Notes of the Corrosion Protection Group Meeting  
held at NGN, Thorpe Park, Leeds, and via TEAM on 30th January 2023

CPWG/23/02

1. Present:

Nikki Barker PIE (Secretary)

Stephanie Corless National Grid

John Dyson Working Group Technical Consultant

Matthew Emery BPA

Jim Jarvie Ineos

Simon Joyce SGN (Chairman)

Barry MacKay SGN

Harveen Matharu Cadent Gas

Peter Martin National Grid

Jim Morrison Wood

Oliver Scott Valero

Brian Steemers GNI

Adrian Wathen Cadent Gas

# 2. Apologies

Matthew Davies WWU

Pablo Merino Exolum

Andy Middleton NGN

Lewis Quinn SGN

**No communications**

SJ welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

# Minutes of Last Meeting (CPWG-23-02) & Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 30th January 2023. All actions have been updated on the action sheet at the end of the minutes.

# UKOPA Strategy and alignment of TOR/deliverables

# Work programme and budget

Budget / Work programme was presented as agreed by the Board in February, with all deliverable lines noted (UKOPA-BD-23-01 updated May 2023). Discussion regarding some items being reduced in budget by the Board but need to go back and request more funding if required

TBN for AC testing

ME had provided a document with some information that could be used as the basis for a UKOPA document. He explained the development and thinking behind the document and there was a discussion around what else could be included in the document moving. PM shared information regarding a project xxx (see document xxx in the members centre) AC CIPS information to be shared.

Final draft to be developed by JD in September and

GPG029 (and 036) expansion to include

Guidance on CIPS in inaccessible areas

Evaluating root causes of features

# GPG / TBN development updates

TBN18 and TBN19 (issues associated with overhead pipeline crossings of electrified and non electrified railway lines) have been approved and are in the members centre.

# Ongoing CPWG Discussions

1. CP Competencies

SJ included information about the CP competencies work in the Members Meeting update in October 2022. The conclusion of the group is that the CP competence guidance should include information about how the CP standard requirements can be met by pipeline operators and implemented into the pipeline sector. The group were keen to note that certification from the likes of ICORR does not necessarily imply competence.

JD and Pat Lydon are to be asked to progress this work and there is already a line item in the budget (9.4) which will be carried over into 2023 to pay for the document development.

1. CP Inspection Frequencies

There had been no further updates from members regarding inspection frequencies, so no further analysis had been carried out. It was agreed to keep the item on the agenda, in case of any further developments, but in the meantime, a copy of SJ slides (need a copy) and the discussion document (CPWG-22-07) are to be lodged in the UKOPA Members Centre.

**Action 23.02 NB upload inspection frequency information to Members Centre**

1. Coatings register

CPWG-22-08 (Proposal for UKOPA to host the coatings register) had been approved by the Board, Chris Mattocks needs to be informed and the process for getting the register uploaded needs to be agreed.

Action 23.03 NB Inform CM of approval to host coatings register and make arrangements to get this uploaded to the UKOPA website

It was noted that currently the GIS standard for coatings (for GDNs) cannot be complied with and changes in coatings need to be managed under a deviation process. It was also noted that UKOPA non-gas members can put suggestions for coatings to be included in the register to the Coatings Working Group (CWG) – and that this process needs to be explained to UKOPA. PM / SC suggested that there was a need to inform manufacturers about the new process and this should be raised with the CWG.

**Action 23.03 NB /SJ to liaise with CM regarding process for adding coatings to the register**

# AC Interaction Workshop Update

SJ and BMac provided an overview if the very successful AC interaction workshop which had taken place in November 2022. Unfortunately, since then a follow-up meeting with ENA to discuss next steps had not been forthcoming, despite numerous attempts, and SJ was in the processes of trying to sort this. Item will remain on the agenda and a further update given at the next meeting.

# Member queries and questions

Hard spots – SC to circulate the paper that has had question raised within her organisation and will be discussed at the next meeting, once people have had the opportunity to digest.

# Date of Next Meetings

Tuesday 3rd October 2023, tbc

# Summary of Actions from this meeting and update on actions from previous meetings

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| **Action** | **By** | **Summary** | **Update** | **Status** |
| 23.01 | SJ / NB | Prepare CPWG 2023 budge and work plan for agreement by the board | Presented at February Board meeting. | **CLOSED** |
| 23.02 | NB | Upload CP inspection frequency presentation and notes to the members centre |  |  |
| 23.03 | SJ / NB | Liaise with C Mattocks regarding uploading of Coatings Register for hosting by UKOPA and process for requesting changes |  |  |
| 23.04 | NB | Ensure GPG14 and progressed through Governance before 2023 Technical Seminar |  |  |
| 23.05 | NB | Invite members to subgroup meeting to progress GPG042 |  |  |
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| **Update of previous actions** | | | **Update of previous actions** |  |
| 22.10 | All | Provide comments on CIPS report circulated by AM before the next meeting | Sept 22 – no comments received  Jan 23 – still no comments received | **CLOSED** |
| 22.16 | SJ | Include CP competencies slide in Oct MM update | Slides included in presentation and spoke about by AW at October members meeting | **CLOSED** |
| 22.17 | NB | Add CP competence to the 2023 workplan | Line item already included | **CLOSED** |
| 22.18 | SJ | Include questionnaire in Oct MM update | Slide with QR code included in presentation to members meeting | **CLOSED** |
| 22.19 | SJ | Present CPWG-22-08 to the Board for approval for UKOPA to host the coatings register | Board approval given for hosting the register now needs to be uploaded when provided – SJ to liaise with C Mattocks for how this is going to be achieved (Action 23.03) | **CLOSED** |
| 22.20 | NB | Sent up meeting to review GPG014 | Meeting arranged for 1st Nov at 4pm | **CLOSED** |
| 22.21 | NB | Include GPG042 on the agenda for the Jan 2023 meeting | On the agenda for January meeting | **CLOSED** |

V1 Prepared by Nikki Barker, 31st March 2023