

UIC PERMIT ADVISORY FORUM (PAF)
Minutes of meeting held at
Umbogavango Conservancy, at 14.00 on Thursday 6 August 2026

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

Kyle Dass (KD)	AECI
Zinzi February (ZF)	AECI
Sthembile Khoza (SK)	AECI
Nomali Msomi (NM)	AECI
Charles Mzobe (CM)	AECI
Thando Nxumalo (TN)	Anchor/Rymco

Secretariat

Rose Owen (RO)	Phelamanga
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Apologies

Ewan Alanthwaite (EA)	AECI
Sumaiya Arabi (SA)	DEA:Oceans & Coast
Jabulile Madibe (JM)	DWS
Bongani Mthembu (BM)	SDCEA
Brent Newman (BN)	CSIR
Natisha Padayachee (NP)	Anchor/Rymco
Navika Govender (NG)	DWS
Mervin Soobramoney (MS)	AECI
Mumsy Tlholoe (MTh)	Anchor/Rymco

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS – ALL MEMBERS

AB	Andre Beetge	NMb	Nkululeko Mbatha
AMa	Alfred Matsheke	NMc	Ntuthuko Macwele
AMk	Ayanda Mkhize	NMh	Nozuko Mhlongo
BM	Bongani Mthembu	NMk	Nqobile Mkhize
BN	Brent Newman	NMt	Nozopho Mthethwa
CM	Charles Mzobe	NNd	Ndumiso Ndlovu
CF	Chris Fennemore	NNDo	Nonhlanhla Ndoba
DD	Des D'Sa	NNt	Nolwazi Ntsontso
EA	Ewan Alanthwaite	NP	Natisha Padayachee
EM	Ebrahim Moosa	OP	Orlena Pillay
GTh	Grahame Thompson	PMp	Philiswa Mpantsha
JM	Jabulile Madibe	PR	Preesha Rooplal
JP	Justin Pillay	SA	Sumaiya Arabi
KD	Kyle Dass	SB	Satisha Barath
KN	Kyle Naidoo	SF	Simon Forster
LC	Lerato Chipi	SG	Surikumari Govender
LH	Liane Henman	SH	Stuart Henderson
LS	Lihle Sibiya	SK	Sthembile Khoza
ML	Mpho Ligudu	SL	Simone Labuschagne
MMI	Msibi Mlungisi	SW	Stewart Whyte
MN	Musa Nzuza	SZ	Skhumbuzo Zungu
MS	Mervin Soobramoney	TMo	Thuli Montana
MT	Mulalo Tshikotshi	TN	Thando Nxumalo
MTh	Mumsy Tlholoe	TZ	Thembisa Zamisa
NG	Navika Govender	WA	William Ansell
NGu	Nomzamo Gumede	WB	Wanda Mbokazi
NJ	Nonjabulo Dlomo	WM	William Middleton
NL	Neo Leburu	WW	Wandile Wella
NM	Nomali Msomi	ZF	Zinzi February
NMa	Ntombi Madibe	ZK	Zandile Khuzwayo

ACTION**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

- RO welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending. RO apologised for the sudden change in venue and thanked all for their flexibility.
- Introductions were done.
- A safety briefing was conducted, detailing the location of the G room and oxygen bottles in case of a gas emission.
- If anyone has not received the relevant emails/SMS notices please forward the correct contact details to: rose@phelamanga.co.za.

2. APOLOGIES

- Apologies were noted as recorded above.

3. 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.
- To assist in verifying data, identifying impacts, alternatives, avoidance, minimisation and mitigation measures for issues associated with the conditions of the pipeline licenses.
- To promote transparency and provide advice to both the licensees and the competent authority based on the meaningful contribution of key parties.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

	<u>ACTION</u>
- The draft agenda was presented, RO noted the incorrect AGENDA HAD BEEN PRINTED. She apologised and noted the available Agenda could be used with the following changes - Item 6.1 Pipeline Repairs - Item 6.2 Development Update - With these changes the Agenda was accepted and adopted.	
5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 7 MAY 2026 The minutes having been circulated were confirmed as a true reflection and signed.	
6. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES NOT COVERED ANYWHERE ELSE	
6.1. DEVELOPMENT NEAR PIPELINE SERVITUDE - CM reported that the Oxford Stored development appears to have stalled. The Department had requested a biodiversity and habitat study due to species found only in that specific area. - Engagements regarding storm water outlets have ceased. - Cable Landing (ASA Africa): It was noted that AECL has registered as an interested and affected party. - Drawings show the landing point has moved further south to a different parking lot, which is a significant distance from the AECL pipeline. A new manhole is being constructed south of where the pipeline was previously damaged.	
6.2. DYEFIN EFFLUENT WATER RECYCLING PLANT - Commissioning has begun, including the "seeding" of the plant. - This is a slow, staged biological process. - AECL conducted a walkabout and confirmed that the quality of effluent sent to the plant will be closely monitored.	
7. REPORT FROM AECL PROPERTY SERVICES OPERATIONS - CM presented the performance data for the second quarter. The CWDP remains valid. - Quantitative Compliance (Volumes): Discharge volumes remain 100% compliant. - Volumes are consistently below the 6,000 m³/day limit due to physical infrastructure constraints. - Qualitative Compliance (Grab Samples) While generally compliant, the quarter was marked by several out-of-specification results: April (Weekly Grab): Two Fluoride failures (95% compliance for the month). These were attributed to effluent from a customer producing animal food and a failure to communicate permit specifications to lab technicians. - May (Daily Grab): Two Suspended Solids failures (98.7% compliance). - June (Daily Grab): One Suspended Solid failure (99.3% compliance). - CM reported that a Root Cause Analysis was undertaken (Lab Issues identified and addressed) - The Suspended Solids failures were identified as non-representative samples. - They were taken during maintenance shutdowns from a "dead leg" in the pipeline where flow was low (below 60 m³/hr). - Additionally, the lab is facing significant staff shortages and pressure, leading to delays in reporting non-conformances to management. - Sea Discoloration: None observed or reported during Q2. - Pipeline Overland Inspection: Completed; no major issues identified beyond minor graffiti. - Sub-sea Dive: A recent dive by the contractor indicated no issues with the pipeline or the flexi-hose section. A full video report will be presented at the next meeting. - CM updated on the item regarding the Marine Impact Assessment flagged Mercury reading: Extensive sampling is being conducted at Southgate, and various river points to determine if the mercury source is the industrial complex or an external party.	
8. PERMIT ISSUES No items were raised	
9. COMMUNITY ISSUES No items were raised.	

ACTION**10. GENERAL**

1. **Huntsman/Venator/IKPSA Permit:** RO raised concerns about the status of this permit and the decommissioning of their pipeline. CM noted that the previous servitude is likely non-transferable to the new owners. RO noted she will follow-up with the Department.
2. **Meeting Format Change:** RO noted that after discussions with Authorities it was proposed to the meeting and agreed that future meetings will offer an MS Teams (online) option.
3. Meetings will therefore move to the Upper Committee room to utilize better signal and technical facilities for online streaming

11. PROPOSED DATES FOR 2025

~~5 February 2026 – Benthic Survey Report TBC~~

~~7 May 2026~~

~~6 August 2026~~

5 November 2026 – ONLINE OPTION

12. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 14:55

Read and confirmed this day of 20

Signature

ANNEXURE

The following links to the folder containing the presentations referred to above will be available in Phelamanga Projects' Dropbox until the next meeting of the PAF.

PRESENTATION	LINK	FILE SIZE
AECI Presentation	https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/u4x8okdptv2tgun-qezgvh/2026-Q2-AECI-Property-Services-PerformancePresentation-FNL.pdf?rlkey=6cwr15ko2n9io2e06k8ny-momp&dl=0	1 183 KB