



Minutes

54th Meeting of the Subgroup for Hot Spots Exclusion (SHE#54)

Telephone Meeting, February 17th, 2017

1. Opening of the Meeting

The telephone meeting was opened at 09.00 and the following participated:

- Norway (co-chair Hanne Aronsen)
- Sweden (Åke Mikaelsson, Nadya Maslova)
- Finland (Emma Nurmi)

and Observers:

- IBS (Maria Dianova)
- NEFCO (Henrik G Forsström)

Absent: Russia (co-chair Maria Dronova)

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Review of Minutes from the SHE 53 Meeting

The Minutes from SHE#53 were already approved intersessionally (10.02.2017) and circulated to the group. No further remarks on the Minutes from SHE#53.

4. Follow-up of tasks distributed at the previous meetings

The group went through the list of follow-up tasks from the SHE#53. Most tasks were followed up, however, some TEC reviews were not submitted and a new deadline was agreed.

5. Draft Agenda for SHE#55 in Tromsø 28 March 2017

The group went through the draft agenda. The meeting will mainly be for in-depth discussions of the TEC reviews and draft exclusion criteria for hotspots aiming for exclusion. It was recognized that it will be valuable if experts from the countries could attend the SHE#55 meeting either present in Tromsø or through telephone/web.

Åke has circulated a Proposed List on SHE Supporting Activities. All were encouraged to give comments on the document. The document will be on the agenda for the SHE#55 meeting in Troms for discussion and possible decisions.

Maria Dianova will prepare a document for the next SHE meeting (SHE#55) on possible hotspot outreach material for the Ministerial as basis for discussion and possible decisions.

SHE will present to WGE in Tromsø the hotspots aiming for exclusion, to give WGE a sense of the considerations that will have to be made in order to decide on recommending exclusion or not. Hanne will circulate a draft presentation to SHE for comments and input before the SHE#55 meeting.

6. Hotspot A4 Arkhangelsk Pulp and Paper Mill Novodvinsk

An updated TEC review on hotspot A4 was circulated to SHE before the meeting and Olaug informed that the experts were still discussing the document and that yet another updated version could be expected early next week (20-23 February).

SHE discussed the possible expert visit to Arkhangelsk and agreed to ask the experts to plan for a visit to Arkhangelsk for meetings with relevant authorities and stakeholders including a site visit to hotspot A4. The aim of the meeting will be for the Nordic experts to meet with the regional authorities and hotspot owner in Arkhangelsk, to get to know each other (considered useful for the review of other hotspots later in Arkhangelsk) and for the experts to get answers to outstanding questions for the TEC review of A4. The experts would need to finalize the list of questions prepared for the meetings, prepare a program and get visas as soon as possible (by 21 February). Sweden will take responsibility for the planning of the visit (program) and will also make sure the experts are put in touch with key authorities and representatives from the enterprise they would need to meet with in Arkhangelsk. Maria Dianova will assist with translation of list of questions, visa applications and the dialogue with Arkhangelsk (Ivan Popov) about the program for the visit.

7. Preparations for the WGE meeting in Tromsø 1 March

See last section under agenda item 5 about presentation to WGE about hotspots aiming for exclusion.

8. Support activities

The two issues on the agenda for SHE#54 was postponed to the SHE#55 meeting in Tromsø, partly since Russia was not present in the meeting and should be part of this discussion. In addition the document circulated by Åke – "Proposed List on SHE Supporting Activities" will be discussed in SHE#55.

9. HEG meeting in Murmansk

Maria Dianova informed about the dialogue with Murmansk on the planning of the HEG meeting in Murmansk. The meeting will be 3 March 2017 and invitation has been sent to Russian hotspot owners. Meeting room has been booked at Hotel Azimut and the 2nd draft (final) program for the HEG meeting is in process and is expected to be circulated to SHE early next week.

Since the HEG meeting was initiated rather late Murmansk region has not been able to allocate funding for the meeting in the 2017 budget. Meeting costs are estimated to around

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15.000 NOK according to Maria Dianova for meeting room, interpretation, lunch and coffee for ca 30 participants. The SHE group was of the opinion that it would be beneficial if Russia (either Murmansk or Moscow) could fund the HEG meeting, like the other previous regional HEG meetings have also been funded locally. As an exception, NEFCO informed that this could perhaps be funded through BHSF if defined as a hotspot support activity by SHE. The group noted that this was considered as a very last fall-back option because of precedence for later meetings.

Maria Dianova and Hanne expects to have a telephone meeting early next week with Maria Dronova, and Igor Konyukhov (Murmansk) to discuss the program and other organisational issues about the HEG meeting in Murmansk.

10. Date and Topics for Next (SHE) Meeting

The next SHE#55 meeting will be in Tromsø, 28 February, back to back with the WGE meeting there 1 March 2017.

An updated draft agenda for the SHE#55 meeting will be circulated early next week.

11. Summary of Next Steps and Distribution of Tasks

(including tasks from SHE#52 and SHE#53)

Task	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
Circulate draft Minutes from SHE#54.	Hanne	asap
Comments on draft Minutes from SHE#54	All	February 27
Invite experts to attend the SHE#55 meeting in Tromsø or by phone/web for the discussions om TEC review and draft hotspot exclusion criteria	Åke, Emma, Maria Dronova	Before the SHE meeting 28 February
Comments on Åke's Proposed List on SHE Supporting Activities.	All	23 February
NEFCO proposal of hotspot support activity – pool of consultants	Henrik	24 February
Ko2-1 Vorkuta Cement Plant: The experts will finalize TEC review (in the template used for other TEC reviews lately, see A4) and send to SHE	Sweden co-ordinates	23 February
Ko1 Vorkuta coal field: A Task Force will sum up the information on Ko1 and indicate ways forward to the SHE group.	Olaug Bjertnæs, Henrik G Forsström,	23 February
Prepare a document (discussion paper) for SHE about possible hotspot outreach material for the Ministerial.	Maria Dianova	23 February
SE-RU proposal note about which hotspots may be given "orange colour" as illustration of progress. Proposal for SHE decision	Åke/Maria Dronova	23 February
Prepare a draft SHE presentation to WGE presenting the hotspots aiming for exclusion. Circulate to SHE	Hanne	23 February
Update TEC review on hotspot A4.	Olaug and TEC	21 February
Finalize the program and list of questions for the visit to	Sweden	21 February

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Arkhangelsk (hotspot A4). + visa for the experts (Maria Dianova may assist)		
Circulate final (2 nd draft) program for the HEG meeting in Murmansk to SHE and other participants	Maria Dianova	23 February
Circulate 3 rd draft agenda for the SHE#55 meeting, Tromsø 28 February	Hanne	asap
Comments and input on 3 rd draft agenda for the SHE#55 meeting	All	23 February

12. Any Other Business

The document archive on BEAC web. This matter will be discussed at a later meeting.

13. Closure of the Meeting

The meeting was closed at 11.20