



1st draft Minutes

56th Meeting of the Subgroup for Hot Spots Exclusion (SHE#56)

Telephone Meeting, March 23rd, 2017

1. Opening of the Meeting

The telephone meeting was opened at 14.00 (Oslo time) and the following participated:

- Russia (Maria Dronova (co-chair))
- Norway (Hanne Aronsen (co-chair))
- Sweden (Åke Mikaelsson)
- Finland (Emma Nurmi)

and Observers:

- IBS (Maria Dianova)
- NEFCO (Henrik G Forsström, Ruslan Butovsky (consultant))

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

3. Review of Minutes from the SHE 55 Meeting

The SHE group agreed on silence procedure for approval of the Minutes from SHE#55 and a deadline March 31. As announced earlier, Norway will make sure the SHE#55 minutes are translated into Russian after they are SHE approved. The approved version will be circulated to the group.

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

The group went through the updated list of follow-up tasks from the minutes of the SHE#55 meeting. Tasks 4-10 and 12 were not submitted to SHE yet and the tasks will be forwarded to the new list of follow-ups from the SHE#56 meeting.

5. Support activities

- a) Proposal from Norway on support for Ko7
- b) Proposal from Sweden on a List on SHE Supporting Activities
- c) Proposal from NEFCO, Description of the task for a consultant.

The SHE group discussed the three proposals.

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Regarding a) The cooperation between Norsk Energi and Komi on hot spot Ko7 has been supported by Norway for several years. Now there is a new application Norwegian funding for 2017. The results so far are very good and further cooperation is wanted from Komi and Norway hopes this can be considered a support activity for the exclusion of hot spot Ko7. SHE members pointed out that this is generally a positive initiative. It was noted that SHE would find it useful if the assistance is structured so that it gives support to step 3-6 in the Hotspot exclusion procedure and/or gives support to part(s) of the Ko7 Action plan.

Regarding b) Åke had restructured the first draft of the proposed List on SHE Supporting Activities, and a second draft was circulated the day before the meeting. The proposed list was well received by SHE members, however, all had not had the time to look carefully through the document yet. The following was clarified:

- This list may function as a living document, updated by SHE when considered necessary,
- NEFCO will need an approval in principle by SHE of the list of supporting activities in order to get a pre-approved allocation of funding from BHSF for the Hotspot Support activities. The funding of each specific support activity will have to be decided later (by NEFCO), after the specific support activities are developed one-by one by SHE and NEFCO (and others if relevant) and are ready to be implemented,
- NEFCO will not be able to finance Nordic authority experts' participation in supporting activities,
- It is important to coordinate the BAT supporting activities with other ongoing BAT relevant initiatives in order to make use of synergies and not to overlap,
- SHE will try to get a meeting with the Moscow BAT Bureau in order to get information about their plans and find out if and how hotspots exclusion issues can also be included at the seminars
- Output to SHE from the implemented Hotspot Support activities will be important

Regarding c) Henrik presented the proposal of a pool of Russian consultants to give support to the hotspot owners in the hotspot exclusion process. The tasks of the consultants will have to be tailor made to what they are supposed to do/achieve. The consultants will also need education about the hotspot exclusion process (and other issues if relevant). A pool of templates and standard documents for their work may be useful. The proposed list was well received by SHE members. NEFCO envisages a steering committee for this activity with a representative from the SHE group.

The SHE group agreed on a 2 week deadline for further comments on the a, b and c proposals for supporting activities. Deadline for comments April 7.

6. Outreach material

Maria Dianova presented the proposal for Hotspot outreach material for the 2017, Ministerial, circulated 23 February 2017.

The group agreed to a rather low level of ambition for this. Production of a few (ca 3) leaflets of 2+2 pages (2 in English and 2 in Russian language) about hotspots, one leaflet per hotspot. A bigger brochure could be issued under the Swedish chairmanship if Sweden wishes to. Sweden will come back to this at a later stage. The leaflets should be written for the general public (including Ministers and hotspot owners) and contain pictures.

Preferably the same structure should be used for all leaflets. The group discussed the focus/message of the leaflets and the following was noted to be important to highlight:

- the environmental improvements at the hotspot
- the plans for further environmental improvements at the hotspot
- the new BAT legislation and how this will/may inspire further environmental improvements

It was recognized that the issue of focus/message of the leaflets might have to be revisited and discussed further, at a later stage. Maria Dianova agreed to prepare a first draft leaflet to SHE by the 2nd half of May. The group concluded that hotspots Ko7 and Ko3-2 (Ko3?) would be relevant cases to start with and Maria agreed to prepare drafts for both. She will seek assistance from a journalist who can help with text, layout etc. She will also contact the hotspot owners in Komi to get information for the leaflet. It was noted that SHE will have to check out the final text eventually with the hotspot owner before publishing, to make sure the information presented in the leaflet is correct.

7. Hotspot A4 Arkhangelsk Pulp and Paper Mill (Novodvinsk)

Åke informed about the expert meetings in Arkhangelsk to get information about hotspot A4, on March 16-17. Swedish and Finnish experts participated. The experts will prepare a report from this mission, which will be important for the updating of the TEC review.

The WGE chair has called for a telephone meeting with SHE about hotspot A4 in May, to discuss and make a conclusion regarding exclusion or not of Hot spot A4. Before this meeting, SHE has been asked to prepare a statement with a recommendation to WGE about exclusion/not exclusion of this hotspot. The deadline for this statement is April 19.

The SHE-group will prepare a statement about the A4 hot spot, similar to the ones that have been produced when considering hotspot exclusions. Before such statement can be drafted SHE would need the following:

- 1) The mission report from the expert meeting in Arkhangelsk about A4 (Sweden and Finland will follow up this)
- 2) Updated TEC review, including new information from the expert meeting in Arkhangelsk (The TEC members follow up this)
- 3) Updated S&A report. According to information in the SHE meeting Arkhangelsk wish to update the report (Maria Dianova will follow up on this with Arkhangelsk)
- 4) Prepare draft statement about A4 (Hanne will prepare a first draft based on information from 1-3 above)

8. Date and Topics for Next (SHE) Meeting

The group agreed there was a need for a new SHE meeting before the deadline of the A4 statement (19 April). The only possible date for a SHE telephone meeting before 19 April was in the afternoon of April 5.

SHE also discussed the possibility of having a SHE meeting in Moscow in order to facilitate a meeting between SHE and the Moscow BAT Bureau. Ruslan Butovsky was challenged to find two possible dates for a meeting between SHE and the BAT Bureau, preferably before the Summer, but also possible after the Summer (not July and August). Ruslan will report back to SHE about possible dates.

9. Summary of Next Steps and Distribution of Tasks

Task	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
1. Circulate draft Minutes from SHE#56	Hanne	asap

2. Comments on draft Minutes from SHE#56	All	31 March
3. Ko7: Komi will consider the need for further revision of the draft exclusion criteria for hotspot Ko7 and send it to SHE	Komi/Tatiana Tiupenko	asap
4. Ko7: Komi will translate the Action Plan for utilization of wood waste into English and send it to SHE (step 4)	Komi/Tatiana Tiupenko	asap
5. Ko7: Komi may later, after SHE approval of the Action plan (step 5), send a report on completed implementation of the action plan (step 6) send an application to SHE for exclusion of hotspot Ko7 (step 7) including the necessary documentation and a statement from Rosprirodnadzor	Komi/Tatiana Tiupenko	asap
6. A3-1: Arkhangelsk will provide a revised draft of the exclusion criteria for A3-1. Butovsky will coordinate and prepare a bilingual version that will be circulated to SHE as soon as it is ready	Arkhangelsk/Ruslan Butovsky	asap
7. Ko6: Komi will continue developing draft exclusion criteria for Ko6 and send it to SHE.	Komi/Tatiana Tiupenko	asap (Early April)
8. Ko2-1: Komi will consider which approach they would follow (short or long track) for seeking exclusion, update the S&A report and report back to SHE about the results and conclusions as soon as they are ready	Komi/Tatiana Tiupenko	asap
9. Ko1: Komi will discuss with the hotspot owner how they wish to proceed with the exclusion of the hotspot Ko1 and report back to the SHE group about the conclusions of these discussions.	Komi/Tatiana Tiupenko	asap
10. Circulate the SE-RU proposal note about which hotspots may be given "orange colour".	Åke/Maria Dronova	Asap 1 week
11. Comments on the proposals a, b and c under the SHE#56 Agenda item 5. Support activities	All (SHE)	7 April
12. Outreach material for 2017 Ministerial: Prepare a first draft leaflet to SHE on hotspots Ko7 and Ko3-2 (Ko3?)	Maria Dianova	2 nd half of May
12. A4: Prepare a mission report from the hotspot A4 expert meeting in Arkhangelsk in March	Sweden and Finland	7 April
13. A4: Updated TEC review for hotspot A4	TEC	Asap (before April 13)
14. A4: Update of Screening and Analyses report for hotspot A4. Maria Dianova will contact Arkhangelsk for an update	A4 Hotspot owner	asap
15. Prepare a draft SHE statement about hotspot A4 before the next SHE telephone meeting	Hanne	3 April
16. Find two possible dates for a meeting between SHE and the BAT Bureau, before and after the Summer (not July and August)	Ruslan Butovsky	asap

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17. Send out invitation for the SHE#57 meeting	Hanne	asap
18. Circulate 1 st draft agenda for the SHE#57 meeting	Hanne	27 March
19. Comments and input on draft agenda for the SHE#57 meeting	All	1 week

10. Any Other Business

No other business

11. Closure of the Meeting

The meeting was closed at 17.20