

## MINUTES

### SEITI MSG Meeting (No 06 /2022)

**Date** : Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Time** : 13.05h – 15.22h

**Location** : ZOOM

<b>Government</b>			
<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Particularities</b>
Preciosa Simons (PS)	X		Joined later
Valerie Lalji (VL)		X	With notice
Georgetine Tjalim (GT)	X		
Sagita Jaggan (SJ)	X		
Henk Deel (HD)	X		
Ginna Leysner Vega	X		
<b>Civil Society</b>			
Tosca Pinas (TP)	X		
Rayah Bhattacharji (RB)	X		Joined later
Monique Essed-Fernandes (MEF)	X		
Rene Artist (RA)	X		
Roy Caupain (RC)		X	With notice
<b>Companies</b>			
Michiel Raafenberg (MiRa)	X		Joined later
Michael Naarendorp (MN)		X	Without notice
Kathleen Blom (KB)		X	Without notice
Bernadette Sabajo-Ceder (BSC)	X		
Mark Regis (MReg)	X		
Mike Resomardono (MiRe)	X		
Daniela Herkul (DH)	X		Joined later
<b>EITI Secretariat</b>			
Clyde Griffith (CG)	X		
Karishma Bhageloe (KB)		X	With notice
Reenuska Mahabier (RM)		X	
Diana Vyent (DV)		X	
Nancy Boldewijn (NB)	X		

1. **Opening.** The meeting was opened by CG at 13.05h.

2. **Announcements**

- BSC will continue to lead the meeting
- Workplan workshop March 24<sup>th</sup>, hosted by EITI International Secretariat (Esteban Manteca). BSC suggests that the MSG and the Secretariat look up and go through documents in advance to develop a work plan. MEF indicates that the work plan must then be drawn up for the period 2022-2023. A step-by-step plan must be made, clear division of tasks and clear deadlines. We have to look at the draft work plan that was made by RB and team. As MSG, we must have something Esteban can help with at the next session.
- Next workplan workshop is March 31<sup>st</sup>

3. **Presentation draft scoping report 2018-2020**

The following persons were present on behalf of BDO:

- Arun Sadhoeram (AS)
- Robin Ferrier (RF)
- Maher Kabo (MK)
- Lucinda Lie A Ling (LLAL)

AS indicates that BDO has not yet had a meeting with Grassalco and Court of Audit. NB will contact Mr. Rozenhout's secretary to schedule a Teams meeting and GT will again ask her colleague to handle this.

GT indicates that it already has the revenues, but is waiting for the MOU. BDO indicates that the template of 2017 will be used and that the MSG will determine if adjustments are necessary. The names and positions have to be adjusted.

MEF asks which MOU GT meant, because it was agreed that as soon as the MOU was there that it would be signed.

CG indicates that the MOU has not yet been sent, as we are still in the process of listing the companies that need to sign.

MR indicates that some of the companies have made comments. There seems to be lack of clarity on which version we're on. People need to be comfortable with the changes. We'd rather sign one document.

MEF states that indeed comments were made and that we're awaiting the final version. We don't have to wait for each other, because some companies have a longer process to get to the point to sign. Several versions are now doing the rounds. We have to come to 1 final version that everyone has to sign.

AS emphasizes that we are bound by a deadline. However, we are now standing still.

CG states that he has already sent the invoices to the IOC's.

MaRe emphasizes that the last version must be identified and that the companies have never received a letter for financial information.

The comprehensive revenue streams are needed. It seems that the companies were not aware that the government also needs to sign.

SJ left the meeting.

BDO Suriname will have a conversation with Riaz Alli from BDO Trinidad, since they have had a similar case.

GT asks if BDO can send a draft to the ministry of Finance, so that she can forward the mail directly to the Tax Director.

CG states that at the end of today's business day he will mail the document. The NDA will also be sent by CG.

MiRa left the meeting.

Geological Mining Service still has to mail some information to CG. He asks PS if she can see to it that it's done today.

GT states that regarding to the tripartite agreement, she had already mailed the documents to AS at the beginning of March.

#### **4. Update Strategic Planning Workshop DIS**

The consultants have made orientation visits and have held workshops. It has been a successful workshop. It was interactive and there were good discussions on which we can build further. The consultant has sent a report to the PIU. An evaluation must take place, as well as the setting up of a stakeholder's platform in order to inform each other from time to time. It must be a guiding coalition to lead the transformation thought. The Consultant used the Canvas Business Model. An inspection of control should be introduced. It now seems as if double work is being done to arrive at DIS. The workshop was result-oriented. The deadline for the establishment is the end of February 2023. However, the mining law must first be amended.

Minister David Abiamofa has stated that he will be the Change Ambassador. There are also other organizations that support DIS. The amended scope has been passed on to the consultants.

The law regarding DIS must be in place before February 2023.

MiRe asks if DIS is only focused on mining or also on petroleum. CG indicates that it only concerns solid minerals. There is already a petroleum law.

TP indicates that when it comes to policy and strategy, there must be documents in place. Doesn't this relate to policy?

CG states that there is indeed a policy note. If necessary, he will share the policy note with the MSG.

BSC states that the initiative came from the Ministry of Natural Resources and that the minister has spoken out about this. Policy has to do with the sector and not just the government.

CG emphasizes that for that reason ROS, SBB, NIMOS etcetera are also involved. It's about everyone who benefits.

MiRa emphasizes that community engagement is included as far as DIS is concerned. The Ministry of Natural Resources has set up a Community Engagement Department headed by Ms. Kloof. She is still in the process of shaping the department.

**5. Next step SEITI work plan**

See agenda point #2.

**6. Any other business**

None

**7. Closing**

The meeting ends at 15.22h. The next meeting is on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Action points

	Action Items	Responsible	Remarks	Status	Target Date
1	Identify documents needed for the SEITI work plan	MSG & Secretariat			
2	Set-up a meeting between BDO and Grassalco	NB			Week of March 28 <sup>th</sup> – April 1 <sup>st</sup>
3	Set-up a meeting between BDO and Court of Audit	GT			