

MINUTES

SEITI MSG MEETING (No 1/ 2018)

Date: Friday, 12 January, 2018
Time: 14:15h- 15:30h
Location: Conference Room Bauxite Institute Suriname

Attendees		
Government	Civil Society	Companies
D. Abeleven (DA)	L. Best (LB)	V. Gangaram Panday (VG)
J. Ten Berge (JtB)	R. Artist (RA)	T. Jbara (TJ)
H. Deel (HD)	R. Caupain (RC)	M. Naarendorp (MN)
	R. Bhattacharji (RB)	A. Ramdin (AR)

Absentees with notice	Absentees without notice
J. Veldhuizen (JV) (Government)	M. Essed-Fernandes (ME) (Civil Society)
S. Jadnanansing (SJ) (Companies)	E. Aviankoi (EA) (Civil Society)
T. Fauria (TF) (Companies)	A. Jadoenathmisier (AJ) (Government)
	V. Lalji (VL) (Government)

SEITI-Secretariat	Observers
Ms. V. Sabajo	D. Herkul (Companies)
Mrs. N. Accord-Liu	

Agenda

1. Opening
2. Announcements
3. Approve minutes 27 Oct 2017 and 10 November 2017 and summaries of 24 Nov and 8 Dec 2017
4. Discussion: Outcome interviews candidates chairperson MSG
5. Results interested firms for Independent Administrator (IA)
6. Specific activity list of 2018 (first half) based on activities SEITI Work plan 2016-2018
7. Questions

8. Upcoming meeting: 26 Jan 2018
9. Closing

1. Opening

DA opened the meeting at 14:15h and welcomed the members.

2. Announcements

- The agreement with WB and Ministry of Finance is signed. Only subsidiary agreement between Bauxite Institute and Ministry of Finance should be signed. But this will happen a.s.a.p.;
- Advertisement to hire financial and procurement specialist are finalized. This will be shared with MSG;
- A mining consultant (Mr. Ortega) is at this moment in the Country to assist the government to set up the Minerals Institute and other issues e.g. mining title management. He will be in the country until 21st of January.

3. Approve minutes 27 Oct 2017 and 10 November 2017 and summaries of 24 Nov and 8 Dec 2017

The minutes and summaries are approved.

4. Discussion: Outcome interviews candidates chairperson MSG

The MSG received the reports of the sub commission members whom interviewed the candidates.

He gave AR the floor since he was the chair of the sub commission.

AR said that two of the three sub commission members preferred candidate A. Tjon Sie Fat based on her capability which is reflected in the reports. This candidate also scored the most points in round 1, but that was not taken into account for round two.

JtB who is also a member of the sub commission said that she proposed candidate Burlson as this candidate provided answers during the interview that reflected a more holistic approach to SEITI issues and very relevant prior experience for the job. Mrs. Burlson answered also with concrete examples, and her interview was twice as long because of the depth of the discussion. The answers of Tjon Sie Fat are general and at time unsure.

AR stated that he also has other options to come to a solution:

- For the first two years to appoint A. Tjon Sie Fat as chairperson and then S. Burlson for the second term;
- Every 3 years a subgroup appoint an independent chairperson.

DA gave the floor to the primary members to give their views.

VG brought forward that she expected a recommendation from the sub commission rather than separate reports. Based on the reports she favors A. Tjon Sie Fat as chairperson

TJ: Based on the reports he favors S. Burlson as chairperson;

RC: Said that the chairperson should be capable to do the job. It doesn't matter the background (Government or Private or Civil Society). He favors A. Tjon Sie Fat as chairperson.

HD: He favors S. Burleson as chairperson. He also said that the sub commission can make recommendations but the MSG decides who will be the chairperson.

RB: The chairperson should be someone who is capable to do the work like RC said. She favors A. Tjon Sie Fat as chairperson based on the reports of the sub commission.

RA: Favors A. Tjon Sie Fat as chairperson based on the reports of the sub commission.

VG asked what the motive is that the government members do not agree with A. Tjon Sie Fat as chairperson.

AR also stated that it is better that no person of the government should hold the position of chairperson to protect the independency of MSG to the international forum.

DA stated that in other countries vice presidents and ministers hold the position of chairperson.

AR stated that in those cases, it is written before the installation of MSG. In our country this is not the case.

DA said that as the moment voting is not an option because at least two primary members of every constituency must vote for a specific person, but this is not the case.

No agreement is reached who will be the chairperson. This agenda point will be discussed further in the next MSG meeting taking into account the alternatives of AR.

5. Results interested firms for Independent Administrator (IA)

The reports of the interested firms are shared with the members.

A sub commission should be installed to do the ranking as required by the WB procedures.

A matrix should be prepared based on the requirements in the expression of interest against the reports received.

DA asked if the Secretariat can make a matrix.

6. Specific activities list of 2018 (first half) based on activities SEITI Work plan 2016-2018

The item was not discussed due to the fact that no specific activities were yet received.

7. Questions

No Questions

8. Upcoming meeting

The next MSG meeting is scheduled for 26 January 2018

9. Closing

Closing by DA at 15:30

Action points

Action	Due date	Responsible	Remarks
- Email final versions	25 jan 2018	DA	
- Make matrix of requirements IA against the qualifications of the firms and send the WB procedures to MSG	25 jan 2018	Secretariat	
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Minute keeper,

Ms. V. Sabajo

(SEITI-Secretariat)