



## **Minutes for the 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Subgroup for Hotspots Exclusion**

**Telephone Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2011, at 15.00 CET**

### Agenda

- 1) The meeting was opened in time scheduled, with representation of Finland (Henna Haapala), Sweden (Åke Mikaelsson), NEFCO (Henrik Forsström), and Russia (Ruslan Butovsky from Fund for Sustainable Development representing MNRE)
- 2) The Agenda was adopted, Åke Mikaelsson was appointed as Chair of the meeting and Ruslan Butovsky – as Secretary
- 3) The Minutes of the SHE11 Meeting of May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 were reviewed and adopted.
- 4) Ruslan Butovsky reported that there were no important news from MNRE during the last week in particular as related to the additional information on regional hotspots and comments on fast track exclusion from MNRE incl. Rosprirodnadzor. It was pointed out that SHE urgently needs the names of legislative documents (federal, regional etc.), clarification of Rosprirodnadzor's role and the role of the subject level authorities in the exclusion procedure for each of the Hot spots need to be clarified, as well as required documents, normative acts etc used by the authorities during the exclusion procedure. This kind of information need to be considered and clarified for both the ordinary exclusion procedure 1-8 as well as for the Fast track exclusion 2-7.. Ruslan will request from Andrey Peshkov the missing information and deliver it to Henna, who is preparing a presentation for the coming BEAC meeting in Syktyvkar. Also it is important to ask MNRE to nominate the responsible authority contacts in every region both at federal and subject level authorities. This may be done by a special letter who will work on hotspots exclusion. All HS projects should be approved by the MNRE Head of Department of International Affairs Mr. Inamov and by the owners of the enterprises. Ruslan should complete the table of possible Site Visits for the end of June and deliver it to SHE members.
- 5) The Steering Committee Meeting for the Pajala Project will take place June 8<sup>th</sup> 2011, at 14.00 – 15.00. The SHE members are appointed members of the Steering Committee for the Pajala project, however the SC meeting is a separate issue with separate agenda from the SHE-agenda. Richard Almgren, the manager of the Pajala project will report on the project activities since April 1, 2011. The important issue is a Murmansk meeting, which

was postponed from late May to late June. Åke expressed his interest in participating in this meeting.

- 6) SHE members discussed the relations with CPESC group in light of the joint meeting, scheduled for BEAC meeting. The general opinion was that CPESC should be more active and the activities should be better coordinated between the interested parties including SHE activities. It was also stressed that as well the Russian as the Norwegian assessment of the further work within CPESC based on the assessment report discussed in Petrozavodsk is important for the next step.
- 7) The next meeting will take place in Syktyvkar on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2011 at 9-13.00 Moscow time.