

## MINUTES

### SEITI MSG Meeting (No 05 /2022)

**Date** : Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Time** : 13.10h – 14.00h

**Location** : ZOOM

<b>Government</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Particularities</b>
Preciosa Simons (PS)	X		
Valerie Lalji (VL)			
Georgetine Tjalim (GT)	X		
Sagita Jaggan (SJ)		X	With notice
Henk Deel (HD)		X	Without notice
Ginna Leysner Vega		X	
<b>Civil Society</b>			
Tosca Pinas (TP)		X	With notice
Rayah Bhattacharji (RB)		X	With notice
Monique Essed-Fernandes (MEF)		X	With notice
Rene Artist (RA)		X	Without notice
Roy Caupain (RC)	X		
<b>Companies</b>			
Michiel Raafenberg (MiRa)	X		
Michael Naarendorp (MN)		X	With notice
Kathleen Blom (KB)		X	Without notice
Bernadette Sabajo-Cederboom	X		
Mark Regis (MReg)		X	With notice
Daniela Herkul (DH)	X		
<b>EITI Secretariat</b>			
Clyde Griffith (CG)	X		
Karishma Bhageloe (KB)		X	Without notice
Reenuska Mahabier (RM)		X	With notice
Diana Vyent (DV)		X	Without notice
Nancy Boldewijn (NB)	X		

1. **Opening.** The meeting was opened at 13.10h.

2. **Announcements**

- MES, MR and CG were present at the orientation SCSD meeting. The foundations to be laid and the direction the government should take were discussed. Among other things, Beneficial Ownership, transparency in the mining sector, contracts and possible advice for government policy were discussed and that personnel should be trained for the sector.

MR states that he will sent some questions to the consultants via the MSG. The question was asked how the MSG can contribute

DH: Was it asked why a new institute will be established when there is already an existing institute that can be adapted with minor modification.

CG states that the new institute is in no relation to petroleum. With regard to minerals, it is anchored in the Mining Law.

2 legal products are currently being prepared. Due to the nature of the Mining Law, community consultation is required.

There is already a draft law for the mineral institute. It has already been communicated to a lawyer. A presentation will then be made to the Ministry of NH and then brought to parliament as an initiative law.

There was no feedback from the MSG. DH en MiRa have given feedback on behalf of the Legal Department.

In regards to the mineral institute, the decision to set up an institute was made since the 70's, but due to politics there was no progress. Everybody agrees that the law needs to be revised and that GMD as it is now would not be able to function, for example:

- The proces for processing applications, as well as capable personnel
- Not saving data
- A high turnover of employees because of the salary

The bauxite institute was set up for Suralco. It was more of an administrative office. However, it has not worked as the initial plan. CG has an extensive presentation on this that he will share.

Regarding BDO

After approval of the MSG, BDO can continue to work. After some effort, it has been decided to work with the old reporting templates, so that the minister can sign. All the companies/ministries will sign one MoU, except the ministry of Finance, since the ministry of Natural Resources signs on behalf of the government.

DH states that she is disappointed int the process with BDO. The process has caused delays for the companies and staff.

MiRa states that BDO probably has new personnel, without experience in this area. The deadline of the report is April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The scoping report should have ready. CG can not appreciate the way BDO handles the MSG. NB will set-up a meeting between BDO and Grassalco. CG will ask BDO to share the information that they have already. The MSG will assist with the information where and when needed.

**3. Adoption of Minutes MSG-04 meeting of February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

- There was no quorum so it was agreed that the members would still provide feedback via e-mail. If no more feedback is given, the minutes are considered adopted.

**4. Update MoU regarding 2018 -2020 SEITI**

The MoU should be produced.

**5. Update procedural route contract transparency by DH**

DH states that the draft for State Oil Company is finished. We are waiting on the board for the approval for publication. There is too much noise in the media about oil and gas.

**6. Update policy note contract transparency by CG/PS**

See agenda point #5. CG, DH and MES will merge the document.

**7. Update GMD website**

The payment has yet to be made. Conversations need to be held.

**8. Any other business**

On Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> CG will have a meeting with BDO. After that he will give an update.

**9. Closing**

The meeting was closed at 14.00h.

**Action points**

	<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Remarks</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Target Date</b>
1	Set-up a meeting between BDO and Grassalco	NB		Done	
2	Payment for GMD website	PS			