

MINUTES

SEITI MSG Meeting (No 05/ 2019)

Date: Monday, 25 March, 2019
Time: 13:30h- 15:00h
Location: Conference Room Ministry of Natural Resources

Present		
Government	Civil Society	Companies
D. Abeleven (DA)	M. Essed-Fernandes (ME)	T. Jbara (TJ)
H. Deel (HD)		T. Fauria (TF)
V. Lalji (VL)		M. Naarendorp (MN)
		D. Herkul (DH)

Absent with notice	Absent without notice
A. Ramdin (AR) (Comp)	J. ten Berge (JtB) (Gov)
S. Jadnanansing (SJ) (Comp)	E. Aviankoi (EA) (CS)
R. Artist (RA) (CS)	A. Jadoenathmisier (AJ) (Gov)
L. Best (LB) (CS)	
R. Caupain (RC) (CS)	
R. Bhattacharji (RB) (CS)	

SEITI-Secretariat	Observers	Guests
V. Sabajo (VS)	M. Raafenberg (MR) (Comp)	P. De Sa (WB)
	E. Kramps (EK)(Gov)	R. Ferrier (RF) (BDO)
	G. Tjalim (GT) (Gov)	S. Abhelakh (SA) (BDO)

Agenda

1. Opening
2. Announcements
3. Discussion 2nd draft report/ action points
4. Questions
5. Closing

1 Opening

Opening by DA at 13:30 h.

2 Announcements

- DA stated that he will leave this meeting at 1:30 due to other obligations and he asked ME to lead the meeting. This is approved by MSG
- DA introduced Mr. Paulo De Sa to MSG. Mr. De Sa is a representative from the World Bank and is in Suriname for the project to set up the Minerals Institute. He also has experience in EITI and therefore will attend this meeting to also give this input.

3 Discussion 2nd draft report/ action points

TF asked what the deadlines are for submitting the 2016 and 2017 report?

ME: there was a decision to split the two reports, because most of the work of the 2016 report is done. We can submit this report to get the suspension lifted. So the 2016 report must be submitted as soon as possible but we have our own deadline to submit the report by the end of March 2019.

DA: The decision EITI board is to submit the 2017 report by the end of this year (2019).

DA asked the representatives from BDO to give an update on the finalization of the report.

The initial timeline to deliver this report was discussed and it was set at the end of March 2019.

RF: A lot was done by BDO and a lot of information came quite late but started the process.

There are still some open ends.

Also checked if the report is in full compliance with the requirements.

Open points:

- Licenses GLIS/ GMD.
- Disclosing of loans
- Additional info: from Staatsolie production/ export
- Newmont: Only receive Graph but not the data. Export and production data, sales data etc.

In process: Explanation of the reconciliation

Comments of V2 to be received from MSG on Wednesday 28 March 2019

SA: Whether this next report will be the final draft depends on the input to be received from the Companies/ government.

RF: comment Requirement no1: Validation process. MSG should have those requirements in place. This is noted by MSG and will work on this issue.

SA: Outstanding issue: MoU to be signed by MoF and Min of Natural Resources.

ME: By the end of this week, the MoU's should be signed by both Ministers.

SA: Outstanding issue: Memo of Materiality is still draft. RF will send the memo of materiality to be approved by MSG

Outstanding issue to be submitted by MSG is Chapter 3.

SA: Will make a list of what is needed from the Companies and MSG (Chapter 3)

Regarding SHMR: This is not mentioned yet. BDO will have to disclose licenses

Small Scale mining :Glis/ GMD licenses are not comparable.

Small scale mining :They do not have a procedure. BDO still need to process the data of small Scale mining.

ME is not in favor of moving the timeline. At one moment we have to close

It is decided

TF: Regarding the recommendations noted in the draft report, BDO should clarify from where they received the listed recommendations.

RF: Recommendation were received from MoF and other parties during meetings with BDO as the report was being prepared. BDO committed to clarify what party submitted each recommendation and to reference each recommendation to the relevant sections of the report.

Grassalco template: This is emailed to MSG, but they will approve this by email.

TF: Regarding the reconciliation: What is the level of discrepancy?

SA: BDO noted that the reconciliation difference for O& G is about SRD 8.9 million which can almost entirely be explained by payments made by Staatsolie subsidiaries on its behalf. The difference for Mining sector is about SRD 78 million most of which is explained by timing differences. The reconciliation differences of the Mining Sector are expected to change before the report is finalized.

Staatsolie: Settlement of the subsidiaries

Reconciliation is about SRD 8.9 million. (included the SRD 8.7 million from the subsidiaries)

ME: For the next report, would it be something to think about if they should be a reporting entity?

SA: If they are an extractive company and MSG approve an if they signed the MoU.

RF: But SPCS is an electrical company, and if you include SPCS, you should also include EBS.

Gow2 is an Gas distribution company, and you should also include the other gas distribution companies, sol, shell etc.

SA: So it is important to describe the requirements.

Undocumented payment from Staatsolie to the government is also one point of the differences.

Grassalco: Royalty fee payment in cash received by Grassalco and not the government. The total differences will be the same but the explanation of the detail differences will be different.

There will be a difference of 20 percent, as long as we can document it and explain.

We can't explain about 5 million SRD. Logo SEITI will be on the cover of the report.

ME: CSR figures Staatsolie not reported for 2016. BDO received confirmation that no CSR reporting in 2016 was done. But we will asked Daniela to check this again.

SA: Things might be shifted in the next report. (to avoid repetition).

4 Questions

None. A tentative meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 2nd of April 2019 at 13:00. Venue to be announced.

5 Closing

Cosing at 15:00 by ME

Action points:

- BDO will send the final draft on Monday 01 April 2019;
- BDO will check with Daniela regarding CSR reporting Staatsolie 2016;
- BDO will contact companies regarding outstanding issues;
- MSG will approve by email template Grassalco;
- MSG will send comments to BDO of V2 EITI report by Wednesday 27th April 2019;
- RF will send memo materiality to be approved by MSG before the next MSG meeting.

(SEITI-Secretariat)