



EAST MIDLANDS REGION

REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS, PHARMACEUTICALS, PROCESS AND TEXTILES SECTOR

**2A Wentworth House, Vernon Gate, Derby
Wednesday 16 June 2010**

COMMITTEE

Attendees: **Committee**
Jackie Williams, Regional Officer
Ishvar Chauhan
Ian Hawley
Christopher Margett

1 Apologies for absence

Mark Bennett, Rob Sanderson and Julie Spencer.

2 Minutes of last meeting

Noted and moved to next meeting

3 Matters arising

Minute 5 – Rob Sanderson has not heard anything further from the Shop Steward on the issue of Polish workers.

Contd.....

Minute 9 – 1 - Any other business – Motion

Jackie Williams advised that the Motion was compromised at Conference regarding Trident, Rolls Royce Nuclear and safeguarding member's jobs.

Minute 9 – 2 – Policy Conference – issue went to vote and 124 for and 98 against on how many GEC members.

4. Regional Industrial Report

Celanese – we have had several meetings now with the Company as part of the consultation period. The Company initially stated that the primary reason for the proposed closure of the plant was due to the high cost of energy in the UK compared with their other sites. However as the discussions have progressed and we have tried to engage the Company in ways to reduce energy costs, it has become clear that this is in fact only one of many reasons that has led to the proposed closure.

Sandvik – I am pleased to report that this Company has improved their order base and has subsequently taken on a number of agency workers numbering in the 60s doing predominantly welding work and as such we have recently come to an agreement with the Company that those contracts are temporary to permanent and on week 13 permanent contracts will be offered.

5. Delegates Industrial Reports

Ishvar Chauhan - Trelleborg recently had redundancies and the Sweden plant has closed and work transferred to the UK. A 2.9% wage increase has recently been secured to workers in Leicester and 1.5% at the Tewkesbury plant.

Pass contact details for Mark Amy on to Ishvar who is the recently elected Shop Stewrd at Trelleborg.

6. Regional Industrial Strategy for Growth

We discussed the following possible targets for recruitment:

Petron – electronics for cars. It was agreed to check to see if any members could be identified.

City facilities – Asda cleaning

Look to see if any members at **Master Locksmith Pub**.

Contd.....

Ideal Cleaning, Notts – speak to Shop Steward to find out where other workers are located.

7. Any other business

Richard Catlin was nominated from the Committee to the Young Members' Forum.