



SANCOLD

**MINUTES of the  
121<sup>st</sup> SANCOLD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
At 13h30 on Tuesday 1 March 2016 at the offices of AECOM  
263A West Ave, Centurion, PRETORIA**

**1. OPENING and WELCOME**

The Chairperson opened the meeting and stated that it had a quorum.

**2. ATTENDANCE and APOLOGIES**

**2.1 Attendance**

Mr D B Badenhorst	(DB)	Chairperson
Ms Michelle Blaeser	(MB)	
Mr David Cameron-Ellis	(DCE)	
Dr Beason Mwaka	(BM)	
Dr Paul Roberts	(Sec)	
Dr Quentin Shaw	(QS)	
Mr Henry-John Wright	(HJW)	
Ms Mari Trümpelmann	(MT)	
Prof Fanie van Vuuren	(FvV)	
Mr Wally Ramokopa		(joined the meeting at 14:50)

**2.2 Apologies**

Formal apologies were received only from Prof Gerrit Basson, Dr Eduard Vorster, Mr Louis Hattingh and Prof Jeff Smithers.

**3. AGENDA**

The following additional items were added to the Agenda:

- 8.1.1 CL 1892 Congress Questions
- 8.1.2 CL 1894 SANCOLD delegation to GA 2016
- 8.2.3 Support to attend ICOLD 2016
- 8.2.4 Committee on selection of dam type

**4. MINUTES OF MC 120**

**4.1 Amendments**

No amendments were proposed.

**4.2 Approval**

The minutes were **approved**.

**4.3 Matters arising from previous minutes**

All issues had been attended to except for:

- Items 3, 4 and 6 which will be done during ICOLD 2016.
- Item 7.2.6. Guideline on Blasting Practices (added during discussion)
- Item 8 to be discussed under Agenda item 7.4
- Item 13 to be discussed under Agenda item 6.3

**5. APPOINTMENT OF THE SANCOLD SECRETARY**

**5.1 Secretary for 2016**

The proposal was **accepted**.

## 5.2 Secretary after 2016

Various possibilities were discussed as follows:

- Ms Isa Thompson who would only be available after November 2017 as she has a contract with DWS;
- Mr Peter Pyke for a short period;
- Paul Roberts + Isa Thompson in 2017. The Treasury-related activities could be reduced by a commercial service provider such as the PCO or ARQ.

A decision is required by mid-2016. DB would consider the options and follow up further. **(DB)**

## 6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

### 6.1 Expenditure-income statement 2015 and Budget 2016

The 2015 expenditure report was considered and **approved** subject to a few revisions. The 2016 budget would likewise be amended and was **approved** in principle.

### 6.2 Membership matters

The Secretary reported that current membership was:

- Corporate Members 50
- Individual Members 184

Invoices for membership fees had been sent out and payment stood at about 25% for each category.

### 6.3 SANCOLD Scholarship

FvV and QS had prepared a draft document on SANCOLD Scholarships. It aimed to be more focussed on SANCOLD needs. The scholarship amount would be reconsidered and the revised document which would include some long-term projects be sent to the Secretary for circulation to the Management Committee. Focus points for SANCOLD would be the NFSP and ogee spillways (possible guideline). The matter would be finalised after ICOLD 2016. **(FvV/QS/Sec)**

### 6.4 Treasury matters

The Management Committee considered the submission from the Treasurer and the following **decisions** were taken:

- Publications: Free dissemination of SANCOLD electronic documents; **(DCE/Sec)**
- Cash deposits: The Secretary would encourage members to make EFTs rather than cash deposits; **(Sec)**
- DWS Payments: BM and WR to discuss and resolve the issues raised in the discussion document; **(BM/WR)**
- Postal address: The ARQ physical address to be used. **(DCE/Sec)**

### 6.5 Audit of books 2015

The 2015 Audit report was **approved** and signed.

## 7. SANCOLD ACTIVITIES

### 7.1 Programme for 2016

The programme was **approved** subject to:

- The addition of item 21: Identify 2017 event;
- Item 16: Delete the words "and sales" from the text. **(Sec)**

### 7.2 SANCOLD Guidelines

#### 7.2.1 Floods

The good progress of the NFSP was noted and JS commended for the excellent work. The workshop report would be sent to the DG: DWS **(Sec)**

#### 7.2.2 Risk analysis

Progress would be made during ICOLD 2016 **(LH)**

#### 7.2.3 Geofabrics for Dams

Progress would be made during ICOLD 2016

(DB/Kelvin Legge)

7.2.4 Your Dam Progress would be made during ICOLD 2016

(Kelvin Legge)

7.2.5 Guideline on Ecological Water Reserve Progress would be made during ICOLD 2016 (DB)

7.2.6. Guideline on Blasting Practices

DCE would develop a new guideline in association with Mr Cunningham (blasting expert) (DCE)

### 7.3 SANCOLD Events

7.3.1 SANCOLD Annual Conference 2015

The accounts for 2014 and 2015 SANCOLD Annual Conferences are both close to closure.

7.3.2 SANCOLD Annual Conference 2017

The Secretary suggested that the event be held in the period between September and November. Preparations needed to start in mid-2016 to determine venue/topics/site visits. (Sec)

### 7.4 SANCOLD Young Engineers' Forum

The SANCOLD Management Committee expressed concern about the lack of momentum and leadership for this activity. It was **agreed** that HJW would replace the current Chairperson. The Secretary would relay the decision to MM. (Sec)

## 8. ICOLD ACTIVITIES

### 8.1 ICOLD Circular Letters

[CL's had been sent to Management Committee members, but would not be discussed except for those topics below]

8.1.1 CL 1892: ICOLD Congress Questions

Two Congress Questions had been submitted to the Secretary and further ones were required. QS was making inputs via the ICOLD Committee on Concrete Dams. FvV undertook to submit a proposal and the other Management Committee members were requested to do likewise. (FvV, MC)

8.1.2 CL 1894 : SANCOLD Delegation to GA 2016

The Secretary would inform the ICOLD Central Office that the SANCOLD delegation would consist of:

DB Badenhorst (voting member)

D Cameron-Ellis

H-J Wright

CPR Roberts (Sec)

### 8.2 ICOLD Annual Meeting 2016

8.2.1 Progress report

The Secretary reported on progress which was generally good, except for:

- The organisation of four of the Technical Workshops, where additional resources would be recruited;
- The lack of participation in the arrangements by senior personnel of the Department of Water and Sanitation. This problem would be discussed further at the LOC.

8.2.2 Proposal: SANCOLD Secretary for ICOLD 2016

The proposal by the Secretary for ICOLD 2016 was **accepted**.

8.2.3 Support to attend ICOLD 2016

The Chairperson tabled a proposal which was discussed, amended and **approved**. The Secretary would notify the persons concerned. (Sec)

#### **8.2.4 Committee on Selection of Dam Type**

The current representative (Alan Chemaly) was having problems in supplying inputs on earth dams to the Committee and DB undertook to resolve the issue.

**(DB)**

### **9. GENERAL**

#### **9.1 SANCOLD Annual Meeting 2016**

It was **agreed** the SANCOLD Annual Meeting would be held in November. A technical talk, possibly on flood issues or ogee spillways would be combined with the meeting. (Post meeting note: Attendance could earn CPD points)

**(FvV/Sec)**

### **10. DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be in November 2016 and could be combined with the Annual Meeting.

**(Sec)**

### **11. CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 15:00.

Approved by the Management Committee on 27.2.2017