

PIG ONSHORE TECHNICAL PANEL**MINUTES OF MEETING
HELD AT UNITED UTILITIES, LINGLEY MERE
ON 11 October 2007 AT 13.30 PM**

PRESENT: B Spencer (Stand-in Chairman)(BS)
D Willis (DW)
L Hopkins (LH)
M Darracott (MD)
Cheryl Burgess (CB)
E Holden (Stand-in Secretary) (EH)

ACTION**1.0 Apologies for Absence**

1.1	P Parkinson	R Dearden
	K Mole	J Coppack
	W Hughes	S McCann
	W Santamaria	R Sargologo
	A Jackson	R Gray (RG)

2.0 Notes of Meeting – 12 June 2007

2.1 No comments received. Minutes approved.

2.2 Actions:

2.2.1 Turnout was disappointing after such a good attendance at the previous meeting. P Parkinson was en-route to the meeting but had to return home due to illness.

RSG/DW/BS/PGP had met re organising technical forum for this year to be held on 16th November 2007 (see item 6). This meeting took place and a follow-up meeting is scheduled for 30th October 2007 at the Belfry (Seminar Organising Committee)

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2.2.2 BS asked that all members re-read our terms of reference before the next meeting. Members are to e-mail PP with any comments or proposed updates before the next meeting.

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The PIG newsletter has been sent out.

3.0 UKOPA Update

3.1 No feedback received, since no members who sit on the UJOPA panel were present at this panel meeting. PGP had requested Phill JONES to provide their report.

RSG**4.0 NUAG**

4.1 At the last NUAG meeting on 12 September 2007, the net was thrown open to a wider group of governmental bodies. These included DTI, DEFRA, HSE, Scottish & Northern Ireland Executives. NUAG has now completed Phase 1 of their work on a Code or Practice for Records. This is being drawn up as part of the Traffic Management Act (TMA). They are now looking to start

4.0 Recent Incidents and Lessons Learned

No incidents to report – other than noting a recent fatality at Milford Haven, believed to be associated with piling at the terminal. Awaiting more details

5.0 Standards Update

BSI Committee PSE 17/2 (Pipeline Standards) is chaired by DW – so we have good representation for the Onshore Pipelines Panel. DW had 4 items to report :-

- 5.1 ISO 3183, standard for linepipe, has now been published and for the first time we now have an international pipe manufacturing standard similar. API 5L has been updated in parallel with and aligns to ISO 3183 (differences include an annex relating to use of the API monogram). We can now expect pipeline operators to start ordering pipe to ISO 3183 or API 5L. ISO 3183 will not become a EN because of a negative vote from CEN members due to there being an existing European standard (EN 10208) controlled by ECIS who are reluctant to accept the ISO.
- 5.2 The Land Use Planning Supplement to BS 8010, that was issued to Panel members after the last meeting and has been circulated for public comment as BSI PD8010 Part 3, received 187 comments and these are being considered and incorporated where appropriate. It is hoped to publish the final document in January 2008.
- 5.3 New work item for the BSI committee – to produce a standard for Pipeline Safety and Integrity Management – this be aimed at giving guidance for designers and operators who develop management plans and will include extended pipeline life. The guidance will probably be published as Part 4 of PD 8010 and is expected to take up to 2 years to produce.
- 5.4 Report on ISO 13623. The Standard has been revised in accordance with ISO's 5 year policy and the revised version issued as a DIS (Draft International Standard) has been issued. This means that the UK must now vote on its acceptability (by January 2008). If it is YES voted it automatically becomes a CEN standard to replace the existing EN, which then passes down as a BS EN standard. PD 8010 will run in parallel as a Published Document (PD) since this has more detailed UK orientated design guidance than the ISO standard. The committee have issues with DIS 13623 – e.g. the 8 hr pressure test instead of the traditional 24-hour test that is industry standard in the UK. As a result it is likely to be NO voted.

(Contact David Willis (dwillis@rsk.co.uk) for more information on Standards).

6 Seminars Conferences & Courses

Our Technical Forum will take place on 16 November 2007 at the Belfry (the same day as the Midlands Branch Dinner). Cheryl has the flyer ready to go out. A good selection of speakers has been secured. Based on previous attendance at the Birmingham Airport Seminar, we expect ~ 80+ attendees. We have the facility to move to a larger room if attendance grows.

We are pitching this event with a positive tone – what we are doing to address pipeline issues.

Attendance fee is £ 99.88 inc VAT. Stands are available for £ 150 inc VAT.

7 PIG Update

- 7.1 The Dinner is now sold out (320 people).

BS asked CB to check if table hosts could circulate copies of the seminar

- 7.3 We have received notification that the Government propose to close the National Physical laboratory at Teddington, with the hope that industry will pick up the pieces. CB proposed to do an article deploring the loss of this resource to UK industry. **(CB)** **CB**
- 7.4 Entry forms will be going on the web site shortly for the Utility, Land Based & Sub-Sea awards. The new Guild President - Peter Mason, of Thames Water (ex-AMEC) will do the judging with RSG.
- 7.5 National Dinner – this will be on 11 March. The Prestige lecture will be given by John Armit, ex CEO of Network Rail who is now running London Olympics 2012.
- 7.6 Prestige lecture will be given by John Armit, ex CEO of Network Rail who is now running London 2010. Date is Dec 13th and sponsors are sought to cover costs. The event will be FOC to members.

8 Technical Forum (see 7 above)

9 AOB

- 9.1 Onshore Panel Business Plan – we don't seem to have one. BS recalled producing one previously. RSG to produce a plan using the Utilities Plan from Rob Williams as an example – what we do; what we plan to do; what is importance for strategy, what do we need members to engage in ? **(RSG)** **RSG**

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