

Minutes of the
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Leasing”

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Agenda

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>
15.00 – 15.05	Welcome
15.05 – 16.15	Current status of Chemical Leasing activities in Egypt, Mexico and Russia; Launch of Chemical Leasing projects in Colombia, Morocco, Serbia and Sri Lanka: <i>Experiences and first results</i>
16.15 – 16.45	Break
16.45 – 17.15	Pilot projects in Germany <i>Experiences and first results including quality criteria</i>
17.15 – 17.30	Global Chemical Leasing Award
17.30 – 18.00	Public Relation, Training, Other issues

1. Welcome

Ms. Petra Schwager (UNIDO) welcomed the participants to the 7th meeting of the International Working Group on Chemical Leasing.

2. Current Status of Chemical Leasing Activities in Egypt, Mexico and Russia / Launch of Chemical Leasing Projects in Colombia, Morocco, Serbia and Sri Lanka

Egypt: Chemical Leasing continuous to be a success story. The projects ABB-AKZO and GM-Dr. Badawi are prolonged, new projects e.g. with AKZO, Chemetall and Olympic Group or AMVITEC/Dr. Badawi have been launched. The AMVITEC project is targeted at many SMEs which have to clean metal pieces with solvents. It was highlighted that the project is welcomed, but legal compliance of the technology offered (e.g. to European Legislation) has to be guaranteed.

Mexico: The situation of Chemical Leasing in Mexico is difficult. Several projects were launched but did not continue due to various reasons. The CMPL has performed a very careful analysis of obstacles and problems. As a consequence of this analysis new improved approaches will be undertaken. The concept of a “letter of intent” will be applied as it has shown good acceptance in the other countries.

Russia: The situation in Russia has not changed significantly. The pilot project with VODOKANAL is ongoing, several projects are in the pipeline but no significant progress has been reported so far.

Colombia: The Chemical Leasing initiative has been launched with three workshops in Bogota, Medellin and Cali. Several companies showed interest and letters of intend were signed. A particular challenge will be a pilot project for the use of fertilizers for flower production. Several pilot projects will started in the field of galvanization.

Morocco: The Chemical Leasing initiative has been launched with a workshop in Casablanca and several publications in newspapers and journals. Pilot projects will be started in the field of metal treatment, fertilizers, paint application and water treatment.

Serbia: There was a large interest in the kick-off workshop for the Chemical Leasing initiative in Belgrade. Several letters of intend have been received, already existing Chemical Leasing activities in Serbia could be identified (cleaning of tanks in a brewery).

Sri Lanka: The Chemical Leasing initiative was started with a workshop in Colombo. Three major areas of activity were identified so far, most challenging will be the use of pesticides/fertilizers in the plantation of tea.

Presentations on the activities are contained in Annex 1.

An additional topic of discussion was the need to intensify the collaboration between the cleaner production centres on chemical leasing and the advantages of weekly exchanges between the international experts and national experts at the centres. A common training for all experts was announced for 2009.

An intensive discussion took place related to new countries. It became clear that UNIDO can currently not extend the scope of countries without significantly more resources. On the other hand SAICM quick start funds might offer opportunities for at least some new countries to join chemical leasing. Here the enabling character of the support for companies should be highlighted.

This issue was a particular highlighted by Mr. Madsen who gave to the group information on the character of the SAICM quick start program, the currently existing difficulties and the opportunities for countries to participate. Mr. Madsen welcomed the chemical leasing approach and explained that this initiative fits excellent under the SAICM activities as it provides practical improvements for the management, handling and consumption of chemicals.

3. Pilot Projects in Germany

This topic was not addressed again in the working group as it was already introduced and discussed during the IFCS side event (see presentation in annex 2).

4. Global Chemical Leasing Award

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5. Public Relation, Training, Other issues

The book on Chemical Leasing and the video were regarded as excellent PR Tools for promotion of the concept. The tool kit still needs to be updated and further elaborated, a printed version will not be produced until the end of the year, because further experiences of the “new countries” should be considered.

A date for a common training of all national and international experts will be communicated until the end of the year.

The next meeting of the international working group is scheduled to take place in Switzerland; the date will be coordinated with the next SAICM meeting.