

DROPS Chapter Steering Committee – Meeting 6

Wednesday 11th July 2018

Time – 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Hosted by: Abraj Energy Services SAOC

Location – City Seasons Hotel, Al Khuwair, Muscat

Minutes of Meeting

1. Apologies:

Dr. Ramesh (OPAL)

Nabil Al Afifi (BP)

Avinash B (STS) sent Rajeevan G as delegate

Absent:

Nasser Al Qasabi (PDO)

Arun Abraham (PDO)

Hilal Al Amboali (Ministry of Manpower)

Yousuf Al Battashi (Daleel)

Attendance was low with limited apologies received. Scanned attendance sheet sent with the minutes.

2. Introductions:

Attendees introduced themselves.

3. Review of current Action Tracker:

Current agreed tracker (11th July 2018) sent by email along with minutes of meeting.

Team members committed to dealing with actions with an efficient manner.

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4. Importance of Group Interactions and Feedback:

John Punter explained the need for committee members to respond to communications within a timely manner. A few examples during the last two months where we have received limited responses to email communications. All members committed to be improve this aspect.

5. Review and Agree Charter – no additional comments received:

A few minor typographical enhancements were made following the last meeting, but version 1.0 dated 29th May 2018 should be taken as the live document now in use. We will upload this to the DROPS Global website Oman page.

6. Agreeing format and content for Oman DROPS Chapter Banners:

Sulaiman and Mohammed have worked together to produce a draft version and this will be shared with the group imminently for comment.

7. Sharing Learning from Incidents – Using the template:

The template in PowerPoint format is attached with the minutes. Please start to populate for incidents that occur within your areas and send to Nabil as he will take on the role of coordinator since he has done the work so far on this subject.

8. Increasing DROPS Membership:

The group discussed ways in which we could stimulate additional interest in the subject and we committed to the following:

- a. Making better use of the Oman DROPS page to share information relating to our activities;
- b. Ask Dr. Ramesh if we can have a guest speaker slot to share our work in the OPAL event in October. Additionally request a space to hand out leaflets and awareness materials;
- c. Utilising the banner at each of our meetings and events and populating photographs to the Oman DROPS page;

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9. Agree Topics for Discussion at Future Meetings:

The group discussed how we get additional discussions started and decided to try inviting guest speakers to interface with us at future events.

Specifically interested in Inspection companies to help us understand their approach to competency development.

Anas suggested we should also look at DROPS associated problems and solutions. For the next meeting (12th September 2018) we will extend an invite to Mr. Anton from STS to talk about DROPS issues associated with scaffolding, and how they are being addressed. Rajeevan / Avinash to arrange this accordingly.

10. AOB:

a. Scaffolding Specification:

Sulaiman mentioned that Oman have adopted EN12811-1, and this will be introduced by way of Ministerial Decision 95/2018. This will be a significant step in ensuring the quality and reliability of scaffold components.

b. DROPS Library:

Scott suggested we consider an Oman DROPS resource – where we can share the many pieces of information and guidance that have been developed. This will be discussed further offline with a view to using the Oman DROPS page as a portal.

Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 12th September 2018 from 2pm to 4pm, hosted by Shell (Location TBA)

Minutes prepared by John Punter (OXY)

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DROPS Regional Focal Point

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