



MSG meeting 2023#3

Online Google Meet

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

13.05-13.43 hrs.

# MINUTES

## Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative MULTI STAKE HOLDERS GROUP SURINAME

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**Certification of quorum:**

Apologies were noted from:

Rene Artist  
Roy Caupain  
Michael Naarendorp  
Saggita Jaggan  
Clyde Griffith

Present	Absent without notice
<b><u>GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES</u></b> Henk Deel	<b><u>GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES</u></b> Preciosa Simons Tine Tjalim Ginna Leysner
<b><u>COMPANIES</u></b> Michiel Raafenberg Bernadette Cederboom Mark Regis (joined later) Mike Resomardono	<b><u>COMPANIES</u></b> Kathleen Blom
<b><u>CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS</u></b> Rayah Bhattacharji(joined later)	<b><u>CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS</u></b> Monique Essed-Fernandes Tosca Pinas
<b><u>SECRETARIAT</u></b> Novella Alcantra – Majana Jenusah Sanné	

## **AGENDA**

1. Opening remarks  
Certification of quorum
2. Announcements and correspondences
3. Election Chairperson MSG
4. Any other business
5. Adjournment

**Proposed date for next MSG meeting: June 07<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## **1. Opening remarks**

Certification of quorum

The appointed Chair of the MSG for this meeting Michiel Raafenberg opened the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting in 2023 and welcomed the MSG members. Rayah and Mark will join the meeting a bit later. Since there is no quorum there won't be an election of a MSG chairperson.

## **2. Announcements and correspondences**

- ✓ Clyde is in China for work from May 14<sup>th</sup> till June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023
- ✓ The secretariat had an acquaintance meeting with Jasna Kortram, a consultant for data repository, hired by Staatsolie. Staatsolie will be financing the setup of a reporting data repository and associated processes to develop management at EITI Suriname. Therefore the consultant, Jasna Kortram was hired to help setting up this process and to work closely with the National Secretariat and the MSG. The data repository aims to have up to date data, data ready well before deadline and a strong liaison function at the secretariat and with the Independent Administrator. This is an important step to avoid suspension and possible delisting of Suriname in the future.
- ✓ Next week the MSG members will receive an invitation for the presentation of the EITI report 2018-2020 in Torarica on June 9<sup>th</sup> , 2023

## **3. Election Chairperson MSG**

Michiel informed the MSG that the World Bank will not be financing the chair. With this in mind, a mutual solution will therefore have to be found especially with the upcoming validation and so on.

At this point civil society would be up for the chairmanship but are now unable to do so due to various reasons. One of the reasons being the stepping out of some members.

Mike proposed that all the companies if they were to take on this task should consider having a turn in taking on the chairmanship for this year. Michiel stated that this would give the MSG time to solve this issue structurally but has to be

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done in line with the ToR of the MSG chairmanship. He could not stress enough the importance of consultation of the MSG ToR.

Mark indicates that it is not customary for a non-Surinamese to have the chairmanship so he thinks the other companies and constituencies should come to an agreement on this.

Bernadette asked if Rayah does not want to be the chairperson. Michiel answered that she will be one of the persons leaving. Betty also asked if Michiel is not interested. Michiel said that he had to check up on his workload and has to discuss this with the new management.

Michiel asked all the members to talk to their superiors as well as to look at their work schedules as there will be a lot of pressure during the chairmanship period. It is therefore necessary to see which period is most suitable for assuming the chairmanship.

Michiel asked the members if they would agree to one of these 2 solutions:

1. Appoint interim chairmanship between the companies and or other constituencies with rotation per quarter.
2. A member of the MSG volunteers for the chairmanship.

**The MSG to send their answer by email to the secretariat.**

#### **4. Any other business**

- ✓ The statement by civil society:

Michiel and Bernadette both indicated that Zijin IamGold and Newmont have not yet responded. It is not unwillingness, but because this is politically sensitive, the companies need the time to formulate a good answer to this. There will be commentary on the writing from the legal department. They hope to be able to send a final proposal by the end of the week.

- ✓ Bernadette asked an update of the work plan budget 2023-2024. Mike reacted that the sub-committee has yet to meet. An update will be given at a later moment. Mark said that we have to look for ToR templates from other

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countries to cost the work plan. A subcommittee meeting will be planned to discuss this.

## **5. Adjournment**

Michiel thanked everyone for their participation and contribution.

The meeting was adjourned on 13.48 hrs.