

Minutes of Health and Safety Group

Thursday, 31 August 2023, 10.30am

By Conference Call

**Present:**

Andre de Bruyn	Contact
Jason Pore	Mercury
Tony Webster	Mercury
Kevin Hart	NZWEA
Darryl George	Pioneer Energy
Gerry McAndrew	SRG Global
Dale Nicholls	Vestas
Nicole Hall	VHNZ

Apologies

Stuart McIntosh	Abseil Access
Maria Fernando	Antarctica
Ben Taylor	Gen-Net
Craig Brown	Genesis
Russell Hyde	Mercury
Henry Worsp	Peak Safe (new member)
David Campbell	Siemens Gamesa
Jenny Wall	Siemens Gamesa
Joe Forsyth	Siemens Gamesa
Philip Lofthouse	Siemens Gamesa
Steve Martin	SRG Global
Adam Radich	Te Rere Hau Services
Karl Cromarty	Technical Rigging Services
Lional Woodall	Technical Rigging Services
Bobby Ball	VHNZ (formerly Meridian)

1 Approval of Previous Minutes

There were no minutes recorded from the meeting held on 28th April.

2 Members' Update

- Kevin opened the forum and outlined the agenda to the meeting. He noted that the forum had lost its way over the last 18 months and needed to be revitalised. HSE is a critical part of the sector and continued conversations around safety and health for industry workers is a crucial step to continuous improvement.
- Members aligned and committed to the process. The agreed cadence going forward was to move from a quarterly forum to every 2 months.
- Attendees provided quick updates from within their specific businesses, covering a variety of themes, ranging from safety practises associated with storing and securing trailers on a construction site to discussing the 'Human factor in Health & Safety'.
- Even when all processes are in place, training and competencies are verified, something can still go wrong. Cognitive capacity are factors in a lot of health & safety incidents, and as such, awareness of cognitive safety practises is crucial.

3 Connexis Wind Farm Technician Training Programme

- Kevin outlined that the Connexis technician training was now fully operational for level 3 and level 4 and noted that he received phone calls or emails on a very regular basis from interested training participants, both domestically and some internationally. The e-learning capability of the programme was attractive to some participants.
- Connexis is developing the level 2 programme but this was not currently operational.
- Nicole was interested in learning more about the programme given that their training programmes may have synergies and opportunities to enhance it.

4 Next Meeting Date

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held in late November, but members also noted that a face-to-face group meeting was over due and attempts would be made to arrange this in for the first scheduled meeting in 2024.

Summary of Action Items

Subject	Action	Who/When
Connexis Technician Training Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Send references of the level 3 and 4 training material to members for reference.	KH October
Next meeting date	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Arrange the final meeting for November 2023	KH November