

MINUTES

SEITI MSG Meeting (No 02 /2021)

Date: Friday, February 19, 2021

Time: 13.00h- 15.00h

Location: Virtual online (Teams meeting)

Present			
Government	Civil Society	Companies	SEITI-Secretariat
P. Simons (PS)	R.Bhattacharji(RB)	D. Herkul (DH)	Clyde Griffith (CG)
S. Jaggan (SJ)	T. Pinas (TP)	M. Raafenberg (MR)	Karishma Bhageloe (KB)
H. Deel (HD)	M. Essed-Fernandes(MEF)	M. Naarendorp. (MN)	Reenuska Mahabier (RM)
	R. Artist (RA)		Diana Vyent (DV)
	Roy Caupain (CP)		

Absent with notice	Absent without notice
G.Tjalim	V. Lalji (VL)
	Shirley Sowma-Sumter (SSS)

Agenda

1. Opening
2. Announcements
3. Adoption of minutes 19 February 2021
4. Update Independent Administrator (3 reports 2018-2020) Organogram EITI Secretariat
5. Reporting Workgroup Beneficial Ownership
6. Letter of EITI Board with regard to extension
7. Validation report 2016/ 2017
8. Any Other Business
9. Closing

1. Opening

There is Quorum to start the meeting.

2. Announcement

- Meeting held with the MNR on Monday 15 February 2021
- Letter of EITI Board received with regard to extension
- Alternative Member O&G
- Michael Naarendorp is the primary member and Kathleen Blom is the alternate member
- Thank you note send to Tedy which was well received
- Validation report 2016/ 2017 received

3. Adoption of minutes 05 February 2021

- Minutes have been discussed and approved by the MSG

4. Update Independent Administrator (3 reports 2018-2020):

- CG: World Bank approved the ToR. A request of (Expression of Interest) EoI need to be send out to the three companies. There was a remark/comment from the Procurement Specialist the three companies should be International companies. BDO and Ernst & Young do meet the requirements, but a third International company is needed. The Evaluation Committee (EC) must first be formed before sending the EoI. DH and TP are part of the EC and a third person is needed.

5. Reporting Workgroup Beneficial Ownership:

- MEF: MEF and SJ are part of the workgroup, a third person is needed. Meanwhile an assessment report has been made by a consultant in which recommendations have been made. The recommendations are not discussed yet within the MSG. MEF proposes to hold a work session (Friday 26 February) with regard to BO to prevent uncertainties.

6. Letter of EITI Board with regard to extension

- MEF: The EITI Board has granted Suriname an extension of 6 months, until 30 June 2021, for the publication of the 2018 Report. We want to combine the 2018 and 2019 reports (which is not possible). Even if it is only the 2018 report, it is still not achievable.
- CG: Catherine stated that the intention is to fill in all the tables (even if there is no final report yet) so the numbers can be published. If the deadline is not met, another extension can be requested before June 30th.

7. Validation report 2016/2017

- RB: Each stakeholder group will provide its comments and then it will be compiled as a total MSG.

8. Any Other Business

- Letters for representation in MSG: still missing Henk Deel, Quincy Wielsen
- Planning Meeting with Minister of Natural Resources

9. Closing

- Closing by MEF at 14.05 h.
- Next Meeting: Friday 5 March 2021

Action Points

	Action Items	Responsible	Target date	Update	Remarks
1	Update WhatsApp group	RM			
2	Printable PDF version on EITI website				
3	Placing Mining Law on EITI website				
4	BO on website EITI				
5	Biweekly meetings every Friday 11.00h-13.00h				
6	Update SEITI secretariat functions according to best practices	SETI secretariat			
7	Update/review TOR	MSG			

