agreed that Ms Flitton would manage that account.

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Ms Flitton further advised that she had created a pamphlet that would be sent to SAMREC and the SSC. It was in draft format and explained to users how to use the app. The idea was to have this on the SAMCODES website as a .pdf to explain to users how to install and use the app.

At the last meeting, a discussion had been held on putting this in the GSSA/SAIMM newsletters and, once the pamphlet was ready, people could be asked to spread it in order for users to start using the app properly.

Further discussions were being held between Ms Flitton and Mr Lomberg regarding sponsorship and the three existing sponsors would be asked if they would like to continue for 2021, as well as further sponsors. A request would be done early in 2021, asking for additional sponsors.

Action: Tarryn Flitton and Ken Lomberg

5. CRIRSCO NEWS

Ms Flitton reported that the CRIRSCO meetings were held in September. Due to Covid-19, these were online meetings held over five days. These meetings were bigger than normal and the sessions were somewhat shorter.

The CRIRSCO definitions were discussed and this was ongoing.

The ESG presentation was given by Ms Steele-Schober, as well as PERC.

The executive remained unchanged and Mr Lomborg would still be Chairman.

A LinkedIn page would be set up with regular updates. The next meeting for 2021 would be in Johannesburg and would hopefully be face-to-face. Mr Lomborg would arrange this, with assistance from SAIMM and it would probably be held at the Fairway Hotel in September or October. There would be a session to which more people could be invited to attend and observe; and there might be a cocktail party on the evening of that meeting. This would be confirmed.

She advised that Dr Ferdi Camisani passed away. Dr Camisani was a founder member of CRIRSCO and he represented that organisation on the UNECE for many years. He would be sadly missed. Mr Witley asked whether there was any information regarding funeral arrangements for Dr Camisani. Dr Marshall responded that Mr Roger Dixon was a close friend and would communicate the details going forward and he would be writing the obituary for Dr Camisani which would then be put on the website in due course.

6. SAMCODES 2021 CONFERENCE

A meeting had been held earlier in November where the SAMCODES Conference Committee discussed whether the meeting for 2021, which would be held on 26/7 October, would stay a face-to-face conference; or whether it would be a hybrid conference. Ms Jardine's suggestion was that a lot of the conferences had turned to hybrid conferences and it was suggested that SSC do the same. At this point in time, a hybrid conference had been targeted for the SAMCODES 2021 Conference. Ms Jardine added that the SAMCODES Conference was now being advertised as a hybrid event, similar to other SAIMM conferences. Should anything change, it would be quite easy for SAIMM to adjust either way; either full contact or purely on-line. However, she believed that the conference would have something of an on-line aspect anyway. The abstract submission date had been extended to 2021. The updated announcement would be circulated to the committee shortly.

Ms Flitton advised that this would be done early in 2021 when a call would be made for additional papers, as well as contacting the existing authors to see if they would like to update anything.

7. SK-1300 – ISSUES TO CONSIDER

Dr Rupprecht, who had sent his apologies for the meeting, suggested compiling a couple of presentation slides to consider for the SK-1300 and for the SAMREC Committee to discuss whether there should be any updates to the SAMREC Code. At this point, because it was received quite late and Dr Rupprecht was not present, Ms Flitton put forward that all members consider and review the presentation put together by Dr Rupprecht and then 30 minutes could be spent at the next meeting to discuss and go through the presentation, with input from Dr Rupprecht.

Dr Marshall asked whether this discussion was for SAMREC purposes or whether SAMREC was being asked to put some thoughts together to send to the SEC.

Ms Flitton confirmed that the time to send this to the SEC had passed. Anyone reporting 2021 figures would have to start reporting with the new rule. As far as she understood, Dr Rupprecht's contribution was more for SAMREC to potentially consider adjusting its code to align with the SEC.

One of the points was aligned around exclusive Mineral Resource reporting; so, where SAMREC allowed the reporting of either – inclusive Mineral Resource or exclusive Mineral Resource – the SK-1300 was very specific. There were three types of disclosure with the

SEC, i.e. technical report summaries, which were essentially similar to an NI 43-101 report or a CPR report and for that, companies were allowed to use either the inclusive Mineral Resource or the exclusive Mineral Resource. However, when reporting on individual property disclosures for the SK-1300 as well as the executive summary disclosure; for those one could only report exclusive Mineral Resource, not inclusive. That was one of the aspects that Dr Rupprecht brought up which would be discussed at the next meeting, where he was asking whether SAMREC needed to consider enforcing exclusive Mineral Resource reporting only. As far as Ms Flitton knew, SAMREC stated that one could report either or both but needed to state what was being reported. Dr Marshall was happy to have a longer discussion about this at the next meeting. Mr Njowa advised that, in terms of accountability, it was perhaps too early for this to be reviewed, as it would require time to see how it was working and SEC might also want to make changes. Ms Flitton agreed that there was no rush for SAMREC to change its way of reporting, because the SEC were still in the transition phase. The SEC would have to go through these reports to ensure that everyone was complying with the Code. There was no rush for SAMREC to make urgent changes.

8. INDEPENDENCE

From her perspective, Ms Flitton believed that this was still sitting on the JSE side to action. There was nothing that SAMREC needed to do and Ms de Bruyn confirmed this. From the JSE's perspective, the next step would be to do international research to see what was happening on other exchanges and this had not been started as yet. It was not high on the priority list. At this stage, the JSE was trying to make it easier for companies, not more difficult. She did not see it happening in the next six to twelve months and, for now, she appreciated the input she got the last time and that this could be parked until the JSE prioritized it again. Ms Flitton confirmed that it would come off the agenda and remain parked until the JSE had further information. She asked whether Ms de Bruyn still wished to set up a meeting with herself and Santhoshnie from Anglo American. If so, this could still be set up. She agreed about making it easier and not more difficult for companies to report. Ms de Bruyn suggested taking this up as the need arose. Mr Njowa believed this was a good move.

9. TRAINING

In terms of training, Dr Marshall was asked to give feedback on the situation. Dr Marshall advised that regarding SAMREC training this year, the Introduction to SAMREC and JSE compliance had been held in the middle of the year as a virtual, on-line course. It was 5½ days and was well attended. These virtual platforms could very well be used for the Introductory Course and the discussions were probably to have these courses every two years and allow the recorded version to be used as an 'on demand' course for anyone who wanted to get it and work through it.

Earlier this month, there was the SAMESG workshop, which was the first ESG workshop that had been held. It went very well, particularly as it was the first one. It gave some background with regard to some of the legislation that was out there and what was happening around the world, etc. Another of these would be held in 2021.

The 'SAMCODES and Young Professionals' had been held as a three- to four-hour quick course and the feedback was very useful. The plan was to take that particular recording and make it available to all universities around the country, for them to be able to show it to their students, because it was very much an introductory course and while SAMREC realised that within Johannesburg there were a number of competent people who could go to universities and lecture on the various codes; if one was looking at the far-flung universities such as Venda, they did not have the available people. A two- to three-hour presentation to introduce students to the whole concept of SAMCODES was believed to be very useful.

Next year, the introductory course would not be held again. There was some discussion around doing the advanced course, either in conjunction with the Conference or not. The SAMESG workshop would be held again and Dr Rupprecht would no doubt do the YPC course again. Dr Marshall asked that if anyone had any other courses to present, they should put these forward.

Ms Flitton liked the idea that the Introduction to the SAMCODES be taped and made available on demand. She asked if people did virtual courses, whether they would receive certificates. Dr Marshall confirmed this and also that they could claim CPD points as well. Ms Flitton also supported the idea of the Advanced Course being part of the Conference.

10. GENERAL

Dr Marshall raised an issue that had arisen in the SAMVAL meeting regarding virtual site visits. Since the pandemic, many people had resorted to virtual site visits and there was obviously a great variety of technology that could be used. There was a variety in the levels of professionalism in these different techniques. The suggestion was that SAMCODES could somehow put together a guidance note for virtual site visits, i.e. some things that people should consider when doing virtual site visits. This was not to suggest that physical site visits should be done away with, but for events where one could not get to site, or could not get home from site, some of the things that one would need to do on a virtual site visit. Some of the examples that were given included using a drone to visit various areas and this worked well. On the opposite side, Dr Marshall advised that there were some junior clients who would send her half a photo, taken on a mobile phone, and believed that this constituted a site visit. SAMCODES needed to think about possibly putting together some ideas as to what might constitute best practice. It would not go into the Code; it would simply go on the website under best practice guidelines.

Ms Flitton believed this was a good suggestion. As SAMVAL had already mentioned it, she asked whether this could be a combined note between SAMVAL and SAMREC Committees. Dr Marshall believed that would be a good idea. For SAMVAL, Mr Mullins would put together a few discussion topics which would be discussed at the February meeting and, from there, it might get to a more formal note which would probably be useful to combine with SAMREC, but not necessary. SAMREC could tap into some of the things that they would find useful and whether this would be put out as one note or two notes could be discussed further down the line. Ms Flitton asked the committee to come up with any examples and suggestions and forward these to Dr Marshall to compile and collate for February. This could also be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

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Ms Antoniadis asked whether these virtual visits would be something that could be used in the long term. Dr Marshall advised that the earlier discussions indicated that virtual site visits were extremely useful and, in certain instances, one could get more information out of virtual site visits than out of real visits. However, it was not envisaged that the requirement for real visits would disappear from SAMREC or SAMVAL. Virtual site visits might be used to enhance information that was currently available and might cut down on the size of the team that was sent out to site. One of the other comments that came out was that once one had a virtual site visit, there was a permanent record of what was seen in the visit and also the things that the company did not show the visitor. That would be of great assistance for consultants to have a permanent record of what they did and did not see.

11. CLOSING

Ms Flitton thanked all participants for their input and closed the meeting. The next meeting was scheduled to take place on 25 February 2021.

KEY ACTION ITEMS

1. TARRYN FLITTON

Speak to Sam Moolla re Francois creating new address for support on app. Ms Flitton to manage that account.

2. TARRYN FLITTON AND KEN LOMBERG

Discuss sponsorship for SAMCODES App for 2021.

3. COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND TARRYN FLITTON

Committee members to come up with suggestions on virtual site visits and Ms Flitton to address this at the next SAMREC meeting as an agenda item.