



# Suriname EITI

## Annual Progress Report 2023

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**Background information about Suriname:**

Suriname is a small country on the northeast coast of South America. It boasts large areas of rainforest. Suriname is an upper middle-income country. The economy has performed well over the last decade, largely due to its rich endowment in natural resources. The economy is characterized by strong dependence on exports of extractives and a large public sector. Gold and oil have in recent years made up three-quarters of total exports and have accounted for a large share of the government's revenue (peaking at an average of 50 percent in 2022-2023). Among the major extractive companies operating in Suriname are Staatsolie, Grassalco, Zijin Rosebel Gold Mines N.V., Newmont, Shell, Total Energies, and Nana Resources, Apache, ExxonMobil

**Background information on EITI implementation in Suriname**

The **Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)** is the global standard for the good governance of oil, gas and other mineral resources. In other words, EITI wants to promote the open and accountable management of oil, gas and mineral resources.

The EITI Standard requires countries to publish timely and accurate information on key aspects of their natural resource management, including how licenses are allocated, how much tax, royalties and social contributions companies are paying, and where this money ends up in the government at the national and local level.

With the EITI, policy makers, investors, governments, civil society organizations, academics and journalists have transparent and verified information. This information contributes to a well-founded debate about the financial flows between the minerals sector, including the mining industry, and the government. Targeted reforms can then be taken to combat corruption and promote good governance.

Suriname was admitted as an EITI candidate country on 24 May 2017 under the former minister of Natural Resources, mr. Regilio Dodson. In accordance with the EITI Standard, Suriname was required to publish its first EITI Report within 18 months of becoming a candidate. Suriname has, since it became a Compliant Country member of the EITI, produced reports for fiscal years 2016, 2017 and 2018-2020. The 4<sup>th</sup> EITISR report will cover the fiscal years 2021-2022 and will be released in 2024. The Independent Administrator has been selected .

The EITI in Suriname is like every implementing country overseen by an M.S.G. (Multi-stakeholders Group), a coalition of government, companies and civil society, providing a platform to build trust and encourage multi-stakeholder dialogue.

As the country has prepared its national development plan for 2022-2026 and EITI Validation in November 2023, the Ministry of Natural Resources, under the leadership of Minister Mr. David Abiamfo, is engaged in the revision of the Mining Decree 1986 and Standard Mineral Agreement formulation. The task has culminated into a Draft Mining Act 2023 with legal perspective for a profitable and sustainable development of mining in Suriname. According to the draft, through Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) the rights of indigenous and tribal

people have been taken into consideration.

In furtherance of its objective to publish up-to-date and accurate information on the management of natural resources in Suriname, including how concessions are allocated, the amounts companies pay in taxes, royalties and social contributions, the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative in Suriname (EITISR), with the support of the Ministry of Natural Resources and the financial backing of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), organized a three-day workshop under the theme: "Knowledge exchange initiative". The workshop was facilitated by the EITI Trinidad and Tobago a true partner in supporting the initiative and development of EITI Suriname.

The EITI report 2018 – 2020 that has been released was funded through the Suriname Competitiveness and Sector Diversification project (SCSD) of the World Bank. The World Bank will also be funding the 2021 till 2023 EITI reports through the same loan. This was confirmed on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 by the World Bank.

## 1. General assessment of the year's performance

For the year 2023, 12 regular MSG meetings were conducted and one special meeting held with the pre-validation team. Also EITI Suriname participated in various stakeholders' meetings on the preparation and validation of the new mining law of Suriname. Furthermore, the National Coordinator and staff of the EITI Suriname received significant guidance and training from the International Secretariat (Esteban Manteca, Francisco Paris and Riley Zecca) to prepare for the (pre-)validation of Suriname

### **The highlights were:**

- The appointment of a full time National Coordinator – The appointment in April of a full time National Coordinator has brought about a step change in the ability of EITISR to deliver on its implementation mandate.
- The publication and presentation of the 2018-2020 EITI report – On June 9<sup>th</sup> the Minister of Natural Resources hosted a formal public launch of the 2018 – 2020 fiscal year reports. Media and public participation was low, despite the significant efforts by the National Coordinator and Ministry of Natural Resources communications teams outreach to key stakeholders. A top priority of the 2024 Work Plan, is the contracting of the services of a Communications consultant, to develop a comprehensive EITISR public education and communications strategic plan to address this key challenge.
- Participation at the EITI Global Conference in Senegal, Dakar in June 2023 - Representatives from each of the MSG stakeholder groups attended the 9<sup>th</sup> EITI global conference. Representatives took away key learnings on the progression of Beneficial Ownership road maps as well as learnings on civil society advocacy experiences in comparator countries.
- The finalization of the work plan and budget 2023/2024; - With drafting support from Shell, an ad hoc committee of the MSG completed and presented a fully costed Work Plan for 2023-2024. The Work Plan was reviewed by the MSG over a three-month period and finally approved on June 28<sup>th</sup> for implementation.
- Preparing, reviewing and finalizing completion of the validation (transparency, outcome and impact, stakeholder engagement) templates of EITISR; - The appointment of a full time NC and administrative support to the EITISR Secretariat greatly assisted the MSG in completing preparation for the pre and subsequent actual Validation engagements with the assigned Validation team.
- Organizing and hosting a knowledge sharing EITI event - In cooperation with Trinidad & Tobago EITI (TTEITI) and with the funding of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), EITISR hosted a three-day knowledge sharing workshop on EITI implementation. The workshop which was well subscribed, saw the participation of some 90 persons from civil society and government agencies. The attendance list will form the basis of a revamp of EITISR's stakeholder contact database.

- ⊕ Systematic disclosure – EITI Suriname Participated in the Inter-American Development Bank's (IADB) Investment map launch in Suriname and Peru, a tool developed by the IADB which increases transparency and facilitates control of corruption through the traceability of public resources. This tool seeks to promote transparency through the design and adaptation of an online visualization tool , to provide citizens and stakeholders with freely accessible and up to date information on the extractive sector as part of the countries' commitment to implement the EITI standard. This online platform was developed based on input and information provided by the Ministries of Finance and planning and Natural Resources as well as data from the current EITI Suriname website and government websites. In this first phase the aim was to identify processes, information systems and data following the requirements of the EITI standard (i.e. Requirements 3 and 7) for systematic disclosure.
- ⊕ Revision and approval of an updated MSG ToR; - The MSG appointed a special committee to undertake a comprehensive review and update of the MSG's Terms of Reference or rules of procedure issued in 2017 by the first MSG. The committee undertook a comparative study of the ToR's of a mix of implementing countries, in the context of the specific challenges and experiences with EITI implementation in Suriname. The final revised ToR was approved by the MSG in September 2023 and has assisted in addressing some of the ongoing institutional challenges to effective implementation of the EITI.

**\*\*Note: The bumpy start after the Corona pandemic, no funds and a long period of absence of a fully staffed (full-time) National Secretariat resulted in a low performance in the previous years.**

## 2. Assessment of performance against targets and activities set out in the work plan

### Activities planned in 2023 and the status as of February 2024

Activities planned for 2023/2024	Status as of December 31 <sup>st</sup> 2023	Actions 2024
Validation assessment workshop	There was no workshop with related parties but the MSG reviewed and discussed progress on the last validation recommendations.	<b>Pending:</b> <b>Action point: MSG to plan a specific date when the validation report is received. It will be a physical meeting / hybrid.</b>
Reviewing the MSG and EITISR secretariat status	The MSG worked internally on reviewing its progress and revised the MSG ToR. This ToR was discussed and approved by the MSG.	<b>Completed.</b>
Appointing of a National Secretariat Coordinator	A National Coordinator was assigned on April 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2023, to head the National Secretariat.	<b>Completed</b>

Develop the secretariat functions	The secretariat functions were developed and are approved by the NC.	<b>This is in progress.</b> The functions need to be send to the ministry of internal affairs
Appointing of Secretariat staff members	A full time Administrative Officer and a part time Communication officer were appointed.	<b>Completed</b>
National Secretariat Funding	For more financial stability issues, the MSG recommended that the secretariat operational costs be funded by the government. In 2023 when preparing the National Budget of Suriname, the Ministry of Natural Resources allocated, for the first time since EITI Suriname joined EITI, a budget of SRD 1,300.000 for EITI activities. The National budget was presented to the Chairman of Parliament in October by the President of Suriname. The budget was discussed in Parliament and approved on January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024.	<b>In progress</b> This budget of SRD 1,300,000 was approved for EITI activity the annual payment of 2 years at USD 10,000 per year. (2022-2023) The remaining funds will be used for small activities in the work plan and the operational costs.  <b>Action point: MSG to discuss the budget of SRD 520,000,00 in a separate or next meeting after voting for 3 priority activities for 2024.</b>

Establishing accountability	Due to accountability, there should be a clear line between the MSG and the National Secretariat. This is still in progress.	<b>Completed:</b> The roles and functions of the National Secretariat and MSG are clearly detailed in section 6 of the revised MSG ToR .
National Secretariat Capacity building	Shell donated a sum of USD 5,450 for financing of the capacity building of National Secretariat staff in Financial management, project writing and project management. These training sessions started in January 2024.	<b>Completed:</b> The Finance Management training is completed. <b>In Progress:</b> The National Secretariat is now continuing with the Project writing and Project management training and this will finish by the beginning of June 2024. <b>Ongoing:</b> The guidance from TT EITI and EITI International.
MSG is required to have a functional workplan fully costed, aligned with EITI implementation objectives.	MSG approved the 2023/2024 workplan and it is fully costed and aligns with the EITI implementation objectives. Some of the activities have not started yet. In the second MSG meeting of 2024 the workplan will be discussed and the activities for 2024 will be set out.	<b>Completed:</b> <b>Approval of the 2024/2025 activities.</b> <b>Ongoing:</b> secure funding to execute these activities.  <b>Action point: Seek funding at other organizations for activities 2024/2025</b>
Procurement of an Independent Administrator for EITI report 2021/2022	The independent administrator was approved by direct/sole selection. The Procurement Officer of the SCSD PIU is now awaiting approval from the World Bank to continue the procurement process.	<b>In progress</b>

Procurement of a Communication Specialist firm	<p>The contracting of a local media firm to develop and implement a public education campaign encouraging public debate and understanding about the benefits of systematic disclosure.</p> <p>To outsource a local media firm to develop strategy.</p> <p>The ToR was sent to the Procurement Officer of the SCSD project and the National Secretariat awaits the outcome.</p>	<p><b>In Progress:</b> <b>Private Sector constituency will draft an engagement presentation</b></p> <p><b>Pending:</b> <b>SCSD PIU to give an update on the hiring of the Communication Specialist Firm.</b></p>
Define the scope of what should be disclosed from the contracts and license documents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MSG to agree a process to publish all contracts and licenses granted, entered into or amended from January 2021 in accordance with Requirement 2.4.</li> <li>- Agree upon which types of contracts to prioritize i.e. new contracts, currently existing contracts etc.</li> <li>- Agree upon systems to protect the privacy of companies</li> <li>- Agree upon an online platform to host this information.</li> <li>- Workshop with stakeholders about the gathering of information and privacy queries</li> <li>- Information is updated constantly</li> <li>- Information is kept under strict privacy protection</li> <li>- Before publication all companies need to be notified of the decision to disclose information on licenses and contracts.</li> </ul> <p>Provide companies with enough time to raise any questions before publishing.</p>	<p><b>Action points:</b> <b>Private companies to share/disclose this information on their Suriname websites where possible. EITI Suriname can then share information (a link to the companies' websites)</b></p> <p><b>Staatsolie and Rosebel to coordinate the development of a paper on contract disclosure and a possible road map to full compliance. .</b></p> <p><b>Organize a workshop with stakeholders</b></p>
Contract an EITI consultant to develop systematic disclosure road map.	<p>The MSG to hire an international EITI consultant or specialist to review the EITI disclosure system and any potential barriers within the legal local framework.</p> <p>This will be discussed in 2024</p>	<p><b>Pending:</b></p> <p><b>Action points:</b></p> <p><b>*Through other donors seek grant to fund this activity</b></p> <p><b>MNR will provide an updated list of all the mining licenses and concessions granted.</b></p>
Assemble and publish information online publicly	<p>The MSG must create a group to ensure the objectives of Requirement 7.1 (A – C) are achieved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ongoing:</b></p> <p>The members agreed to establish a sub-committee on Communications and Outreach to address this issue.</p> <p><b>Action point:</b></p> <p><b>This group will oversee the publication of information online, on time and provide the companies</b></p>

		<b>with all information concerning this topic.</b>
Define the modes or means of public access (the platform in which contracts will be disclosed)	<p>Structure the online platform in a concise and simple access way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contract disclosures</li> <li>- Licenses bidding rounds information</li> <li>- List of bidders</li> <li>- Details of the selection processes</li> <li>- Allocation details</li> </ul> <p>These activities will be discussed in 2024</p>	<p>Ongoing: Project in implementation in progress via SCSD with World Bank funding.</p> <p><b>Action point:</b> <b>MNR is working on the re-introduction of an online contract Cadaster for the Mining sector utilizing the World Bank SCSD mining sector loan.</b></p>
Maximizing public education and outreach	<p>Requirement 7.1 - MSG should work on a communication process of training the public on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Technical information and plain language explanation of contracts to avoid mis</li> <li>- A link between contract disclosures and terms and other EITI data i.e. to understand license allocation, to understand revenue flow and PSC contracts etc.</li> <li>- Linkages to license allocation. It is important to know the licensee but it is important to understand that the bidding process followed a transparent process.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Pending:</b> Communication Specialist firm to assist in this matter.</p> <p><b>The members agreed to establish a sub-committee on Communications and Outreach to address this issue</b></p>
Status of the modernization of the cadaster.	<p>The director Mining of the Government constituency has shed some light on this in the meeting of November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023:</p> <p>Within the SCSD project with the World Bank the GMD and other departments will be transformed into the Mineral Authority Suriname (Delfstoffen Autoriteit Suriname/DAS) in which the database and the mining cadaster are revised and will be operational and the process is in an advanced phase. The information in the database and the mining cadaster will be available, consultants have been to Suriname and working on transparency of the data to the public. People who have applied for a mining permit should be able to track the process of the requested permit.</p> <p>The development of a website to publicly host the information of the cadaster.</p>	<p><b>Pending:</b> In this the role of GLIS must come in.</p> <p><b>Action points:</b> <b>*Ask PIU of SCSD project for an update on this to give an update on the launch of the website and other updates from the ministry.</b></p> <p>These activities will be covered in the SCSD project with the World Bank.</p>
Re-engage in the conversations for the definition of beneficial owner and political exposed person	The development of a beneficial ownership road map will be discussed in 2024.	<p><b>Action point:</b> <b>To be discussed further.</b> <b>When, what, where and who?</b></p>

Public disclosure of information	The IADB's investment map, is a tool specially developed to encourage systematic disclosure in Suriname. The Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Natural Resources already participate in meetings to get this initiative started in Suriname. This will continue in 2024.	<b>In progress:</b> Suriname will move to the next phase in 2024. The first phase of gathering information on how the information is disclosed publicly is completed.
Social and environmental expenditures by extractive companies.	Requirement 6: Where social and environmental expenditure is mandated by law, the MSG is encouraged to disclose this information and to agree on a reporting process.  MSG is required to develop a reporting process for the SOEs public social expenditure such as (payments for social services, public infrastructure, fuel subsidies, and national debt servicing.  A two-part workshop to be organized: -First to improve the understanding of the MSG members of this requirement, and its specific implementation conditions.  - Second phase is about educating the main stakeholders over this requirement and their role and responsibilities. A pilot study trial of Social and Environmental reporting by a small subset of companies utilizing a special reporting template	<b>Pending:</b> Notifications to the environmental regulator NIMOS, yearly reports Social and environmental expenditures, must be disclosed.  This should be included in companies' yearly reports. This should be included in the annual EITI reports. This will be discussed with the IA.  <b>Action points:</b> <b>Secretariat to arrange a meeting with International Secretariat on quasi fiscal expenditures.</b> <b>The meeting will be arranged after March 8<sup>th</sup>.</b>  <b>Organize these workshops (internal/external)</b>  <b>Action to be taken after the workshops</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> SREITI Report	Planning of the 5 <sup>th</sup> EITISR report for 2023 including:  ToR for and procurement of Independent Administrator Communication between NS and SCSD PIU. Start procurement process. Deadline report December 2025.	<b>Pending</b> Awaiting further instructions from EITI International on ToR IA. Start reviewing ToR Approve Send to SCSD Start Procurement Procure an IA Start work ... Finish report 2023
Progress Report 2024	Half year report by 1 <sup>st</sup> half of August 2024 End year report by 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of January 2025	<b>Pending:</b> Finish progress report 2024 in January 2025.

**\*\* The activities in the workplan 2023/2024 will be discussed by the MSG in the coming meeting(s) in 2024. The MSG will decide which activities will take place in 2024 and which will be postponed to 2025.**

### 3. Assessment of performance against EITI requirements

Requirements	Progress
EITI requires effective oversight by the multi-stakeholder group.	MSG conducted regular meetings in 2023. From April 5 <sup>th</sup> , in total 12 MSG meetings were held and 1 Special meeting with the pre validation team from Oslo, in August 2023.
EITI requires timely publication of EITI Report	Suriname made a request for extension of the deadline for publishing the 4 <sup>th</sup> report covering years 2021 and 2022. This request will be dealt with in February 2024, at the first Board Meeting in Canada this year.
The EITI requires EITI Reports that include contextual information about extractive industries	Included in the work on the EITI report 2018-2020.
The EITI requires the production of comprehensive EITI Reports that include full government disclosure of extractive industry revenues and disclosure of all material payments to government by oil, gas and mining companies.	Some included in the report 2018-2020, some on the website of the ministry of finance: <a href="https://gov.sr/ministeries/ministerie-van-financien-en-planning/documenten/?dir=62809">https://gov.sr/ministeries/ministerie-van-financien-en-planning/documenten/?dir=62809</a>
The EITI requires a credible assurance process applying international standards.	Included in report 2018-2020
The EITI requires Reports that are comprehensible, activity promoted, publicly accessible, and contribute to public debate.	Included in the work on the EITI report 2018-2020, the reports are on the EITI website and accessible to the public. EITI Suriname is in the process of hiring a Specialist <b>Consultant</b> to actively design and promote information that will encourage and contribute to public debate on EITI issues.

<p>The EITI requires the multi-stakeholder group to take steps to act on the lessons learnt and to review the outcomes and impact of EITI implementation.</p>	<p>The MSG members discussed and reviewed the outcomes and impacts of EITI implementation in Suriname and took steps to act on lessons learned. For example the ToR of the MSG was revised to be more accurate in decision-making <b>and transparency</b></p>
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#### **4. Overview of the multi-stakeholder group's responses to the recommendations from reconciliation and Validation, if applicable**

The MSG reviewed and discussed previous recommendations and tried to answer and act on them as much as possible. No recommendations received yet for the 2018-2020 EITI report.

##### **5. Any specific strengths or weaknesses identified in the EITI process.**

Strengths:

Regular meetings held.

Active participation during the pre- and validation process.

Rotating chair since the MSG does not have a chair at the moment.

Strong participation by the Ministry of Finance.

The MSG ToR was adjusted and approved.

Budget made available for 2024 by the government for the National Secretariat.

Opportunities:

Chair by constituency for a longer period of the MSG.

Encourage a more active role of Senior government constituencies.

Utilize knowledge of experienced members and give them a role to keep on strengthening the capacity of the MSG, since some experienced members may exit.

Funding opportunities: Allocate resources for EITI, seek funding of the work plan.

Make EITI known to the wider society esp. communities near extractive activities.

Utilize use of media platforms.

#### **6. Implementation of beneficial ownership disclosure plans**

The approved definition by the MSG was proposed to be included in the new mining and extractive industry legislation during consultation workshops.

## **7. Total costs of implementation**

The National Secretariat included a budget in the National Budget under EITI Suriname and the amount given by the Ministry of Natural Resource is SRD 1,300,000.00 which is available since the budget is discussed and approved in Parliament on January 25<sup>th</sup> 2024. The budget is allocated for paying off the International Contribution for the years 2022/2023, an amount of USD 20,000.00 ( $\pm$  SRD780,000,00) The rest of the budget will be used for some activities in the workplan, which will be discussed with the MSG and for the daily activities at the secretariat.

### **Finance**

The World Bank provided the amount of USD 303,620.00 for the contribution made to the Independent Administrator for report 2018-2020.

The IDB contributed in sponsoring the three-day knowledge sharing event, including airfare, transport and lodging of the members of EITI Trinidad and Tobago and also in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Meeting of Investment map in Peru.

In-kind: The government of Suriname makes an in-kind contribution in form of providing a building, office resources, utilities, staff and an EITI budget of SRD 1,300,00.00 for the year 2024.

### **Remuneration MSG**

As of December 1, 2016, the MSG was first recognized and formally installed for 2 years by Missive No. 760/RvM of 17 November 2016. According to the missive, the MSG members were entitled to receive a monthly expense allowance according to category A of the missive No. 538/R.v.M. of 16 August 2016 of the Vice-President, Chair of the Council of Ministers. Some members declined receipt of the monthly expense allowance due to their company policy. This expense allowance was discontinued in 2020. As of 2024 the Secretariat through the Minister of Natural Resources will send a council proposal (raadsvoorstel) to the Council of Ministers to approve the reinstatement of the expense allowance.

### **Staffing SEITI Secretariat**

As of April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023, 4 persons are responsible for the duties of the Secretariat:

- Mrs. Novella Alcantra - Majana (National Coordinator)
- Ms. Jenusah Sanné (Administrative Officer)
- Ms. Ellesca Helderberg (Part time Communication Officer)
- Mrs. Varsha Jaghroe (Technical Officer as of February 26<sup>th</sup> 2024)
- Mr. Clyde Griffith (Part time Policy Officer)

## **8. Any additional comments**

The MSG has been without an appointed Chairman since August 2020. In the absence of a substantive Chairman, the MSG adopted an informal rotating Chairmanship process between the companies and Civil Society constituencies. The revised MSG Terms of Reference approved in 2023, provides for a formal process of delegation and rotation of the Chairman's responsibilities amongst the three Vice Chairmen who are the Principal Representatives of each of the three constituencies on the MSG.

## **9. Has this activity report been discussed beyond the MSG?**

This annual report has not been discussed beyond the MSG yet but will after being approved by the MSG, and will be the leading document when talking to stakeholders about the EITI progress in Suriname and will also be published on the website.

## **10. Details of membership of the MSG during the period April 5<sup>th</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023**

### **Attendance 12 Regular EITI meetings in 2023**

#### **Government**

Preciosa Simons (Ministry of Natural Resources)	9 /12
Vikaash Soerdjbalisingh (Ministry of Natural Resources)	3/7 (started August 2023)
Georgetine Tjalim (Ministry of Finance)	10/12
Sagita Jaggan (Ministry of Finance)	6/12
Henk Deel (Ministry of Regional Development)	9/12
Suraksha Hirasingh (appointed September 27 <sup>th</sup> ,2023)	0/3
Ginna Leysner (Ministry of Trade and Industry/EZOTI)	0
Amit Chandansingh (Ministry of Trade and Industry)	0

\*\*Amit Chandansingh from EZOTI was appointed after Ginna Leysner but was himself replaced by Suraksha Hirasingh.

#### **Civil Society**

Rayah Bhattacharji (Stichting Projekta)	12/12
Monique Essed-Fernandes (Stichting Projekta)	8/12
Rene Artist (VIDS)	8/12
Tosca Pinas (KAMPOS)	5/12
Roy Caupain (SWOS)	0/12

#### **Companies**

Michiel Raafenberg (Zijin Company)	9/12
Daniela Herkul (Staatsolie)	2/12
Bernadette Sabajo Cederboom (Newmont)	8/12
Mark Regis (Shell)	11/12
Kathleen Blom (Stg. Mijnbouw Rechthouders Houders)	0/12

**Approved by MSG:**

**Date: August 14<sup>th</sup> 2024**

## Annex 1

### MSG meetings and activities 2023

Month 2023	Activities
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ <b>MSG meeting 1 April 5<sup>th</sup> 2023</b></li><li>➢ Introduction of Novella and Jenusah</li><li>➢ Discussion on date and place presentation EITI report 2028-2020</li><li>➢ Discussion on delegation lead and topics to participate in the Global Conference in Dakar, Senegal. Participation confirmed of Rayah, Novella, Daniela and Clyde.</li><li>➢ Sharing of contact information consultants in the interior</li><li>➢ Discussion of the workplan 2023/2024</li><li>➢ Discussion of the ToR to hire BDO by direct selection for report 2021/2022.</li></ul>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ <b>MSG meeting 2 May 3rd 2023</b></li><li>➢ Informal pre validation session with Esteban Manteca</li><li>➢ Postponing the adoption of workplan 2023/2024 because the budget was not included.</li><li>➢ Concerns about the violence which took place in the indigenous village Pikin Saron. A statement will be drafted by the Civil Society (VIDS) constituency.</li><li>➢ Appointing of a chairperson was brought up.</li><li>➢</li><li>➢ Postponed approval of the workplan 2023/2024, budget still needs to be made.</li><li>➢ Update on the preparation for the Global Conference</li><li>➢ Statement on violence in Pikin Saron was drafted and circulated amongst the members</li><li>➢ Presentation by Newmont was taken from the agenda</li><li>➢ <b>Approval of minutes April 5<sup>th</sup> 2023</b></li><li>➢ <b>Approved Final ToR Independent Administrator</b></li><li>➢ <b>MSG meeting 3 May 17<sup>th</sup> 2023</b></li><li>➢ Election chairperson for the MSG did not take place because there was no quorum this meeting.</li><li>➢ 2 solutions were put on the table to elect a chairperson:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Appoint interim chairmanship between the companies and or constituencies with rotation per quarter</li><li>2. A member of the MSG volunteers for the chairmanship.</li></ol></li></ul>

June	<p><b>MSG meeting 4 June 28<sup>th</sup> 2023</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ Preparation by the members to fill out the stakeholder engagement and outcome and impact templates</li> <li>➢ A short presentation of the Global Conference</li> <li>➢ letter from EITI Oslo received concerning the contribution of EITI Suriname for years 2022 and 2023</li> <li>➢ Preparation of the (pre) validation team to Suriname</li> <li>➢ Evaluation presentation by BDO on reports 2018-2020</li> <li>➢ Companies' constituency content with appointing chairmanship between the companies for one year.</li> <li>➢ No objection letter to hire BDO by direct selection was signed by the PS Mining and sent to the coordinator of the SCSD PIU project by World Bank</li> <li>➢ Participation at presentation EITI report 2018-2020 in Torarica by BDO</li> <li>➢ Participation in the Global Conference in Dakar</li> <li>➢ <b>Approval of the workplan 2023/2024 including the budget.</b></li> <li>➢ <b>Approval of the ToR Specialist Firm</b></li> <li>➢ <b>Approval of Minutes May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023</b></li> <li>➢ <b>Approval of Minutes May 17<sup>th</sup> 2023</b></li> </ul>
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <b>MSG meeting 5 July 12<sup>th</sup> 2023</b></li> <li>➢ Introduction meeting with Jasna Kortram, hired consultant by Staatsolie</li> <li>➢ Status validation process and upcoming pre validation mission to Suriname August 2023</li> </ul>
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➢ <b>MSG meeting 6 August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023</b></li> <li>➢ Pre validation meeting with pre validation team</li> <li>➢ Presentation by Esteban concerning the pre-validation mission in Suriname</li> <li>➢ <b>Approval of the Minutes June 28<sup>th</sup> 2023</b></li> <li>➢ <b>Approval of the Minutes July 12<sup>th</sup> 2023</b></li> </ul>

<p>September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>MSG meeting 7 September 6<sup>th</sup> 2023</b></li> <li>➤ Final Chair rotating schedule presented by the private sector constituency.</li> <li>➤ Discussion on the validation templates</li> <li>➤ Discussion on the list of the 19 corrective actions of the previous validation</li> <li>➤ Acquaintance meeting with Jason Wilks, Public Management Specialist within the IDB.</li> <li>➤ Filling out of the knowledge sharing survey with TTEITI and IDB</li> <li>➤ Participation in the workshop regarding the revision of the mining decree 1986.</li> <li>➤ In this meeting Esteban encouraged the MSG into filling out the templates and also to use EITI throughout speeches and meetings.</li> <li>➤ Indefinite suspension of the EITI Suriname website</li> <li>➤ Meeting Civil Society with the Canadian High Commission</li> <li>➤ Resubmission of the Civil Society stamen on the violence outbreak in Pikin Saron</li> <li>➤ Pre validation team not pleased with the 2018-2020 EITI report provided by BDO</li> <li>➤ BDO to revise EITI 2028-2020 report</li> <li>➤ Postponed proposal presentation Newmont</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>MSG meeting 8 September 13<sup>th</sup> 2023</b></li> <li>➤ Summary data templates not received yet by BDO</li> <li>➤ Discussion of the outcomes and impact templates</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>MSG meeting 9 September 18<sup>th</sup> 2023</b> (follow up on last meeting)</li> <li>➤ Discussion of the rest of the comments of the outcomes and impact templates</li> <li>➤ List of suggested actions was not addressed</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>MSG meeting 10 September 27<sup>th</sup> 2023</b></li> <li>➤ Participation in the Knowledge sharing event</li> <li>➤ Mr. Amit from EZOTI replaced by mrs. Hirasinigh</li> <li>➤ Acquaintance meeting Staff of Grassalco</li> <li>➤ Approval of the stakeholder engagement, outcomes and impact, transparency and summary data templates</li> <li>➤ <b>Approval of minutes August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Approval of minutes September 6<sup>th</sup> 2023</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Approval of the revised ToR MSG</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Approval to continue with BDO by sole selection for report 2018-2020.</b></li> </ul>
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Oktober	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>MSG meeting October 18<sup>th</sup> 2023</b> (postponed to November 15<sup>th</sup> 2023)</li> </ul>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>MSG meeting 11 November 15<sup>th</sup> 2023</b></li> <li>➤ Acquaintance meeting with Jean van Eenaeme, Procurement Specialist, SCSD project with World Bank</li> <li>➤ Discussion revised BDO report</li> <li>➤ Discussion open data policy Suriname</li> <li>➤ Validation Consultations</li> <li>➤ Private sector participation in oil and gas meeting</li> <li>➤ <b>Approval Minutes September 13<sup>th</sup> 2023</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Approval Minutes September 18<sup>th</sup> 2023</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Approval Minutes September 27<sup>th</sup> 2023</b></li> </ul>
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>MSG meeting 12 December 06<sup>th</sup> 2023</b></li> <li>➤ Draft letter drawn up to hire BDO by sole selection for report 2018-2020</li> <li>➤ Esteban's message to the MSG for an extension letter for EITI report 2021/2022</li> <li>➤ Annual invoice received for the payment of the EITI Suriname website</li> <li>➤ Last meeting of 2023</li> <li>➤ Participation in the validation sessions of the revised mining decree.</li> </ul>
January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Approval of Minutes November 15<sup>th</sup> 2023</b></li> <li>➤ <b>Approval of Minutes December 6<sup>th</sup> 2023</b></li> </ul>

## Annex 2

### Activities national secretariat from April 5<sup>th</sup> ,2023

Month 2023	Activities
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Acquaintance meeting new secretariat staff with the Minister of Natural Resources, mr. David Abiamfo.</li> </ul>
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Acquaintance meeting with Susanna Moreira World Bank</li> <li>➤ Preparation presentation EITI report 2028-2020 in Torarica</li> <li>➤ <b>Drawing up minutes of April 5<sup>th</sup></b></li> </ul>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Prepare the agenda for the meetings in May.</li> <li>➤ Acquaintance meeting with Sherwin Long National Coordinator EITI TT and Mark Regis Shell companies TT.</li> <li>➤ Acquaintance meeting with Esteban Manteca, Regional Manager International Secretariat Oslo</li> <li>➤ Introduction meeting with BDO Suriname</li> <li>➤ IDB introduction meeting with Moreno Jackson and Jason Wilks regarding preparation transparency-based loan.</li> <li>➤ (Acquaintance) meetings with Jasna Kortram, a consultant, hired by Staatsolie to set up a data reporting repository for the secretariat.</li> <li>➤ Drawing up no objection letter to hire the Independent Administrator</li> <li>➤ Training by Esteban to fill out the transparency templates</li> <li>➤ Meeting with subcommittee workplan 2023/2024.</li> </ul>

June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Prepare the agenda for the meeting in June</li> <li>➤ Meeting with the LAC Regional Coordinator regarding status of EITI Suriname</li> <li>➤ Prepare a list of validation sub groups and group contact persons to fill out the templates</li> <li>➤ ToR specialist firm was sent to the Coordinator of the SCSD PIU project by World Bank.</li> <li>➤ Prepare a meeting with BDO to meet with MSG members about the evaluation of the EITI 2018-2020 report.</li> <li>➤ Meeting with subcommittee workplan 2023/2024.</li> <li>➤ Monitoring the presentation EITI report 2018-2020 in Torarica</li> <li>➤ Participation in the Global Conference in Dakar</li> <li>➤ Participation SEOGS</li> <li>➤ Meeting IDB regarding the transparency loan to Suriname.</li> <li>➤ <b>Drawing up minutes May 3<sup>rd</sup> and May 17<sup>th</sup></b></li> </ul>
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Prepare the agenda for the meeting in July</li> <li>➤ Meeting with the website host O'Media</li> <li>➤ Validation meetings with Esteban</li> <li>➤ Viewing of hotel Palacio for the pre validation team</li> <li>➤ Meetings with minister NH concerning status EITI and mission pre validation team.</li> <li>➤ Preparation mission pre validation team (making appointments with stakeholders, visa applications, letters, calls, physical visits to Bibis, preparing field visits)</li> <li>➤ Pre validation meetings with Esteban</li> <li>➤ Meetings sub group validation templates</li> </ul>

August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Prepare agenda for meeting in August</li> <li>➤ Meeting with minister NR with pre validation team</li> <li>➤ Monitoring the activities of the pre validation team</li> <li>➤ Accompanying the pre validation team to several stakeholder meetings</li> <li>➤ Transportation of the pre validation team to several locations</li> <li>➤ Several meetings with the pre validation team</li> <li>➤ Field visit to the mine with the pre validation team</li> <li>➤ IDB meetings progress update EITI Suriname for loan transparency</li> <li>➤ Sub group meetings validation template</li> <li>➤ <b>Drawing up minutes June 28<sup>th</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup></b></li> </ul>
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September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Prepare agenda for meetings in September</li> <li>➤ Participation in workshop on revised mining law in Lallarookh</li> <li>➤ Invitation of Grassalco to MSG meetings</li> <li>➤ Several preparation meetings with IDB and TTEITI in organizing the three-day knowledge event.</li> <li>➤ Participate in the 3day knowledge sharing event</li> <li>➤ Hang out with the TTEITI team (help Suriname out with the transparency template and some other EITI stuff, shopping etc.)</li> <li>➤ Debriefing knowledge sharing event</li> <li>➤ Pre validation meetings with Eteban</li> <li>➤ Reminding the MSG to fill out the blank spaces in the validation templates</li> <li>➤ Organize meeting with BDO concerning report 2018-2020</li> <li>➤ Filling out blank spaces and revising of the validation templates</li> <li>➤ Sent templates to the validation team</li> <li>➤ Upload on the website: The revised TOR MSG The validation templates The approved minutes</li> <li>➤ <b>Drawing up minutes September 6<sup>th</sup> and September 13<sup>th</sup></b></li> </ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Prepare agenda for the meeting of October 11<sup>th</sup> 2023(meeting postponed to November 15<sup>th</sup> 2023</li> <li>➤ Pre-Validation meetings with Esteban</li> <li>➤ Validation sessions postponed to November</li> <li>➤ Participation in regional training changes to the EITI standard</li> <li>➤ <b>Drawing up minutes September 13<sup>th</sup>, September 18<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup></b></li> </ul>

November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Prepare agenda for the meeting of November</li> <li>➤ Invitation of the Procurement Specialist of the SCSD project in the meeting</li> <li>➤ Meetings with Esteban concerning the validation</li> <li>➤ Acquaintance meeting National Coordinators</li> <li>➤ Validation Interview with validation team</li> <li>➤ Investment map meetings with IDB, Finance and members of the MSG</li> <li>➤ Participation in 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Investment map meeting in Peru</li> </ul>
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Prepare agenda for the meeting of December</li> <li>➤ Letter approval of BDO sent to Procurement Officer SCSD project</li> <li>➤ Extension letter sent to signees (Mr. Abiamfo, Michiel, Preciosa and Rayah).</li> <li>➤ Extension letter sent to International Secretariat</li> <li>➤ <b>Drawing up minutes November 15<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup></b></li> </ul>