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Minutes of Fluoride Project, MAWARI, Meeting Held on July 06, 2006 at the Debere Zeit Town

Present:

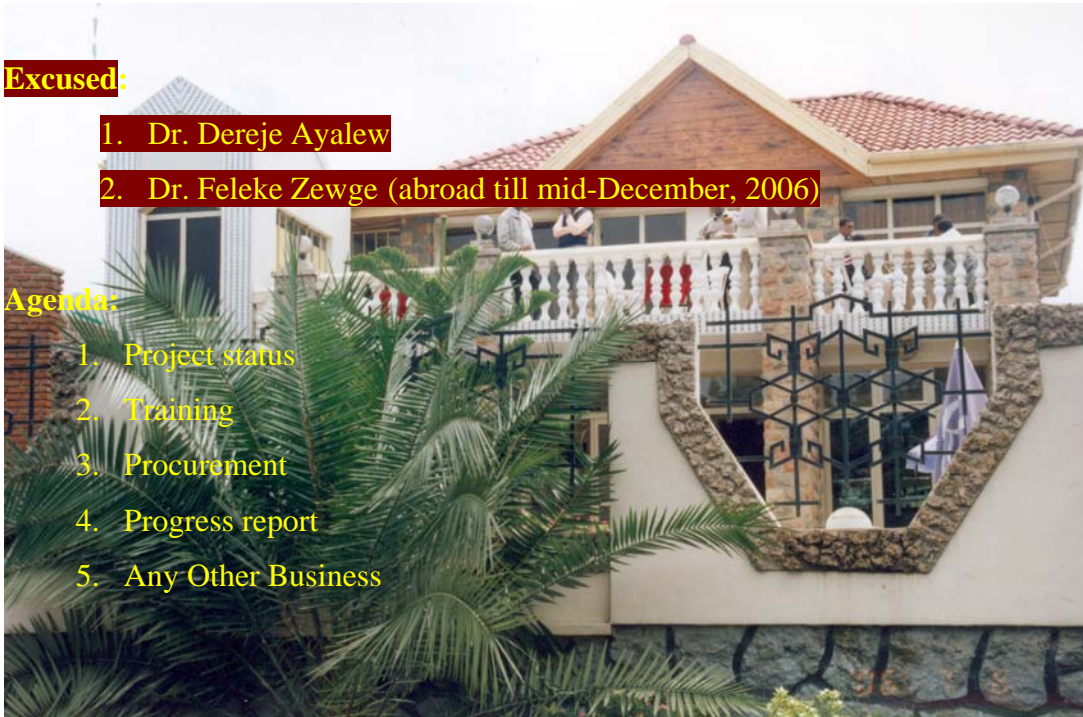
1. Dr. Berhanu Gizaw, Project Team Leader and Researcher
2. Mr. Zenaw Tessema, Researcher
3. Dr. Tamiru Alemayehu, Researcher
4. Dr. Nurelegne Tefera,, Researcher
5. Mr. Esayas Alemayehu, Researcher

Excused:

1. Dr. Dereje Ayalew
2. Dr. Feleke Zewge (abroad till mid-December, 2006)

Agenda:

1. Project status
2. Training
3. Procurement
4. Progress report
5. Any Other Business



1. Project status

Dr. Berhanuu Gizaw, Projects Team Leader, briefed participants on the status of the project and his visit to France. He also recommended visiting the MAWARI website, www.MAWARI.org, for various information related to the project activities.

The discussion continued on four the issues mentioned above in the agenda.

Dr. Berhanu said, regardless of minor problems and delays, the fluoride source part of the project are proceeding by-in-large as planned.



On the behalf of the team on defluoridation, Dr. Nurelegn promised to rectify some problems related to the implementation of the project. He mentioned that the research on deflouridation using clay technology is progressing well, however, some sort of financial mechanism should be found to financial support some laboratory assistants.

Related to the personnel in the defluoridation side of the research, he mentioned that Dr. Feleke is abroad but we should be able to communicate. He also informed the team that he will most likely take his sabbatical leave starting from October 2006 and hence Mr Alemayehu

Ambaw, current Department head of Chemical Engineering, will take care of my part. Despite that, we will be communicating with him whenever necessary and hence the project will not be affected by his departure.

Mr. Lemma, a researcher on the defluoridation part will also leaving for his PhD and hence will be replaced by Mr. Alemayehu Ambaw.

Mr. Essayas, from Jimma University, also working on defluoridaton, underlined the necessity of accomplishing the project task as planned and made the following remarks. He planned to finish the iron coated sand defluoridation part of the project till November 2006 if the procurement and financial requests will be released before mid-August.

Dr. Berhanu, as project team leader requested, the defluoridation team to work out their detailed budget breakdown and timetable. He also underlined the importance of communication and coordination of the research in the Addis Ababa University and that of the Jimma University.



2. Training

Under MAWARI - sub component fluoride project, a number of MSc students will be supported to work their research on fluoride at local Universities.

Two PhD students, one each from the fluoride source and defluoridation are assumed to be given an opportunity to do PhD research work in France / Ethiopia using data form this project as proposed in the project document.

The proposed PhD students have the responsibility to compile data from all sub- components of MAWARI.

One of the participants who is form the Geological survey, Mr. Zenaw Tessema, is already part of the fluoride source research, where his name and CV are already submitted as part of the project. However, Mr. Beneberu Shimelis, who completed his MSc recently on defluoridationas and recommended by the defluoridation team is a new member and hence his CV should be forwarded as soon as possible. Dr. Berhanu mentioned that he will be writing Mr Laval to look for financial support and placement of the proposed PhD students as soon as he received the CV of the new candidate. However, they should prepare their academic credentials and a general PhD research proposal soon.

3. Procurement

All procurement requests required for the next 6 months are planned to be submitted as soon as possible.



4. Report schedule

The deadline for the 2nd progress report is July 28, 2006; hence the report from each group should to reach Dr. Berhanu by July 20, 2006 so that he will have time to compile.

5. Any Other Business

Follow up meetings

It was proposed to have regular meetings at least once every six months since it proved to be useful.

Dissemination of information

It was recognised that the research information will be disseminated through various means's. In line with this, it was noticed that power point presentations made during project team leaders and scientific committee are posted. After thorough discussion on the issue, it was agreed to notify the project facilitator, Mr. Laval that since the findings are expected to be published in the end, unpublished results should only be accessible for project participants and the scientific committee members and should not be posted on web. What shall be posted should be general information and activities not a document that contains unpublished data. Indeed, the presentations were not also inclusively made of data generated as a result of MAWARI project but rather a cumulative database generated earlier by various investigators from various institutions. Dr. Berhanu mentioned that the issue was raised with Mr. Laval when he was in France and agreed not to post the fluoride part, but still found it posted. He, indeed, mentioned that he was surprised by the decision made.

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