

# **Overview of Activities:**

## **The Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane**

Working Party on Gas  
23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session

Geneva, 22 January 2013

# 8th Session of the Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane

- Planned for November 2012
- Postponed until further notice at the request of Member States
- The group plans to meet on 29 April 2013

# AHGE on CMM in the light of the UNECE review process

Excerpt from the informal consultation document:

“The Group should promote the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from coal mines by means of activities that may help the recovery and use of methane in order to reduce the risks of explosions in coal mines.”

# What's Next?

- New Terms of Reference to be discussed and proposed at the next session
- Proposed concrete activities
  - Electronically disseminate Best Practice Guidance for Effective Methane Drainage and Recovery in Coal Mines to all major stakeholders in the UNECE region and beyond as recommended by ECOSOC (Decision 2011/222)
  - Prepare suggestions on how to develop, as appropriate, similar best practices guidance for aspects of CMM management that are not covered in detail by the current document
  - Prepare proposals for case studies, financed from extra-budgetary resources, on the application of best practice guidance in specific coal mines in different regions of the world
  - Other activities as determined by the AGHE on CMM at its next sessions, possibly in coal mine safety (funding already secured)

# Thank you

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