



## **PITA PAPERMAKING & ENGINEERING WORKING GROUP**

### **CONFERENCE CALL**

**Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011**

#### **Present:**

- John Middleton - Chairman
- Peter Fish
- Barry Read - PITA

A useful discussion but the lack of numbers meant that we were not able to get a broader range of views. We need to attract a wider range of working disciplines through the industry for these discussions.

We discussed the Use of audio-visual conference calls agreeing that this is the most cost-effective approach. Video calls, while an attractive idea could be limited by mill intranet data capacity and this could affect the quality of a video call. Mid-week, afternoon timings were considered a better option. Topic specific blogs as well as e-mail are also other available media.

For "Topics for discussion" although a list of potential subject areas was made in the calling notice it was felt that it would be better to concentrate effort into analysing the main findings and recommendations from the IEAA report on energy efficiency accelerator programme. The key areas that this report covers are essential to all mills.

- Drying efficiency
- Heat and power generation
- Water removal at the wet end

Papermaking issues are always on a discussion list and it was felt that this subject area should not be overlooked. Another topic to be covered is the advances in Process control, operator interfaces, networking and the role of the internet.

It was decided to circulate these minutes to individuals originally invited to the conference call as well as other potential interested parties. The next major PITA meeting will be the summer PITA meet and it was felt that we need to have a follow-up conference call to prepare a range of discussion points for this meeting.

Our thanks to those involved.

John Middleton  
Chairman - Papermaking & Engineering Working Group.