

RITAG Steering Committee Meeting (2022) – Minutes of Meeting

Venue: Imperial Hotel – Balmoral Room, Vung Tau (Vietnam)

Date: 09 November 2022

Time: 1300 – 1600 (GMT+7)

Attendees:

No.	Name of Participant	Organization
1	Capt. Zalina Bt Sungip	PIMMAG
2	Mr. Amir B Yusof	PIMMAG
3	Mr. Wu Liang (Remote attendance via MS Teams)	COES
6	Mr. Wallop Yammeuan	IESG
7	Ms. Kanthamat Kritayanukul	IESG
8	Mr. Kim Kwang Min	KOEM
9	Ms. Lee Joo Won	KOEM
10	Mr. Masanori Ozawa (Remote attendance via MS Teams)	MDPC
11	Mr. Yodi Satya (Remote attendance via MS Teams)	OSCT
12	Ms. Novelina Stephanie (Remote attendance via MS Teams)	OSCT
13	Mr. Khanh, Nguyen Kim	PVD Offshore (PVDO)
14	Mr. Hung Nguyen Quang	PVD Offshore (PVDO)
15	Mr. Darren Waterman	OSRL
16	Mr. Tan Zhi Hao, James	OSRL

12th RITAG Steering Committee Meeting was held, following the technical sharing from all members on the PM of 8th November and AM of 9th November. A total of 16 representatives from all members of RITAG were present for the meeting, with remote participation via MS Teams from COES, OSCT and MDPC.

A summary of discussion is captured in the meeting on minutes below.

OSRL remains as the permanent secretariat for RITAG.

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Item No.	Topic discussed	Discussion Results
1	Opening introduction to 12 th RITAG Meeting in Balmoral Room, Imperial Hotel	<p>The meeting commenced with an opening address from Mr. Tran Thanh Tan, Director of PVD Offshore Services Company Limited, followed by a round of introduction of the meeting participants, consisting of representatives from RITAG members, as well as invited organisations from VINASARCOM, NASOS and PVEP.</p> <p>OSRL delivered the theme address of the meeting, re-emphasizing RITAG's collective goals (despite the differences between member organisations) and elaborating the discussions from the virtual meeting in 2021, which led to the theme of this year's meeting (see concept note attached)</p> <p>Following the theme address, PVDO shared an overview of their services which helped members better understand their operations</p>
2	<p>Technical sharing for Day 1 (8th Nov 2022 - PM) included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oil Spill Preparedness for Domestic and Regional During an Oil Spill Incident – Malaysia's Perspective (PIMMAG) • Update of discussion with Marine Department Notification 134/2021 between oil industry and government & Use of Dispersants in GoT (IESG) • Case study – Ship Collision in Qingdao, China in 2021 (COES) • Digital Transformation in Oil Spill Response (KOEM) <p>Technical sharing for Day 2 (9th Nov 2022 – AM) included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigation and monitoring of stranded LSFO after an oil spill incident (MDPC) • Recent oil spill combat experience (OSCT) • Response to containership incidents (PVDO) • Technical updates on herders and OSRL Subsea Well Intervention Service (OSRL) 	<p>A total of 8 presentations were shared on the two days of technical sharing by RITAG members.</p> <p>The presentations (on incident case studies, local regulations, and preparedness framework) sparked meaningful interactions between the participants e.g., PIMMAG, PVDO and OSRL shared their experience of using the Oilmap software. It also provided an opportunity to exchange perspective and learn from other RITAG members, operating in other countries in the region.</p> <p>Technical topics were also presented to update RITAG members on the developments in oil spill response e.g., KOEM shared about the use of IoT technology to enhance the information transfer from spill site to command centre and OSRL shared about the potential use of herders during an oil spill incident.</p> <p>All presentations will be made available on the RITAG website under "Document Store".</p>

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3	Commencement of RITAG Steering Committee Meeting	<p>The meeting commenced with a refresher on last year's discussion presented by OSRL as the Secretariat. A series of surveys were conducted last year to better understand the concerns of RITAG members; with a virtual discussion over MS Teams held on 12 Nov 2021, the group concluded that there is value to explore further into HNS and LSFO which is seen as the main challenges for the near future – see further elaboration in concept note (Appendix)</p>
4	Update on Mutual Personnel Assistance Framework	<p>OSRL presented an overview of the discussions on Mutual Personnel Assistance Framework which stems out from a suggestion to explore mutual personnel assistance during the Steering Committee Meeting in 2018. The draft framework, based on the existing IPIECA/IOGP mutual aid framework was proposed in 2019 and distributed to RITAG members for their internal evaluation and feedback in the period between 2019 to 2021.</p> <p>After evaluating feedback from the previous remote RITAG Steering Committee Meeting in 2021, it was collectively agreed that while there will be significant challenges to conclude a multilateral agreement amongst all RITAG members, the draft Mutual Personnel Assistance Framework still provided value with regards to facilitating discussions on mutual personnel assistance bi-laterally or even at the sub-regional level.</p> <p>Action for the Secretariat (OSRL) to share and upload the final copy of the Mutual Personnel Assistance Framework on RITAG website that will be made publicly available to all members to use on a bilateral basis.</p>
5	Facilitating response cooperation between RITAG members	<p>PIMMAG suggested to explore response cooperation during a transboundary incident as an extension of what was shared for the domestic arrangement within Malaysian waters.</p> <p>Action for PIMMAG to develop a draft template containing critical initial incident information to notify RITAG members, in the event of an incident which potentially may require additional support.</p>

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		<p>Following up on the suggestion from the previous RITAG meeting, PVDO presented on the application requirements for working permit and temporary import/re-export of equipment and encouraged RITAG members to share similar information for expediting resource mobilisation during a response.</p> <p>OSRL suggested to include any special requirements e.g., offshore working permit.</p> <p>Action for RITAG members, on a voluntary basis, to share the requirements & procedures to apply for temporary working visa and equipment import/re-export at your home location.</p>
6	Technical Working Group for Hazardous and Noxious Substances (HNS)	<p>From the discussions in RITAG remote Steering Committee Meeting in 2021, the group collectively agreed that HNS and LSFO poses significant challenges and more can be done to understand and prepare for those challenges collectively.</p> <p>The Secretariat proposes to set up a Technical Working Group to look into HNS with the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Build understanding on the marine HNS risk at the national and regional level (chemical types & volume specifically) shipping route of the transported chemicals) through information sharing. b) Understand the availability of response resources in the region (technical expertise, response equipment and others) c) Explore the potential areas of support between RITAG members to prepare for and respond to a large-scale HNS incident. d) Share good practices in preparing for and responding to HNS incidents e.g., operational safety e) Share past incident case studies for mutual learning purposes.

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		<p>Most members agree to the objectives, except for c) as for some members, it is not their remit to respond to HNS and hence lack the resources to provide support.</p> <p>There was no conclusion on the frequency of the meetings, but most agree to kick off the meeting first to better understand the benefits of the meeting.</p> <p>Action for Secretariat to confirm participation and nomination with RITAG members who wish to be part of this working group. Target to have at least 1 remote meeting with various representatives in 2023.</p>
7	Technical Working Group for LSFO	<p>The Secretariat presented an up-to-date consolidation of the current understanding of Low Sulphur Fuel Oil (see Appendix 2) based on recent studies.</p> <p>All members agree that while there may be insufficient information to warrant a setup of Technical Working Group (TWG), RITAG members should actively look out for and share information relating LSFO to better understand the response challenges.</p> <p>Action for Secretariat to set up a repository of information relating to LSFO and for all members to prioritise sharing of information relating to LSFO in the next RITAG meeting.</p>
8	RITAG Newsletter	<p>KOEM suggested to have a regular newsletter that serves to provide updates between Members. PIMMAG kindly offered to lead the editorial work in this.</p> <p>Action for the Secretariat to work with PIMMAG to develop the template for the newsletter. Target to have at least one newsletter on RITAG website by 2023.</p>
9	Host for RITAG meeting in 2023	<p>All members agree for COES to be the host for RITAG meeting in 2023, subject to the lifting of travel and other COVID restrictions to China.</p>

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		<p>OSCT offered to be the alternative host, should the travel restrictions to China remain in place next year.</p> <p>Action for the Secretariat to confirm the location of meeting by Q2-2023</p>



Appendix 1 – Concept note for RITAG meeting in 2022

Appendix 2 – Presentation on LSFO update