



SOUTH AFRICAN INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Date: 02 July 2012 **Time:** 14:00 to 17:00 **Venue:** SAIPPA Offices

Members:

Mr Doug Kuni	Exxaro	Present
Mr Thomas Garner	Exxaro	Apology
Mr Thibaud Vibert	Tenesol	Apology
Mr Denis Stupan	Ago-Energy	Apology
Mr Egmont Ottermann	Pretoria Portland Cement	Present
Mr Silas Zimu	Suzlon Wind Energy South Africa	Present
Ms Tumi Mphahlele	Matajiri Projects	Apology
Mr Benoit Fortin	Sky Power Limited	Apology
Mr Sunny Morgan	Enerlogy Pty Ltd	Present
Mr Otto Willem Roetger	Green Earth Industries	Apology
Mr Dave Long	Individual member	Apology
Ms Bridget Long	Individual member	Present
Ms Judi Nwokedi	Individual Member	Apology
Ms Thandi Mazibuko	Individual Member	Apology
Mr Paul van Niekerk	Secretariat	Present
Mr Jean Venter	Administrator	Present

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The chairman welcomed members present and noted the above apologies.

2. READING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting that was held on 30 January 2012.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Mr van Niekerk and Mr Kuni advised that SAIPPA did comment on the second amendment to the electricity act but that a new round of public consultations is expected on this.

AGREED to add a new heading namely “**REGULATION**” to the agenda.

[Cindy Maree]

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

The secretary then tabled a year to date financial report which was **NOTED**.

Mr Kuni advised that Exxaro has offered to sponsor SAIPPA with the amount of R50 000 for the 2012/2013 membership year and that their new energy company Cennergy will be taking up large corporate membership. The secretariat to bill the companies accordingly.

[Roberta Govender]

Mr Kuni advised that SAIPPA's previous ABSA account has a balance of R8000 and he has taken action to transfer the balance to the secretariat. The secretariat to forward the number of the SAIPPA trust account to Mr Kuni.

[Adrie da Silva]

A discussion ensued regarding cooperation with related institutions, and the consensus of opinion was that SAIPPA's co-operation with other institutions may be mutually beneficial and result in membership growth for SAIPPA.

Members **AGREED** to act as a technology neutral platform for the energy industry, to source experts from the various energy technologies from associated institutions when required and to encourage these institutions to affiliate with SAIPPA to make use of their technology neutral status in lobby and representation actions. It was emphasized that an open and accessible grid is in the interest of all independent power producers.

[Paul van Niekerk]

5. BUSINESS PLAN

The current business plan was **NOTED**.

6. SAIPPA WEBSITE

The secretary then tabled statistics on the page hits of the site and advised that the site has been updated in recent times, receiving a large number of hits especially from European countries who are targeting South Africa with their energy generation investments.

7. EVENTS PROGRAMME

Mr van Niekerk advised that the most recent workshop was attended by about eighty (80) people and that he proposed at the meeting the creation of a working group of energy experts from various technologies to collaborate with the national grid code committee.

AGREED to support the creation of a working group forum in support of the grid code committees.

[Paul van Niekerk]

Members objected to the blatant advertising content of the paper by the local representative of Bright Source and **AGREED** that the secretariat will advise Bright Source in the USA of its objections.

[Secretary]

AGREED that the next SAIPPA workshop will be on the subject of localisation, and that Messrs Ottermann, Zimu and van Niekerk will collaborate to establish a suitable programme of speakers for the event. The organising committee will consider inviting representatives from

DTI, IDC and National Treasury. Feedback on the latest bidding round was also mooted as important at this time.

[Messrs Zimu, Ottermann and van Niekerk]

8. LOBBY AND REPRESENTATION ACTIONS

Noted that Ms Nwokedi, Messrs van Niekerk and Long are attending BUSA meetings on a regular basis.

AGREED to modify the name of the agenda item dealing with lobby committees to read “Lobby and Representation” and to delete the “Grid Code Committee” item elsewhere in the agenda, which is a duplicate item.

[Cindy Maree]

AGREED that Mr Zimu will endeavour to obtain up to date information on the following subjects:

- a. ISMO Bill
- b. 2nd Amendments to the Electricity Act
- c. Electricity Regulations
- d. NERSA

[Silas Zimu]

Members suggested that the small scale generation bidding process in the one to five megawatt range is much too onerous to be viable and that the banks have already taken a negative stance regarding this category for this particular reason. It was noted that government is under pressure to localise participants in the generation bidding processes. The Eskom pilot process for up to 10MW projects are however very simple from a requirements and administrative point of view and may well attract much more interest.

Members briefly discussed the relationship and function of the NRS Project, Electricity Suppliers Liaison Committee and the SABS and requested Mr van Niekerk to do a presentation at the next meeting to outline the functions and interrelationships between these bodies.

[Paul van Niekerk]

Mr van Niekerk advised of an invitation from the International Electrotechnical Commission for SAIPPA to provide technical representation on a technical workgroup on the subject of renewable energy standards.

AGREED to source technical experts from related renewable energy institutions to serve on the proposed local committee of the IEC on renewable energy.

[Paul van Niekerk]

9. OFFICE BEARERS

The secretary pointed out that the constitution of SAIPPA required office bearer elections every second year.

AGREED to place office bearer elections onto the agenda of the next meeting.

[Cindy Maree]

10. MEETING DATES

The committee confirmed the following meeting dates:

15 August – Workshop

29 October – Management Committee

20 November – Workshop on localisation

[Cindy Maree/Marisa Jacobs]

11. CLOSURE

The chairman thanked members present and closed the meeting.

Thus confirmed

Chairman

Date