

Minutes from 2/15/2011 Sequence VG Surveillance Panel Conference Call

Attendees:

Andrew Ritchie, Gordon Farnsworth, Mike McMillan – Infineum

Jo Martinez – Chevron

Tom Wingfield – ChevronPhillips

Jim Linden - Toyota

Raham Kirkwood – SwRI

Al Lopez – Intertek

Chris Castanien – Lubrizol

Mark Overaker, Wayne Petersen – Haltermann

Timothy Caudill – Ashland

Irwin Goldblatt – BP Castrol

Jason Bowden, Adam Bowden, Mathew Bowden – OHT

Zack Bishop, Clayton Knight – TEI

- 1) The minutes from the February 8, 2011 conference call were approved without any additions or corrections. Motioned by Jason Bowden and seconded by Chris Castanien.
- 2) Chairman Ritchie reminded the Panel members that there will be an ASTM PCEOCP Conference Call on February 22 at 10:30 EST. The main item of business will be for Chairman Ritchie to review the status of the effort to develop a suitable fuel batch for VG testing. Chairman Ritchie indicated he intends to make the same presentation which was previously circulated to the VG Panel, but that he would like to add the latest timeline from Haltermann to this presentation. Mark Overaker from Haltermann agreed to provide the latest update to Chairman Ritchie by next Monday.

- 3) Chairman Ritchie reminded the group that there will be conference calls every Tuesday at 2:00 PM EST until further notice, and that the VG Precision Task Force will be meeting this week in San Antonio to conduct laboratory visitations at SwRI and Intertek. Many of the Task Force members are traveling today, which is the reason many of them are not present to participate in the VG call today. The Task Group expects to have its first report completed by the next VG Surveillance Panel conference call on February 22, 2011.
- 4) Haltermann reviewed their updated action plan time line (see attached) to supply a revised fuel blend for Sequence VG approval testing. Mark indicated that they are currently making hand blends and are encouraged by results obtained so far. Haltermann hopes to be able to begin pilot batch blends by end of next week, and plans to have a proposal for an engine test plan by the next conference call on February 22. They are still pursuing the approach whereby they will identify two blend candidates using bench tests to help confirm the approaches taken. Pilot batch blends large enough for up to four tests will be made of each candidate blend by late February. Haltermann will review this proposal with the statistical group [Jo Martinez, Doyle Boese, Alison Rajakumar, Todd Dvorak, Rich Grundza] for input before testing begins.
- 5) Next conference call is scheduled for Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at 2:00 pm EST.