

**Vacuum Insulation Panel Association
Asian Working Group Conference Call
Monday, 21 August 2017, 10:00 to 11:00 CET**

Participants:

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Gregor Erbenich, Porextherm
Raquel Ponte Costa, VIPA International

Apologies:

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Minutes

1. Welcome

1.1 VIPA International antitrust compliance statement

Raquel Ponte Costa welcomed all participants to the conference call and reminded them of the VIPA antitrust compliance statement.

1.2 Approval of the agenda

The agenda was approved with no additions.

1.3 Approval of the minutes of the previous conference call (9 December 2016) and review of action items

Participants approved the minutes as a correct statement of what was discussed on 9 December 2016. All actions were completed.

1. China standardisation group on VIPs

Raquel reminded participants of what has taken place since 9 December. Following the last conference call, VIPA asked the Nanjing Fiberglass Institute a number of questions about the standardisation discussions in China. Ms Jianhong Zhang responded on 25 January but she gave rather broad answers:

- **purpose of the group**

To set up new national standard for VIP application, all members who relate to VIP application need to follow this national standard.

- **who takes part (which companies)**

Lot of manufacturers who produced VIP panels, VIP core materials, desiccant, vacuum machine, university.

- **what is the timeline and what is the schedule of meetings planned**

By 2018, new national standard should be published, no information regarding next time meeting now.

- **which support do they need from VIPA's side and when will they need it**

They want to get more information regarding CEN. They also want to know the knowledge regarding TB, LTC, Aging test, and inside pressure measurement.

Early May, VIPA sent a briefing document with more information about the CEN standard and the GSH quality label assessment criteria. In addition, VIPA also invited the Nanjing Fiberglass Institute for a meeting in Paris,

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during IVIS to discuss standardisation. Ms Jianhong Zhang thanked us for the briefing document. She confirmed on 2 August that she was not flying to Paris for IVIS and therefore could not attend the meeting with VIPA.

That is where things stand at the moment, Raquel concluded. VIPA has sent the information requested and invited them for a meeting but the contacts are limited and feedback is always very vague. Raquel asked other participants if they knew more information about the Chinese standardisation group but both Gregor and Miaotian did not have any other information to share.

Members in the conference call shared their disappointment for the lack of information available. VIPA has done its part and contributed to the process by sharing a briefing document about what has been achieved in Europe. There is nothing else to be done apart from waiting from news from the Nanjing Fiberglass Institute.

Gregor suggested asking the CSTB for the list of participants to IVIS so we can know if other Chinese companies will attend the event.

Action:

Raquel to ask the IVIS organisers for a list of participants.

2. Other items of relevance in Asia

Members present in the call did not have any additional matter to discuss about Asia.

3. Any other business

Raquel mentioned that the date of the next conference call shall be discussed via email once more information is available.

No other business was discussed.

The conference call finished at 10:20.
