



## Minutes

### Committee for Mineral Exploration and Extraction

**Location: Nuuk and Teams**

**Date: 19. October 2022 10 am (GMT-3)**

**Secretary: Astrid Maria Spring Öberg**

**Attendees: Bent Olsvig Jensen, Peter Madsen (Teams), Hans Jensen (Teams), Karsten Lyberth-Klausen**

**Absent: Joan Plant, Bolette Maqe Nielsen**

#### 1. Approval of agenda

Approved.

#### 2. Status

**Hans:** Has had an OK season on both projects, although the Disko project was delayed due to a long winter. The Dundas feasibility study is ongoing and will be done end 2023.

**Peter:** Project continues, has reached 30 m depth and planning how to transition to underground activities. Currently employs 60 people, almost exclusively locals.

**Bent:** High activity at the moment and many ongoing projects. 25-30 full time employees. High number of foreign employees, but as production is starting more locals are being hired.

New products in the portfolio and changes in organisation has led to more case handling and negotiations with the Government, which takes time.

Inspections have been carried out and they went well.

Has signed a sales agreement with a large european company and is currently negotiating with more potential buyers.

**Karsten:** The GBA has negotiated special terms for leisure days for the airport project in Qaqortoq, which might be of interest to the mining industry. The agreement will be distributed to the committee members.

#### 3. Follow-up on ongoing projects

##### **Free travel scheme taxation**

Karsten was present to discuss the issues with taxing workers for their travels to and from site. Significantly limits workforce movement and recruitment. Does not align with international standards for work-related travel. Applies to all companies, including fisheries and construction. GBA will take the issue further.

##### **Double taxation**



Nothing new.

### **Education**

The committee has received a request from the School of Mineral Resources in Sisimiut to comment on the future structure of educational programmes. Material is uploaded in AdminControl.

The lineup does not match the industry's need and Astrid will compose a letter for Bent to sign and send to the school, citing the discussions in Sisimiut last year and the fact that we still do not have an industry advisory board under the School of Minerals.

### **Strategy**

The work is progressing, but as Bolette, who has played an important role so far could not attend this meeting, a presentation will be postponed until next meeting.

### **Communication and transparency**

Postponed until next meeting.

### **Membership meeting**

Postponed until next meeting.

#### 4. BHP Explor

The committee met with BHP Explor and discussed opportunities for Greenlandic candidates for their capacity building programme. Present was Hans, Bent and Astrid as well as Charlee Johnson (BHP Programme Manager), Libby Scharman (Tech Lead), Niall McCormack (BHP Programme Advisor).

Astrid will distribute information to GBA members about the programme.

#### 5. Next meeting

December 8 10am Nuuk time.

#### 6. Other items

Hans would like to discuss the issue of royalties at the next meeting.