

Minutes from 10/4/2011 Sequence VG Surveillance Panel Conference Call

Attendees:

Andy Ritchie, Gordon Farnsworth, Mike McMillan, Doyle Boese – Infineum

Jo Martinez, Mark Sutherland – Chevron

Rich Grundza - TMC

Bruce Matthews – GM

Ron Romano – Ford

Jim Linden - Toyota

Raham Kirkwood, Bill Buscher – SwRI

Martin Chadwick – Intertek

Ed Altman, Christian Porter, Dave Glaenzer – Afton

Jerry Brys, George Szappanos – Lubrizol

Mark Overaker, Wayne Petersen – Haltermann

Clayton Knight – TEI

Jason Bowden, Dwight Bowden, Adam Bowden, Matthew Bowden - OHT

- 1) Chairman Ritchie summarized the agenda for today's meeting. The main items to be discussed are the following:
 - a. Review and approve minutes from September 6 call
 - b. Updates on new fuel batch
 - c. Status of new parts supply
 - d. Discussion of whether we should introduce RO 1010 as a VG reference oil
 - e. Status of VH development

- f. Old business
- g. New Business
- h. Next scheduled call

- 2) The draft minutes from the September 6, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously with no changes. Motion made by Jason Bowden and seconded by Ed Altman.
- 3) Chairman Ritchie asked Rich Grundza to provide a status on the new approved fuel batch. Rich indicated that there are 10 stands in calibration, and that all parameters are in control. No issues with any tests conducted have been reported to TMC. Lz, Afton, Intertek, and SwRI all confirmed that they have encountered no problems with their testing. Mark Overaker reported that there are 260,000 gallons of the new batch left in inventory, and that 72,900 gallons have been shipped to date. He also noted that Haltermann will be making its first RVP adjustment to the fuel in storage this week. Rich Grundza reminded all labs that they had agreed to do analyses on their fuel in storage and supply those data to TMC.
- 4) Chairman Ritchie brought up the subject of Reference Oil 1010, and whether it should be adopted as a VG reference oil. Rich Grundza commented that he is reluctant to do so until the end of the year. Chairman Ritchie suggested that we defer doing anything about bringing RO 1010 in until next year. Bill Buscher asked if using Oil 1010 as a VG reference oil would conserve some RO 1007. Rich answered that it probably would. The Panel agreed that the issue should be addressed early next year.
- 5) Ron Romano reported that Ford had talked to its ring supplier and they have agreed to make a new batch of all 4 VG ring sizes. Chairman Ritchie asked if there was anything new to report on VH test development. Ron answered that there was nothing new to report.
- 6) Chairman Ritchie asked if there was any old or new business. No items were brought forward.
- 7) Chairman Ritchie indicated that, based on discussions during the last conference call, there are no plans to convene a VG Panel meeting in November. He does, however, want to keep the monthly calls in place. Therefore, the next scheduled VG Panel conference call will be Tuesday, November 1, at 2:00 pm EDT.