

MINUTES

SEITI MSG Meeting (No 11/ 2019)

Date: Friday, 28 June 2019
Time: 14:00 h- 16:00h
Location: Conference Room Ministry of Natural Resources

Present		
Government	Civil Society	Companies
S. Jaggan (SJa)	R. Bhattacharji (RB)	T. Fauria (TF)
H. Deel (HD)	M. Essed-Fernandes (ME)	D. Herkul (DH)
D. Abeleven (DA)		T. Jbara (TJ) (Comp)
J. ten Berge (JtB)		

Absent with notice	Absent without notice
A. Ramdin (AR) (Comp)	V. Lalji (VL) (Gov)
S. Jadnanansing (SJ) (Comp)	E. Aviankoi (EA) (CS)
R. Caupain (RC) (CS)	M. Naarendorp (MN) (Comp)
R. Artist (RA) (CS)	A. Jadoenathmisier (AJ) (Gov)

SEITI-Secretariat	Observers	Guests
V. Sabajo (VS)	M. Raafenberg (MR) (Comp)	H. Hoepel- Aroma
		D. Vyent
		R. Williams

Agenda

1. Opening
2. Announcements
3. Work plan
4. TOR BDO
5. Questions
6. Closing

Opening

Opening by DA at 14:05 h.

1 Announcement

SEITI secretariat

- Vanessa will be leaving BIS at the 1st of July 2019 and move to another organization.
- The secretariat will be transferred from BIS to the Ministry of Natural Resources
- The secretariat will consist of Mrs. Haidy Hoepel- Aroma, Mrs. Diana Vyent and Mrs. Rachel Williams. HHA will coordinate the work at the secretariat.

Suriname participated with a delegation during the global EITI conference in Paris.

- The suspension of Suriname was lifted. The validation of the first rapport of 2016 will start on 25th November 2019 and then we will be notified officially. The EITI board has a new chair Mrs. Hellen Clark who will be in charge for the period of 2019- 2020.
- On the international board of the EITI, Suriname is represented by the Vice Minister from Mines of Colombia alternate is the Vice Minister of Mining from Peru
- Considerations should be given to intensify the relationship with the EITI secretariat of Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana who have an-established secretariat in place.

Changes with regard to MSG members:

- Mrs. Jagdanansing will be replaced by Mr. Raafenberg
- Danielle has moved to the place of Wandana
- Tom will be replaced by Richard Donnellan from Tullow Oil
- Sagita is the official representative for the Ministry of Finance

2 Work plan

TF: provided a presentation of the MSG work plan, elaborated on the activities and a proposed budget allocation

DA: for clarification reasons, with regard to the use of funds the responsible parties for managing the World Bank funds are the Ministry of finance and the Ministry of Natural Recourses. Concerns with regard to limited funds will be solved with the new project of the World Bank Loan.

For the legal framework we can do with less resources because the Minister of Natural Resources has appointed a core team to work on the legal framework for the mining sector.

JT: the deadline to do the beneficial ownership is January 2020, maybe it is an option to request an extension?

Discussions were on: the proposal to rotate the chair of the MSG among members, TOR of the secretariat, the legal term of the MSG, and the costs and efforts for EITI reporting.

3 TOR BDO

DA: the comments from each representing MSG group on the EITI report 2016 is already available and will be merge in one report by the secretariat. The overrun of costs by BDO will be discussed with the World Bank counterpart. BDO still needs to do a popular version of the EITI report.

MR: emphasized the efforts made by Rosebel Gold Mine, and the need for better management of the EITI report

TF: noted that most of the overruns are self-conflicted by BDO. If there are no new deliverables, the same subjects will be included for the 2017 report.

Discussions were on: how to improve the 2017 report, the work of the sub-working group, the costs for the EITI report 2017

4 Questions

No Questions

5 Closing

Closing by DA at 16:00 h. The next MSG meeting is scheduled for **19 July at 14.00** at the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Action points:

- Secretariat will: finalize the work plan, finalize TOR for the IA 2017, review the overrun costs by BDO and merge evaluations of MSG members on the 2016 EITI report.