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MEETING ON THE WHALES EVENT in ANTSOHIHY – la LOZA BAY

Date: June 13 , 2008 – 5:25 p.m

Location: Conference room MINENVEFT Tsimbazaza

Attendees: Following entities are represented

- **MINENVEFT** Ministry of Environment, Water & Forest and Tourism **:** Directeur de Cabinet
- **MAEP:** Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries: Conseiller Technique: Song Chan Marcel
- **MEM** Ministry of Energy and Mines: Directeur des Hydrocarbures
- **SOFIA REGION:** Secretaire General
- **Local communities representative :** Philippe (Biaina 3)
- **ONE**: DG, DEIE
- **ANGAP**: DG
- **OMNIS** : Adjoint DH
- **NGO's**: WWF (2) , FANAMBY, WCS, CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL
- **ExxonMobil** (3) : DG, Esso Paris Public Affairs & Environment Consultant
- **Experts** (7)

Situation

1. ExxonMobil Representatives, OMNIS Representative, ONE Representative, WWF Representative and CI Representative arrived at 4:50 p.m at the Conference Room ; there was a meeting already in the Conference room, but those Rep's have not been invited to enter in till 5:25 p.m. *There was a press reporter (from Express de Madagascar) attending the meeting.*
2. at this time, they gave the final speech of the meeting. According to Herilala, WCS: the conclusion is: no finding from the intervention of experts, investigation continues, samples will be analysed and we have to wait for the results.
3. Experts explanation: they are not able to determine the cause; they would need to examine the first animals died or found on first day (May 31 ou June 1), which had been sampled by the local Vet. Those could be a great element to find out why and come to a conclusion. (*Those animals are buried 12 days ago).* Because Animals found after June 1 could have cumulative and/or conjugated reasons to die or to behave as such.
4. As per conversation with DG ANGAP at the end of the meeting (5:45p.m), the meeting has started at 2:30p.m instead of 5:00 *(ExxonMobil was not informed of any schedule change).*