



**MINUTES OF THE  
142<sup>nd</sup> SANCOLD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
At 09:00 on Tuesday 18 July 2023 held virtually.**

**Action**

**1. OPENING AND WELCOME**

The Chairperson, Henry-John Wright, opened the meeting and welcomed all.

**2. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND QUORUM**

**Attendance**

Comfort Mahlabela		CM
Gerald de Jager		GdJ
David Cameron-Ellis	Treasurer	DCE
Kogi Naidoo		KN
Robert Greyling		RG
Wally Ramokopa		WR
Sego Kelefetswe		SK
Ashley Coetzee		AC
Michelle Blaeser		MB
Cherie Starke		CS
Henry-John Wright	Chairperson	HJW
Janice Zhang		JZ
Mongezi Gxamza		MG
Danie Badenhorst		DB
Leon Furstenburg	Technical Secretary	TSec
Senzo Masikane	Admin Secretary	SM
Londiwe Mbambo	Administrative Assistant	LM

**Apologies**

Apologies were received from Quentin Shaw (QS), Jacques du Plessis (JdP), Guy Robertson (GR).

**Quorum**

A quorum was present.

**3. AGENDA (Amendments and adoption)**

The agenda was adopted.

Proposer: DB and Seconder: JZ

#### 4. MINUTES OF MC 141

Minutes of MC 141 were approved.  
Proposer: DB and Secoder: RG.

#### 5. SANCOLD ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

##### 5.1 PCO Appointment

A new PCO has been appointed and the contract has been drafted and signed.

**[MB]**

MB indicated that the PCO is requesting pricing to upload it onto the portal and inquired whether she can maybe increase the current registration fees by a nominal 5% and proposed also increasing the DWS pricing. DCE raised a concern with the Registration Fee increment proposal by MB, stating that due to SANCOLD not making a large profit last year, he would recommend that a budget analysis be done first to determine the breakeven point to try and make a profit as the conference is one of the incomes needed to balance SANCOLD's funds. HJW proposed revisiting the increment proposal once the venue is selected and all costs are taken into consideration.

**[HJW, MB, DCE]**

TSec highlighted that based on the PCO contract, deposit payments are required by the end of the month.

DCE highlighted the importance of meeting the requirements and raised concern about the appointed PCO having a general account and stressed the importance of the PCO making use of a fully auditable bank account dedicated to SANCOLD. DCE highlighted that the account would be opened by the PCO and would be in the PCO's name but on behalf of SANCOLD and would be dedicated to SANCOLD transactions. TSec supported this, stating that it was indicated as a requirement of the contract.

MG expressed his concern regarding the PCO Appointment, noting that correspondence was received about the appointment, however, the Tender Evaluation Report was not shared with the MC and requested that a Tender Evaluation Report highlighting the bidding process of the PCO appointment be shared with MC. HJW noted that a sub-committee was established to evaluate the process (refer to MC 141), and that the MC was informed about the outcome before an appointment was made and that a summary of the evaluation will be circulated. TSec noted that four different parties were approached and only three bids were received. He indicated that two of the bids were abysmal and were an Excel Spreadsheet covering the costs and one was a proper bid highlighting the profile of the company, a detailed costing, and their understanding of the conference.

**[TSec]**

## 5.2 Organisation Progress

MB provided feedback stating that the portal is currently being setup for submissions and the 40 abstracts that have been received will be uploaded once setup is complete.

The only outstanding items are the Keynote Speaker and the Site Visitation in the Gauteng Province.

**[MB]**

TSec highlighted that the Department of Water and Sanitation would be approached with regards to them providing a speaker. MG proposed that the letter to be drafted to the DWS requesting the Minister or the DG to be the keynote speaker highlights that future conferences of SANCOLD will be held outside of Gauteng. He proposed an expansion of the bid regarding future conferences of SANCOLD to assist the department to plan accordingly. WR recommended that an agenda is prepared to be presented to the Minister along with the letter requesting his attendance at the conference when requesting a meeting with the Minister. HJW and DB supported this proposal.

**[HJW]**

RG, for the keynote speaker, proposed the LHDA as an alternative due to the construction implementation of the Polihali Dam and Tunnel. KN supported RG's proposal to approach the LDHA and proposed approaching Tente Tente as a keynote speaker as he is now in a CEO position and has been a part of SANCOLD for so long.

HJW proposed to try and secure the Minister of Water Affairs first, and then maybe approach LHDA and for a site-visit, proposed going to Lesotho in the next 2/3 years as Water Affairs has offered the Hazelmere Dam which was postponed due to concerns about funding of DWS officials in this coming year.

**[HJW]**

TSec raised concern that hosting a site-visit in Lesotho will be difficult as it is far. WR also indicated that he doesn't support this proposal as Lesotho is a different country and that there would be impediments for departmental officials as an approval is required.

KN inquired about the possibility of extending the conference to 3 days instead of having a site visit as people normally cancel last minute. MB noted that more than 80 people attended the last site visit hence she wouldn't recommend that. RG indicated the importance of a site visit to Junior Engineers to give them contextualization of the conference. RG proposed two possible other site visit locations, namely the Northern Water Works or Brondhorspruit Dam. DB noted the importance of the experience of attending a site visit, especially an active site. TSec proposed going back to the Tailings Dam for a Site Visit. It was resolved to narrow it down to the Tailings Dam, with the availability of the Mining House to be confirmed first before proceeding.

**[MB/RG]**

DB proposed the preparation of a brief presentation on the Tailings Dam for the Symposium. HJW supported this proposal, if the tailings visit went ahead.

## **6. GENERAL**

### **6.1 ICOLD 2023 Feedback**

HJW indicated that the ICOLD 2023 attendees were requested to provide written feedback on their attendance – and this was to be shared with the members.

[HJW]

### **6.2 Training Proposal**

HJW proposed the commencement of the training proposal. HJW requested members to volunteer to assist in implementing the Training Proposal and contacting possible speakers, obtaining content as well as formulating the roster.

JZ, KN, CS and AC volunteered.

HJW indicated that members can still volunteer after the meeting and proposed to meet mid-August for this.

[ALL]

### **6.3 YPF Feedback**

JZ indicated that she has two presentations scheduled to take place, a presentation to be done by JdP in September and one earmarked for the 9<sup>th</sup> of October by Dawie Marx (JAWS).

[JZ]

CS volunteered to provide JZ with assistance with regard to these.

[CS]

AC provided feedback with regards to the LinkedIn profile and indicated that the page has grown in numbers, and it is getting views. She indicated that she has uploaded information on the Conference and intends on advertising the Webinars on the page, she is currently awaiting feedback from clients to proceed with conducting a Webinars.

[AC]

### **6.4 NFSP Feedback**

HJW indicated that the feedback is to be received at the next meeting as both MVD and GR tendered their apologies for this meeting.

[HJW]

### **6.5 Financial Matters**

DCE addressed the queries that were raised from the previous meeting regarding VAT Registration for SANCOLD as an entity.

DCE highlighted the implications this would have on the Membership Fees as well as the pushback the company would receive from Members and proposed that SANCOLD maintains not being a VAT Vendor as there are mechanisms already

put in place to ensure the entity's turnover is below the million-rand threshold for Vat Registration. He further explained the mechanism where the PCO utilises a ringfenced bank account and the transactions go through the PCO's books and SANCOLD only receives the profits which ensures that SANCOLD's Turnover remains under the million-rand threshold and avoids the VAT Registration issue. DB and TSec supported this proposal.

DCE provided feedback with regards to the Tax Clearance Certificate stating that the Tax Clearance Certificate is now valid.

#### 6.6 **SAIAE Personnel Changes**

HJW welcomed Londiwe Mbambo formally to the MC and opened the floor to LM for a brief introduction.

#### 6.7 **SANCOLD EXCO**

HJW indicated the importance of appointing an EXCO as a requirement of the Constitution 7.2.1 and 8.2. and explained the duties of this role.

HJW proposed that the EXCO consist of himself (HJW), TSec, DCE, JZ and RG. He opened the floor for members wishing to form part of the EXCO.

No-one opposed the proposal.

Proposer: DB Seconder: TSec

[HJW]

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

The next meeting will be scheduled for 14 Nov 2023.  
Same time (09:00 to 12:00). Venue to be confirmed.

EXCO Meeting Date and Venue is to be determined.

### 11. **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 10:15.