

**EPC – EEPC Meeting
Minutes – April 29, 2015
FINAL**

Following are the minutes of the April 29, 2015 meeting of the Ethylene Producers' Committee (EPC) and European Ethylene Producers' Committee (EEPC) held at the Hilton Hotel in Austin, TX.

Minutes prepared by Walter Postula. *Action items are in bold-italics.*

1. Attendance

Present:

Heinz Zimmermann	– Member of EEPC Executive Committee (Chair)
Jos Vankevelaer	– Member of EEPC Executive Committee (Co-Chair)
Paul van Helmond	– 2015-2016 EPC Past Chairman
Walter Postula	– 2015-2016 EPC Chairman (incoming)
Sasha Vragolic	– 2015-2016 EPC Vice-Chairman (incoming)
Tim Zygula	– 2015-2016 EPC Program Chairman (incoming)
Jeff Edwards	– 2015-2016 EPC Program Vice-Chairman (incoming)
Thomas Pickett	– EPC Treasurer
Greg Yeo	– Past EPC Officer (2009-2013)

2. Welcome / Introductions / Review Agenda

Attendees introduced themselves and explained their roles in the EPC. Jos has been to several EPC conferences is familiar with EPC mission, work methods and conference.

The agenda for the meeting was reviewed.

3. Reading of the EPC Anti Trust statement

Chairman Paul van Helmond called the meeting to order at 11:40AM. Walter Postula read the Antitrust Statement:

“No activity of the Committee shall involve the exchange, collection or dissemination of information among competitors for the purpose of bringing about or attempting to bring about any understanding or agreement, written or oral, formal or informal, express or implied, among competitors with regard to costs, prices or pricing methods, terms or conditions of sale, distribution,

production quotas or other limitations, on either the timing, or volume of production, or sales, or allocation of territories or customers.”

The meeting agenda was published in advance and appears in **Attachment 1**.

4. Five Minutes on Safety:

Paul presented some details of a TLE shell failure. The slides are included in **Attachment 2**.

5. Exchange EPC / EEPC Officers Names & Contact Information

The name/role (for 2016 conference) of each EPC officer is provided in Section 1 (attendance). The contact information (e-mail address) for each can be found in the “To:” of the e-mail containing these minutes. NOTE: Contact information for entire committee (directors) can be shared later (if desired) for purposes of invitation to the 2015 EEPC.

6. Review Previous Meeting Minutes (April 2, 2014)

The minutes of our meeting from last year were reviewed. They had been sent out to all attendees a year earlier. Only a name correction was received, no other comments.

7. 2015 EEPC Activities

Jos Vankevelaer shared a presentation that describes EEPC Activities and plans for 2015 conference. This presentation is included in **Attachment 3**.

The EEPC falls under the “Petrochemicals Europe” (New name, replacing APPE) Industry Sector. Specifically, EEPC is in the LOSG (Lower Olefins Sector Group), which is one of 20 sector groups included in Petrochemicals Europe. The website for Petrochemicals Europe is petrochemistry.eu. The blue text in Jos’ slides (e.g. Members) indicate recent changes.

NOTE: During the discussion of how EEPC is organized, Paul van Helmond and Greg Yeo clarified several aspects of the EPC. The EPC is not a part of the AIChE, it is a stand-alone (non-profit) corporation. The directors of the EPC (main committee members) do not represent their respective companies. They are individuals who essentially make up a “programming sub-committee” with respect to AIChE under the Fuels and Petrochemical Division.

EEPC has three issue groups that have logical EPC counterpart sub-committees, plant maintenance, turbo machinery and learning from incidents (safety). Direct exchanges between the issue groups of the EEPC and sub-committees in the EPC have occurred and are encouraged by both EEPC and EPC.

8. Exchange Locations and Dates for Future Conferences

The next EEPC conference will take place on October 21-23, 2015 in Prague, The Czech Republic. The next EPC conference will take place April 11-14, 2016 in Houston, TX.

9. Potential Papers / Topics to be Shared at EPC and EEPC Conferences

Jos has seen several papers at the 2015 EPC conference that are of interest to be presented at the EEPC conference. ***EPC will share contact information (upon request) of specific presenters and encourage them to also present at EEPC.*** EEPC can also contact authors directly. NOTE: EPC Directors are the most reliable link to the sub-committees (Safety, Rotating Equipment, and Maintenance for example), as the sub-committee chairs may change every year.

Jos will share (with Tim) a list of EEPC papers that he believes are of value for EPC.

10. Overview of EPC & EEPC Recent & Planned Activities

Over the past 4-5 years, EEPC has conducted 1-2 day workshops (topics included in Jos' slides). Question was posed about sharing the "product" of these workshops with EPC. ***Jos and Heinz will look into this possibility.***

It was clarified that the EPC NOx work group is currently disbanded, and not meeting. If the need to restart the work group arises (further incidents or learnings) the charter can be re-instated.

Greg brought up conference in Middle East (was held in 2014, next one in 2016) that AIChE is asking if EPC has interest in helping to provide leadership in developing technical content. EEPC declined to get involved with this conference in 2014, but has not yet discussed the 2016 conference. ***Walter will put this on the agenda for the first EPC meeting for the 2015-2016 cycle (June 18th).***

11. Adjournment:

Paul van Helmond adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.