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SEITI MSG Meeting (No 01/2020)

Date: Friday, 24 January 2020
Time: 14:00 h- 16:00h
Location: Conference Room Ministry of Natural Resources

Present		
Government	Civil Society	Companies
D. Abeleven (DA)	R.Bhattacharji(RB).	T. Jbara (TJ)
H. Deel (HD)	R. Caupain (RC)	M. Raafenberg (MR)
V. Lalji (VL)	M. Essed-	
Q. Wielson (QW)	R. Artist (RA)	
S. Jaggan(SJ)		

Absent with notice	Absent without notice
R. Donnellan (RD)	E. Poetisi (EP)
L. Best (LB)	A. Ramdien (AR)
J. ten Berge(JtB)	D. Herkul (DH)

SEITI-Secretariat	Observers
H.Hoepel-Aroma(HHA)	G. Tjalim (GT)
R. Williams	
J. Caupain	

Agenda:

1. Announcements
2. What is validation, see guidance note
3. Preparation for Validation (MSG, Secretariat)
4. Any other matters
5. Closing

1. Announcements

- Absent with notice is Mr. Richard Donallan, Mrs. Lisa best and Mrs. Joy Ten Berge others are absent without notice.
- The publication of the EITI report has been acknowledge by the EITI secretariat
- The draft TOR for Beneficial Ownership and EITI 2018 report is shared with the World Bank for feedback
- A Guidance Note for MSG/ secretariat was received from Francisco on the validation.
- The WB has granted extension to the grant up to September 2020 and arrangements will be made for the EITI component in the loan agreement

2. What is Validation, see guidance note

DA: emails and attachments on validation were shared with the MSG. The communication commitment of O'Media must be emphasized. An important aspect of the validation is how the communication took place.

RB: will BDO be chosen again as independent administrator or will another company be chosen for the 2018 report?

DA: the procedure with another company will be too long, we propose to make a direct selection based on the experience with BDO, but that decision must be made by the MSG. I think the evaluation is much better this time with the 2017 report.

MF: a number of points were taken into account however; some issues were to be made clear.

RB: can we arrange a day for evaluation?

DA: the secretary will send the documents to the MSG for an evaluation response. The groups will work internally and we will put the input of the stakeholder together.

RB: can we arrange a day for evaluation?

DA: yes. can we set a date, February 7:deadline inputs for evaluation; The next EITI rapport will include the 2019 standards, which scope do we want to use for the 2018 report. With regard to

community engagement, O Media should conduct info sessions and do a media training and publish articles through the newspaper.

HHA: the secretariat has approached Newmont and an appointment was scheduled for a discussion on community engagement. An email was also sent to Mr. M. Raafenberg and to Mr. R. Coupain, regarding community engagement and there was also a conversation with RB regarding an event to be organized by civil society but it was canceled.

RB: in collaboration with the other foreign companies, we would be organizing an event, but it is cancelled.

DA: There is still some Budget for organizing activities with civil society. Together with the secretariat we can think about what kind of event can still be executed.

3. Preparation for Validation (MSG, Secretariat)

Secretariat:

-MSG final minutes (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019) are already arranged by year in google drive

-all draft MSG minutes for 2019 will be made available for feedback of the MSG through google drive

HHA: the MSG still needs to provide input on the progress report 2018, feedback on the draft minutes contribute to document or information that is required or requested with regard to validation and participation in outreach activities. A request was done by the secretariat at the PR department of MNH and they will conduct interviews with each member the coming weeks, this is to improve the communication status of the MSG with the public before 14 February 2020.

The first interview is planned for 27 January 2020 with the PS it might be possible that others MSG members can join?

DA: the validation is scheduled for March 23, 2020. No validation will take place in the month of May due to the elections. The EITI international secretariat board meeting is planned in February and the extension for validation is likely to be approved. The validation will cover both reports based on the guidance notes for validation. A self-assessment workshop will have to be arranged for the MSG. An invitation will also be sent to stakeholders outside the MSG to participate in the validation process. There consultations with the MSG, independent administrator, other key stakeholders. An independent validator will be appointed by the international secretariat, then there will be a draft validation report and after comments from the MSG the validation will be final.

MEF: Wasn't there a proposal to have an annual progress report instead of a validation report?
who determines the stakeholders, we indicate who does and who doesn't participate?

DA: the international secretariat also indicates who they want to speak to. The validator looks at the report and a number of other things that must be uploaded on the website by 14 February at the latest, and that must also be published. We received a list to prepare documents for validation. A self-assessment session must be held based on the guidelines for validation.

RB: I recommend to e-mail the stakeholders well in advance so that they can prepare.

DA: the date for the self-assessment workshop is 20 February 2020 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Lala Roohk building, Lala Roohkweg. The availability of the MSG members must be communicated. The tool to be used is the self-assessment form.

4. Any other matters

DA: the 2019 EITI standards are already shared with the MSG

TJ: the skype for business option was no longer discussed, what about that? The decisions of the members, that is already in order? An event can be held with the students of the university we can take that as a recommendation

HHA: skype for business is expensive but another option is to use go to meeting this was recommended by an ict advisor of the Ministry.

5. Closing

The meeting closed on 15.00u.