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Report of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane

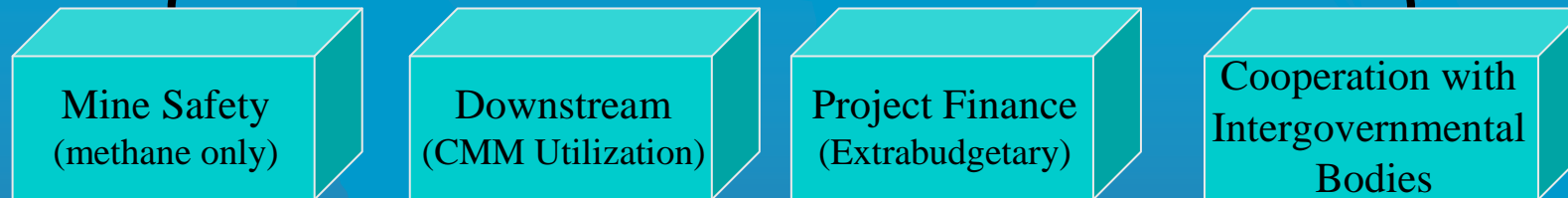
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PROGRAMME OF WORK



Mine Safety



- Examining legal/regulatory frameworks
 - Promote sound degasification practices
 - Establish clear link between upstream and downstream improvements
 - In 2007, received commitment of pro bono support from major international law firm
- Exploring cooperation with
 - Leading mining associations
 - Insurance industry
- Possible extrabudgetary support

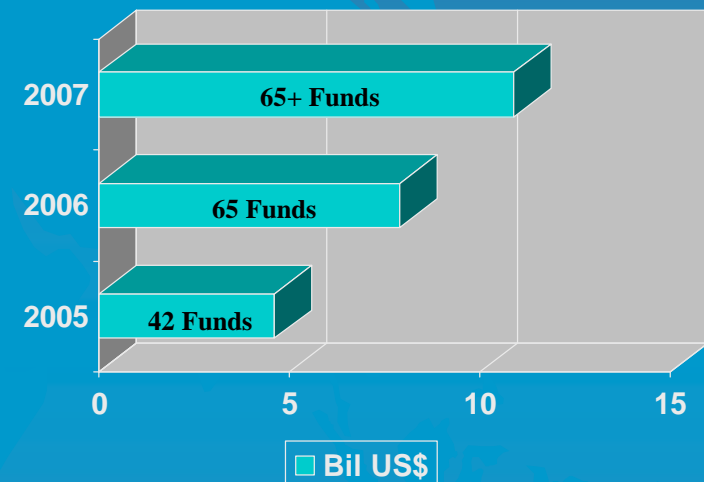
CMM Utilization

- Developing glossary of terms and definitions used worldwide (in cooperation with M2M)
- Examining production and use of low-quality methane (below 25%)
- Workshops/Conferences
 - Methane to Markets Expo – October 2007
 - Poland - February 2008
 - Other in 2008?

Project Finance (Extrabudgetary)

- Project summary
 - Identify 3-6 projects in CEE/CIS region for assistance to develop investment grade documents
 - Presentation before EE21 and other investment funds
 - Project concludes in September 2008
- Status
 - Dramatic change in market dynamics has brought substantial liquidity to the CMM sector
 - Focus in last year of project shifting to capacity-building workshops
 - 2-3 workshops in 2008

Global Investment Capital for CO2 Projects



*Sources: World Bank Carbon Finance Unit, Point Carbon, *Carbon Finance*



Project Finance

Stakeholders View of UNECE Involvement

- Investors/Financial community - positive
 - Neutral role in market stimulation
 - Projects vetted by credible organization
 - UN endorsement is positive for public relations
- Mining companies/project sponsors - ambivalent
 - Public nature of cooperation difficult
 - Large companies do not believe they need assistance
 - Want more engineering support for methane degasification to enhance safety – UNECE currently does not have this capacity
 - Do see benefit of positive public image associated with UN
- Governments - generally positive
 - Very supportive of training
 - See UN as another vehicle for supporting mine safety and environmental protection

Cooperation



- Interagency
 - Working Party on Gas – St. Petersburg Workshop in September 2006
- International
 - Environment for Europe - Category II Paper at Ministerial Mtg in October 2007
 - Methane to Markets Partnership
 - International Energy Agency
 - UNDP/UNIDO – CMM GEF projects
 - ILO - Mine safety
 - World Coal Institute

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Thank You!

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