



## MINUTES

### BioEscalator Genetic Modification Safety Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018, 13:00-14:00 Meeting Room 3, Level 0

#### Present:

Dr Khwaja Islam (Chair) (BioEscalator Biological Safety Officer)  
Dr Julie Hamilton (University Divisional Safety Officer)  
Dr Graham Ross (University Divisional Safety Officer)  
Dr Shuji Hachisu (Moa-Technology)  
Chris Paluch (MiroBio Ltd)  
Alice Bellini (representative for Macrophox)  
James Gale (representative for Macrophox)  
Dr Claire Shingler (Observer) (BioEscalator Business Manager)

#### 1. Apologies:

Dr Kerry Fisher (Theolytics)  
Prof Len Seymour (Macrophox)  
Dr Cathy Gouveia (Moa-Technology)

#### 2. Introduction of Members

New member to the Committee Chris Paluch (MiroBio Ltd) was introduced.

#### 4. Minutes of the last meeting:

Minutes approved by committee members.

#### 3. BioEscalator Premises number update:

KI reported he received a formal acknowledgement letter which included the BioEscalator premises centre number GM3429. Which was passed on to the tenants who will be working with GMO as this is required on the HSE notification form since the last meeting.

However, KI also received an email from HSE last week Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 to state that they have received a CU2 notification from one of BioEscalator tenant (Theolytics) who wish to undertake class 2 work at the BioEscalator premise. This has led to further examination of the notification arrangements under the GMO (contained Use) regulations 2014. They have now said that where a single building or set of premises is to be occupied by several different organisations for contained use activities **cannot** undertake their class 1 or above contained use activities under the BioEscalator's GM centre number.

So, any companies who want to undertake class 1 or above contained use activities, they will need to submit their own CU1 premises notification, with associated fee. They advise that if a company is going to be undertaking Class 2 contained use activities, they can submit their CU1 notification **at the same time** as their CU2 notification, where both will be assessed together and will only incur the fee associated with the CU2: the CU1 is in effect 'free' in this circumstance. The HSE cannot process tenants CU2 notification unless they have submitted a CU1 (either at the same time or previously). The BioEscalator premises centre number (GM3429) is only for the carrying out contained use activities, such as disposing of waste on behalf of the tenants (i.e. autoclaving the tenants waste containing GMO'S).

JH suggested that tenants should give a copy of their premises acknowledgement letter from the HSE to the BioEscalator BSO.

#### 4. Update on CDA:

CS reported she has contacted Oxford University legal services team (Geoff Lees) for advice & how best to proceed and will report back to the committee.

**5. Approval of Risk Assessments prior to the meeting:**

KI reported 3 contained use activities (risk assessments) approved prior to the meeting as follows:

- a) 1 x class 2 (Theolytics)
- b) 1 X class 2 (Moa-Technology)
- c) 1 x class1 (MacroPhox)

**5. Any Other Business**

None

**6. Date and venue of next meeting – TBA for October 2019.**