

## ***Meeting Minutes***

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>VDA-WG AKR/ IMDS SC/ IMDS Sponsoring Group</b>						
<b>Location</b>	<b>GME Aftersales, Rüsselsheim, Germany</b>						
<b>Date</b>	<b>31.03.2006</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>h</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>13.45</b>	<b>h</b>
<b>Chairman</b>	<b>Willi Fey</b>						
<b>Participants</b>	<b>Attachment 1</b>						

### **1. Welcome and Introduction**

**Willi Fey** welcomed the attendees and explained the background and the reason for this meeting. During a roll call around the table everybody introduced her/himself. Since everybody is involved in IMDS issues the group as such is very knowledgeable and competent.

### **2. Clarification of open issues and answers to questions**

The attached presentation (**attachment 2**) with a consolidated and condensed input regarding status of IMDS; open issues, questions and proposals for improvements has been used as detailed agenda and was reviewed and discussed slide by slide. Following the presentation some statements and proposals have been made, which are briefly noted below:

**Wolfgang Diegmann** explained chart 1 to 4:

Chart 1 to 3: No comments

Chart 4: The cost statements caused some discussion. There are costs but also savings; this needs to be considered in all cost break downs.

Regional legal requirements with global impact are considered to be in the scope (e.g. CHINA)

**Gunnar Jürgens** explained chart 6 and 7 where the comparison with the legislation is made and positive and negative examples are shown:

Chart 5: It should be focused on current legislation but GADSL is accepted.

An ideal situation would be if all OEMs would stick to the GADSL limits.

Chart 6: The need of systems/assemblies break downs in IMDS has been discussed as well as additional Flat BOM reporting possibilities and the weight tolerance issue.

A weight reporting based on mean values would help.

**A WG of subject matter experts from both, the suppliers as well as the OEM shall work out a solution**

The recycled content for polymers as well as metals led to controversial discussions. . The possibility to use statistical values for regions for the recycled metal content of the various grades shall be assessed.

**A WG of subject matter experts shall work out a solution as well**

**Bernhard Reischl** gave some more insight into the cost/benefit relation of modifications and new releases:

Chart 7: The cost break down needs to be assessed in more detail. Material data cost cannot be assigned to the IMDS cost.

Legacy data handling is a serious issue. If the old data are still valid, no resubmission is needed just because of new system releases.

Chart 8: Old data can remain unchanged

Chart 11: This problem will be solved

**Stephan Schöne** showed and reported some practical experiences with the change management behaviour and OEM acceptance issues.

Charts: 9 to 10:

**A WG should also look into the change management issue as well as the legacy data issue and come up with a solution**

**Antje Heymann** presented also some facts regarding the various issues on behalf of the IMDS SC (**attachment 3**)

**Hartmut Müller** summarized briefly the proposed activities for improvements.

Charts 12 to 14.

### **3. Next steps and future cooperation**

**Willi Fey** concluded the meeting with the common understanding that some progress had been made in the course of this meeting.

Next steps have been agreed upon as follows:

- **The GADSL (lobbying) ELV heavy metals and IMDS (based on current legislation) requirements need to be carefully aligned**
- **A WG need to solve the structural requirements issue (assembly break down, Flat BOM, tolerances, recycled content, etc)**
- **A WG need to solve the change management/legacy data issue**
- **All WG need to represent the suppliers and the OEM**
- **All WG results to be available by end of September 2006**
- **CLEPA will be represented in the IMDS SC by one person from the secretariat + one supplier (for the time being as guests, no voting rights)**

### **4. AOB**

A next meeting will be fixed after the results of the established WG, possibly in Q4 2006.

**Protocol:** Harald F. Schenk as best of memory and personal notes.