

**Minutes
Technical WG meeting
22 May 2014
Berlin**

Participants:

Roland Caps	va-Q-tech
Justin Davies	Kingspan
Yoash Carmi	Hanita
Liat Suari	Hanita
Hans Craen	VIPA Secretariat

1. Opening of meeting

Governance statement

Hans Craen welcomed the participants to the meeting and reminded them of the governance rules that applied to the meeting.

The agenda was adopted without changes.

Hans Craen informed the participants on the Vacuum Insulation Panel Association (VIPA) which at the time of the meeting was in the process of being set up. The purpose of VIPA is to represent the V.I.P. industry on a global level in Europe, Asia (China, Japan and South-Korea) and North-America. The focus of activities will be on buildings, appliances and transport.

Regarding the objective of the meeting, Hans Craen stated that in view of the CEN TC88/WG 11 meeting which will take place the next day, it was considered a good opportunity to have a first joint discussion among the manufactures on the standard for vacuum insulation panels.

2. Discussion on standard for vacuum insulation panels

Roland Caps explained the position paper he developed for the CEN TC88/WG11 meeting which would take place on 23 May (see annex I). The document sets methods to obtain declared value of thermal conductivity of VIPs. In particular, it intends to clarify which input parameters for thermal conductivity and silica VIP are to be taken into account.

Following a discussion among the members, Roland Caps will modify the document to include the comments made on the parameters for the Pyrogenic Silica example. Regarding the slide on experimental values, the title will be modified to read: Current practices to obtain experimental values.

Action

- **Roland Caps to modify document according to the discussion**

3. Next steps

Following the changes made to the document, it was agreed that the secretariat would circulate the document to the full membership to ask for their comments and input.

Action

- **Secretariat to ask full membership for input on proposed position**

4. AOB

A short discussion took place on the membership definitions for the association i.e. manufacturers, material suppliers and machine suppliers. Hans Craen presented the definitions proposed for the three membership categories. In particular for the definition of a manufacturer, he asked whether a qualitative parameter should be included. The participants agreed to look into the matter and to send their proposals to the secretariat

Action

- **All to send suggestions on membership definition for manufacturers to secretariat**

Annexes

- Methods to obtain declared value of thermal conductivity of VIPs