

MINUTES

SEITI MSG Meeting (No 12/ 2019)

Date: Friday, 19 July 2019

Time: 14:00h- 16:00h

Location: Conference room of Ministry of Natural Resources

Present		
Government	Civil Society	Companies
Dave Abeleven (DA)	Rene Artist (RA)	Tedy Jbara (TJ)
Henk Deel (HD)	Rayah Bhattacharji (RB)	Tom Fauria (TF)
Sagita Jaggan (SJa)	Roy Caupain (RC)	Albert Ramdin (AR)
	Lisa Best (LB)	M. Raafenberg (MR)

Absent with notice	Absent without notice
AroeJadoenathmisier (AJ)	Erna Aviankoi
Joy ten Berge (JtB)	Valerie Lalji (VL)
Monique Essed-Fernandes (ME)	
Michael Naarendorp (MN)	
Daniela Herkul (DH)	

SEITI-Secretariat	Observers
.H. Hoepel- Aroma	Shalita Vermeer
D. Vyent	
R. Williams	

Agenda

1. Opening
2. Announcements
3. SEITI secretariat
4. SEITI report 2017
5. Any other matters
6. Questions
7. Closing

Announcements:

AR: Mrs. Shalita Vermeer is an observer today, this will be communicated by a formal letter

DA: a formal letter was received from Rosebel Gold Mines that Mrs. Sharmila Jadnansingh will step down and Mr Raafenberg will be in her place

RB: Mrs. Erna Aviankoi will no longer be a member of the MSG representing the civil society group

SEITI secretariat

AR: indicates that in order to determine quorum it is important that the invitation is done in a formal way.

DA: with regard to the new members, the list of primary members and observers of each organization will be updated. But every organization can have observers; The secretariat has failed to send a conformation mail to the MSG members to see if there was quorum to continue the meeting; the minutes of the previous meeting are pending (28 June 2019); Note was taken of the letter from RB with the concerns about the presidency of the MSG.; the transfer of documents by Mrs. Vanessa to the new secretariat took place at the 15th of July. Vanessa is no longer part of the secretariat and BIS. The secretariat is for now at the Ministry of Natural Recourses.

SEITI 2017

DA: The EITI report must be submitted in December.

RF/BDO: an engagement letter was send to the EITI national coordinator to anticipate a contract. The TOR is specific such as building materials, gold exporters, buyers & traders, reconciliation. However, the timeline for the report has to be decided and determination of the materiality. Because additional data is required for the report 2017, it will not be finalized as planned. Therefore, planning has been included in the engagement letter and we expect to have a draft document in November. A response to the evaluation of the SEITI 2016 report is pending.

SB/DBO: The most relevant aspects that need attention are, general data for example pictures etc., the list of persons that need to have access to the BDO portal and the MOU that companies need to sign. two sessions involving the data of the different companies. It is recommended that the 2017 data from GMD is requested at an early stage.

ME: explained the expansion of the scope and the next report

Geen pdf uploads zodat er makkelijk geupdate kan worden.

DH: It is not necessary to expand the scope, but that we keep what we have and what needed for the SEITI report 2017.

AR: Royalty revenues are not recognized.it still needs to be discusses and studied how royalty transfer takes place. The MSG will discuss the gold sector, the expansion of the scope of report together with finance. The uploads and data of Newmont is accessible to everyone.

Any other Matters

DA: one of the objective of the World Bank project is the establishment of the minerals institute, with process and procedures. Additional, the secretariat will be established in the mineral institute. In general, (international practice) the national EITI secretariat is staffed by 3 persons. A formation report will be formulated on the organization structure for the National secretariat including task description. This report will be discussed among the MSG members.

After a discussion with the BDO and World Bank, we agreed that USD 30,000 overruns will be paid by the bank.

AR: what is the role of the MSG chair and that of the national coordinator and what are the tasks? Which model of operation for the SEITI secretariat is appropriate? One with an independent chair, rotation and salaries specific for SEITI secretariat?

DA: national coordinator is responsible for the implementation of EITI on the national level. MSG decides on the role the MSG, its members including the chair. For example when meetings are to be convened while the secretariat takes care of all preparation of MSG meetings.

AR: the MSG chair should be an independent person. Will there be an independent chair or will there be a rotation? What does it get or have as a committee in percentages? Maybe the new persons can go for two weeks to Trinidad to see how the national EITI secretariat actually functions.

DA: there are examples of national EITI secretariats from Trinidad and Guyana; One of the three members will be full time at the secretariat. Joint information sharing sessions will be planned with Trinidad Guyana and Suriname.

ME: proposed not to change the status quo of the MSG chair especially with current developments. Once the formation report is in place than we can move to change.

DA: for the rest of the EITI support project we have recruited a Procurement specialist Mr. G. Doest and BDO as the Financial Advisor.

DH: with regard to the NGO project proposal of T&T EITI to include Suriname, ME of civil society will be involved with this project.

Questions

No Questions

Closing

DA: the meeting is closed at 16:00 h.

The next MSG meeting is scheduled for 2 August at 14.00 at the Ministry of Natural Resources.