

UIC PERMIT ADVISORY FORUM (PAF)
Minutes of meeting held in person at
Umbogavango Conservancy at AECI Property Services
At 14.00 on Thursday 07 November 2024

Present:**(As per attendance register)**

Ewan Alanthwaite (EA)	AECI
Kyle Dass (KD)	AECI
Chris Fennermore (CF)	Water Zone
Surikumari Govender (SG)	Evonik
Sthembile Khoza (SK)	AECI
Ntuthuko Mancwele (NMc)	AECI
Thubelihle Mazibuko (TM)	AECI
William Middleton (WM)	Anchor Yeast
Nomali Msomi (NM)	AECI
Charles Mzobe (CM)	AECI
Kyle Naidoo (KN)	Talbot
Natisha Padayachee (NP)	Anchor Yeast
Orlena Pillay (OP)	Anchor Yeast
Mumsy Tlholoe (MTh)	Anchor Yeast

Secretariat

Rose Owen (RO)	Phelamanga
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Apologies

Sumaiya Arabi (SA)	DEA:Oceans & Coast
Navika Govender (NG)	DWS
Jabulile Madibe (JM)	DWS
Brent Newman (BN)	CSIR
Mervin Soobramoney (MS)	AECI
Bruce Surmon (BSu)	Athlone Civi Association
Steven Weerts (SW)	CSIR

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS – ALL MEMBERS

AB	Andre Beetge	NG	Navika Govender
AMa	Alfred Matsheke	NL	Neo Leburu
BN	Brent Newman	NM	Nomali Msomi
BSu	Bruce Surmon	NMa	Ntombi Madibe
CM	Charles Mzobe	NMc	Ntuthuko Macwele
CF	Chris Fennermore	NMt	Nozipho Mthethwa
DD	Des D'Sa	NNt	Nolwazi Ntsontso
EA	Ewan Alanthwaite	NP	Natisha Padayachee
GTh	Grahame Thompson	OP	Orlena Pillay
JM	Jabulile Madibe	PMp	Philiswa Mpantsha
KD	Kyle Dass	PR	Preesha Rooplal
KN	Kyle Naidoo	SA	Sumaiya Arabi
LT	Laura Taylor	SF	Simon Forster
MC	Mike Crowley	SGo	Surikumari Govender
MM	Micole Martens	SK	Sthembile Khoza
MMI	Msibi Mlungisi	SW	Stewart Whyte
MN	Musa Nzuza	TM	Thubelihle Mazibuko
MS	Mervin Soobramoney	TMo	Thuli Montana
MT	Mulalo Tshikotshi	TN	Thando Nxumalo
MTh	Mumsy Tlholoe	WM	William Middleton

ACTION**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

- RO welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. It was noted that there had been a last minute change to the venue and we had included an online option due to the issues on the N2. RO thanked everyone for their understanding and welcomed those online.
- Introductions were done.
- RO asked everyone to please check the register that emails/SMS are correct for us to ensure that notices are received.
- Safety briefing was done.

2. APOLOGIES

- Apologies were noted as recorded above.

1. PURPOSE AND FORMAT

- To ensure that all stakeholders are adequately informed and consulted about the conditions of the licenses issued for a marine discharge pipeline, and are afforded fair and adequate opportunity to make input.
- To provide relevant information and knowledge to the licensees that may otherwise not have become available.

	<u>ACTION</u>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. To assist in verifying data, identifying impacts, alternatives, avoidance, minimisation and mitigation measures for issues associated with the conditions of the pipeline licenses. 5. To promote transparency and provide advice to both the licensees and the competent authority based on the meaningful contribution of key parties. 6. RO noted for those new to the meeting that the Benthic survey was previously done annually, however as the licence condition did not require it to be done annually it will now be done every second year. 7. EA further correct that the licence only requires the Benthic survey every 3 years, but AECI have opted to undertake the benthic survey every second year. 	
<p>3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The draft agenda was presented, accepted and adopted. 	
<p>4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 7 AUGUST 2024</p> <p>The minutes having been circulated were confirmed as a true reflection and signed.</p>	
<p>5. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES NOT COVERED ANYWHERE ELSE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No matters arising were noted. 	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report from AECI Property Services Operations 2. The discharge limits are within the limit of 6000m³ 3. RO requested clarity from CM on the discharge, volume. 4. CM and EA confirmed that the limit is 6000m³ however the pipeline capacity is limited due to the pipeline diameter to 4000m³. They had requested an increase in the volume limit in anticipation of potential increased volume discharges, however they have not reached this and it is unlikely to occur without a change in the pipe diameter. RO asked the team to consider a way to represent the pipeline capacity on the slide/report. 5. EA further informed the meeting that one of the tenants (Dyefin) who contribute to the effluent, have approval for an effluent to water recycling plant that they have started construction on, and that should be complete next year and this will reduce their effluent by 75%. The volume will reduce but this will be taken up by TopWell who are due to be starting operations in quarter 1 of 2025. 6. Daily, weekly and monthly grab samples were all 100% compliant. 7. There have been no issues of sea discolouration's since the 4th quarter of 2023. 8. Pipeline surveys continue on a daily basis. There is also an external integrity survey undertaken on an annual basis. 9. EA noted the dive survey has been done; however, he was not happy with the video provided, he will engage with them and request the next dive video likely to be in May 2025 is improved. EA indicated the video is available for any that wish to see it. 10. CF requested that the actual permit limit values be provided in the presentation as relevant to the samples. 	
<p>6. Permit Issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No items were raised. 	
<p>7. COMMUNITY ISSUES</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No items were raised. 	
<p>8. GENERAL</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EA noted that there had been issues at this time last year when their pipeline was damaged. This has been resolved and the responsible party did pay for the repair work. The secondary rupture was likely the same party that caused the first rupture. He commended the good work on this issue, particularly the work on the end of the pipeline, and there is a video on this. 	
<p>9. PROPOSED DATES FOR 2023</p> <p>6 February 2025</p>	

