



SANCOLD

**MINUTES OF THE
130th SANCOLD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Held on Monday 10 February 2020 at 15:00 at the offices of ARQ, Lynnwood
Manor, Pretoria.**

Action

1. OPENING and WELCOME

The vice-Chairperson, Louis Hattingh opened the meeting and welcomed all.

2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES and QUORUM

Attendance.

Louis Hattingh	Vice-chairperson	LH
Beason Mwaka		BM
Henry-John Wright		HJW
Michelle Blaeser		MB
Guy Robertson		GR
Xolani Mdletshe		XM
Vicci Schoeman		VS
Duncan Grant-Stuart		DGS
Danie Badenhorst		DB
Peter Pyke	Secretary	Sec

Apologies.

Apologies were received from Quentin Shaw (QS), David Cameron-Ellis (DCE), Marco van Dijk (MvD), Louiza van Vuuren (LvV), Robert Greyling (RG), Gerald de Jager (GdJ)

Quorum.

A quorum was present.

3. AGENDA (Amendments and adoption)

The agenda was adopted.

4. MINUTES OF MC 129

4.1 Amendments

The Secretary presented some minor changes to improve clarity and syntax.
No further amendments.

4.2 Approval

Approved – Proposed HJW, seconded DB. These minutes could now be placed on the website. **[Sec]**

4.3 Matters arising from previous minutes

Only discussion of items not on agenda - completed items noted

4.3.1 Renewal of Representatives Reserved Positions on MANCO – letters requesting a nomination of representative for DWS (NWRI) and SAICE

Reserved positions on Manco were sent out in early December 2019, no official replies have been received. MvD had informed that he was willing to serve and asked SAICE to inform SANCOLD of representation. The letter to DWS was channelled through XM but there had been no reaction. Letter to be forward to BM for transmission to DWS. **[Sec, BM]**

4.3.2 Elections for MC – Elections completed. The results of the election had not yet been conveyed to members as the Newsletter including these details was held back pending decisions of Manco as to Chair and Chair YPF. The election results should have already been placed on the website but issues with the website prevented this taking place.

4.3.3 Item 6.7 Your Tailings Dam – DGS responsible not LH. **[Sec]**

5. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MATTERS:

5.1 Management Committee Election 2019

David Cameron-Ellis, Quentin Shaw, Michelle Blaeser and Louiza van Vuuren (<35) were elected. There was a very low poll of some 41 voters. Ballot papers had been distributed electronically and showed a 99% delivery rate. It is possible that spam filters had intercepted some emails.

The Secretary had requested a replacement representative from Universities South Africa (USAf) previously HESA but they were still working on a replacement.

5.2 Co-option of Manco Members

Duncan Grant -Stuart, Gerald de Jager, Wally Ramakopa and Danie Badenhorst were co-opted to Manco for 2020 for their respective skills.

5.3 Quentin Shaw was elected unopposed as SANCOLD Chairperson for three years.

5.4 Robert Greyling and Louiza van Vuuren were nominated while Robert Greyling was elected YPF Chairperson.

5.5 Portfolios for SANCOLD Management

The list of portfolios was amended and will be circulated to all MC members for further input and allocation of tasks, to ensure that all MC members contribute in order to distribute the load. **[Sec]**

Portfolios for MANCO Members 2020

	Portfolio	Responsible Person	Support Persons
1	Membership	Secretary	Treasurer
2	Finance/Treasurer	David Cameron-Ellis	
3	Institutional	Secretary	Danie Badenhorst
4	ICOLD	Secretary	Danie Badenhorst
5	Website	Henry-John Wright	
6	Young Persons	YPF Chairperson (Robert Greyling)	YPF Sub-committee, Guy Robertson, Louiza van Vuuren, Gerald de Jager, Vicci Schoeman
7	Training / Lectures	Gerald de Jager and Sub-committee	Louis Hattingh
8	Annual conference	Michelle Blaeser & Sub Committee YPF Chair, Vicci Schoeman, David Cameron-Ellis, Guy Robertson	Secretary

9	Marketing	Need strategy (expose SANCOLD to outside world)	Robert Greyling Guy Robertson Louiza van Vuuren
10	Associated Studies	See listing on Guidelines & Publications	
11	Working groups	Secretary	
12	Publications	Treasurer	Secretary

The importance of developing a Marketing Strategy was discussed. LvV's name was put forward together with GR to brainstorm a concept strategy by the end of February 2020. **[GR, LvV]**

There were discussions around preparing a Position Paper on Emergency Preparedness Plans (EPP). Bandula Kendaragama of SMEC had enquired about SANCOLD information. He indicated that he had information on international efforts and indicated willingness to serve on a team producing a SANCOLD Position Paper but not lead the team. Jaretha Lombaard was mentioned as a possible team leader and DB would approach her. **[DB]**

It was decided to prioritise a Position Paper on Floods. Vicci Schoeman undertook to drive the process and organise a workshop. He would consult with DCE and Danie vd Spuy. **[VS]**

DGS indicated that his working group on Tailings had grown quite large as it had expanded to include the SAICE Geotechnical Division working group upgrading the SANS 10286 document which is the SABS standard for Mine Residue Waste. The draft report of the ICOLD Technical Committee on Tailings was being considered and aligned with this local work with any comments to be fed back to the ICOLD working group.

5.6 Secretary after 2020.

The Secretary indicated that his appointment expired at the end of 2020 and consideration was necessary if a new Secretary was to be recruited and appointed. He indicated that he was willing to retire if a suitable candidate was available but that he was also prepared to continue to the end of 2021 if the committee so wished. After discussion, it was decided that an overlap period was required to integrate a new candidate into the position and that the period of office of the current Secretary should be extended until the end of 2021.

Active recruitment of a new Secretary should begin in early 2021. **[Sec]**

6. SANCOLD ACTIVITIES

6.1 Programme 2020

The programme was updated in discussions and would be further amended based on discussions following later in the meeting. Secretary to circulate updated programme to Manco members. **[Sec]**

The intention is to expand the recent post-grad studies by Hermien Oberholzer into the Guideline on Environmental flows which GDJ is co-ordinating. GDJ to be approached as to progress. **[Sec]**

6.2 SANCOLD Events

6.2.1 SANCOLD Annual Conference 2019

Final figures on registrations and income had not been supplied yet. The Secretary had requested the information but it had not been supplied. The Attendance certificates were also outstanding. Tourvest had advised that

there had been a computer glitch and that the certificates would be sent out later in February. LH was scheduled to be in Cape Town later in February and offered to meet Tourvest at their offices to expedite finalisation of the 2019 event. **[LH]**

6.2.2 SANCOLD Annual Conference 2020

To obviate the 2019 problems, it was decided that the contract should include an Inception meeting early in the year and a Final meeting late in January by which time the bulk of the paperwork should be finalised. With MB taking over from LH, it was decided that we should remain with Tourvest for 2020 subject to an acceptable price submission.

MB explained that the Conference was planned for Gauteng with dates chosen as 11-13 November 2020. A theme for the conference, venue and site visit were still to be finalised. **[MB]**

6.3 National Flood Studies Programme (NFSP)

The WRC held a NFSP workshop in Stellenbosch on 29th January 2020. Jeff Smithers had attended. No further feedback has been received. **[DCE & team]**

6.4 & 6.5 SANCOLD Training, APP development & dam safety initiatives

SANCOLD Training should be informed by a strategy on training which would in turn be informed by the YPF strategy on training. The YPF must still draw up their programme of training for the year which could include GdJ and HJW's course which had been postponed from 2019 due to poor attendance. **[RG, YPF]**

6.6 The Development of a Regional Initiative to address sub-Saharan Africa-specific topics

This could possibly be taken further at the Africa Regional Club Meeting in New Delhi. **[QS]**

6.7 Your Tailings Dam Brochure

This was essentially completed. **[DGS]**

6.8 Your Dam brochure

Kelvin Legge had indicated that the work was far advanced but had not yet supplied a copy to us. **[Sec]**

6.9 Ecological Water Reserve brochure

Hermien Oberholzer has undertaken Honours post graduate studies into ecological water releases, which will include the development of a document entitled *Guideline for the Release of Ecological Water Requirements from South African Dams*. This would form a basis for the SANCOLD brochure. **[GdJ]**

6.10 Revival of initiative for discussions with new DWS Minister.

A request to arrange a meeting with relevant DWS Management had been sent to DWS representatives early in December 2019 but there had been no feedback and no meeting took place. A more informal meeting between SANCOLD and relevant DWS Management to explain benefits of synergy with SANCOLD and to clear misconceptions was essential. Efforts to broker such a meeting would be continued with BM consulting fellow representatives. **[BM, WR, XM]**

6.11 Updating of SA Register on Large Dams

The Register had been updated by Bertrand Collett (BC) and placed on the website. Queries remained as to discrepancies between the Dam Safety Register and the ICOLD Register which would require detailed checking as some entries were very old. WR was better positioned than BC to keep the Register updated and serve on the ICOLD Committee. BC had indicated his willingness to be replaced if a better positioned custodian was found. Secretary to approach WR as to taking on the position. **[Sec]**

During discussions, the similar problems of defining tailings dams at risk was raised. In the longer term SANCOLD needed to engage with the Regulator to improve the definition of tailings dams with a safety risk. **[Sec]**

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

7.1 SANCOLD Scholarship 2020

Five scholarships had been awarded in 2019 with two of these carrying on into 2020. Of the three 2019 Scholarships, Todd Thomas received his M Sc degree while Nkosinathi Dlamini and Keanu Singh are currently finalising their research work in anticipation of the MSc degrees. The 2020 allocation was for Udhav Maharaj and Ryshan Ramlall. This two year commitment meant that the budgeted amount had already been allocated for 2020. There would thus not be any new scholarship in 2020. New scholarships would be advertised for 2021. Sec to place in newsletter. **[Sec]**

7.2 Membership Matters

There are a number of outstanding membership fees among both Corporate and Individual members. The bulk of our membership income is from corporate members. The Secretary received the list of defaulting members from the Treasurer and needs to send out a formal letter to defaulting members advising them of membership termination if the fees remain unpaid. **[Sec]**

7.3 Audit 2019

Secretary reported that the Audits were completed but he was not aware if minor outstanding issues were clarified before they could be signed off. **[Treasurer]**

7.4 Membership Fees 2020

No increase in Membership fees was proposed for 2020 due to the poor state of the industry. This was approved. **[Treasurer]**

7.5 Budget 2020

The Budget was tabled and discussed. Expenditure exceeded income but was in line that funds should be used to promote the work of SANCOLD and not be accumulated unnecessarily. Membership income has been reduced. Money is available for training. Conference was income increased. Support for ICOLD attendance was a large item which should be contained where possible. Budget approved. **[Treasurer]**

7.6 Financial support for ICOLD 2020.

Members of ICOLD Technical Committees had been requested to indicate if they wished to receive support. Affirmative answers were received from 10 members. The YPF Chair had previously received support. On enquiry, RG asked to be added to the list. The support was capped at the budgeted R250 000 meaning support of R22 727 each which would only be paid in March. **[Treasurer]**

Secretary to advise recipients

[Sec]

7.7 Request for Advertising

The Secretary had contacted Barbara Spence of SAICE who can provide details of how SAICE addresses issues and rates but further discussions were required.

[Sec]

8. ICOLD ACTIVITIES

8.1 ICOLD Circular Letters

Circulars had been distributed to MC members.

8.2 ICOLD Issues

8.2.1 Attendance at ICOLD New Delhi

So far the attendees are unknown except for the 11 committee members who indicated their attendance.

8.2.2 SANCOLD Delegation to the GA

SANCOLD voting delegation: QS, HJW, RG/LH and Sec. Central Office to be advised.

[Sec]

8.2.3 Representation on ICOLD Committees

Secretary to check with WR as to his taking over the ICOLD Register. [Sec]

8.2.4 Issues for vote at GA.

To support the Ethiopian bid for 28th Congress in 2024. [QS & team]

9. GENERAL

9.1 Co-operation with CHINCOLD.

QS to continue discussions with Chinese delegation at New Delhi.

[Chair]

9.2 Co-operation with SAIEG (SAICE Geotech Division).

SANCOLD has been publicising their events and they have circulated details of our events to their members.

10. DATE AND VENUE OF THE NEXT MEETING

15:00 on Tuesday 7th July 2020 at ARQ Offices, Lynnwood Manor, Pretoria.

11. CLOSURE

At 17:25