79th MEETING OF THE MULTISTAKEHOLDER'S GROUP SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING: 10:00 HRS

Chairman: Micheal Munroe.

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks.

Micheal Munroe called the Meeting to order, expressed his appreciation during his absence to fellow Co- Chairs Bill Thompson and Vanda Radzik who facilitated the Chairmanship of the MSG Meetings and urged all to continue the momentum for the finalization of the FY 22 EITI report.

Announcements.

Excused were: Sonya Roopnauth

Denise De Souza

Beverley Clenkian

- Adoption of AGENDA: proposed for adoption by Mr. Rafeek Khan and seconded by Ms Vanda Radzik
- 3. MINUTES OF THE 78th MSG Proposed for adoption by Mr. William Thompson and seconded by Ms. Hema Khan. Adoption.
- 4. Reports from MSG Committees
 - (i) **Co- Chairs:** No dedicated Meeting of the Co- Chairs was convened. Engaged in regular Special Meetings of the MSG.

(ii) IA Committee: Status of FY 2022 Report.

The meeting was apprised of the status of the preparation of the FY 2022 report; the decision taken to conclude on the data collection process and the work of the secretariat for the preparation of the contextual section of the Report.

The IA will advance the process for the finalization of the reconciliation. The gaps in the information necessary for the reconciliation were highlighted. The gaps lie primarily with entities in Industry who have not submitted the data templates. The Chair undertook to pursue same with representatives of industry. It was mentioned that security, time

constraints, unwillingness to participate among other concerns may have been the reason for the non-submission of the completed data templates.

In the discussion that followed it was mentioned that the MSG ought to be cognizant of the of the timing of the report and request for information. The need to consider using an accommodating approach rather than a "big stick" approach to be considered.

The IA Consultants have reached out repeatedly to the entities. It was noted that despite the entities would have provided confidentiality waivers to the GRA, they failed to submit data. The view was expressed that if no data is available then that should be reflected in the report with appropriate recommendations and that there is need for the MSG to relook at the way information gathering is approached.

The need to work closer with the mining community to enhance their understanding, foster a closer working relation to better understand their concerns and encourage miners' greater participation.

The revised version of the Contextual report was submitted (by the Secretariat) and this will form the basis for discussion at the Special MSG scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2024.

(iii) Workplan, MSG-TOR and Validation Committee:

Agreed that the Beneficial Ownership Report from the

Consultant to be recirculated to members for their approval
and for a response by Friday, September 20th 2024. Failure to respond
the no objection procedure will be activated.

(iv) Communications Committee

The meeting received updates on the status of each of the outreach activities.

(i) Merundoi: Several exchanges and a meeting that significantly improved the Project. The Script/storyline was reviewed and a revised submission is expected. The Secretariat to circulate the

- revised script for members consideration and approval. The first session of broadcast is billed for October 2024.
- (ii) Lethem: Since the pre scouting trip, it was established that the dates were not suitable for various attendees due to procedural issues. Revised dates are being looked at.
- (iii) UG engagement: This was completed and review of the event was done. One of the issues that needs to be addressed is to have a standardized presentation to enhance time management and coherence of messaging. It was recommended that the EITI secretariat could be contacted for a standardized presentation.
- (iv) Website: improvements were noted and members are urged to submit pictures and short bio to be placed on the website.
- (v) The message for the Electronic Bill Board to be streamlined, be clear and send the right message in the public domain.

The suggestion was made for the Communication Committee to plan various outreaches to the various sectors at the conclusion of the FY 2022 report as part of the dissemination of information. Also, the need for engagement with the mining sector was emphasized, in the context of the earlier discussion.

A centralized Outreach for Georgetown / region No.4 to be held in October. This can be done after the publication of the FY 2022 report at which, the findings and information can be disseminated.

It was established that the matters that cannot be addressed before the end of tenure of the current MSG, that the Communications Committee will decide what matters go forward to the new MSG for implementation.

(v) **Legal and Regulatory Committee.**

No Meeting held. A meeting of the committee is planned to address matter relating to FPIC.

5. Secretariat Report: Report was presented.

6. **Any other Business: The** matter of the recruitment of a Communication Specialist to prepare a plain English version of the FY 2022 EITI report was emphasized. The plain English document is intended to facilitate outreach activities. Civil Society will prepare the TOR for the Specialist.

7. Close and announcement of date for the next meeting.

The Chair thanked everyone for their participation and encouraged all to stay the course for the completion of the FY 2022 report on a timely basis.

The scheduled date for the next Meeting of the MSG is October 9,2024.

Summary recommendations and decisions.

| Agend | Issue Source | | Decision/ action | | |
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| a Item | | | | | |
| 4 | (i) | IA Committee | MSG agreed to conclude on the data collection process and for the IA to proceed with the work relating to the reconciliation. The first draft of the contextual section of the Report was presented and will be reviewed at the Thursday, September 12, at the Special meeting of the MSG. | | |
| 4 | (ii) | Workplan, MSG - TOR and Validation Committee | The Beneficial Ownership Roadmap to be recirculated to members for their approval and for a response by Friday, September 20th 2024. Failure to respond the no objection procedure will be activated. | | |
| | (iii) | Communications Committee | The Merundoi script / story line to be sent to MSG for consideration and | | |

approval.

Request EITI International generic power point presentation for the GYEITI.

CS (V Radzik) to prepare and submit the TOR for the Communications Consultant.

Secretariat to coordinate interviews for video clips and messaging to be done by sagacity.

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Prepared by: R. Jagarnauth GYEITI Secretariat

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Updates: Communication Outreach activities.

- (ix) Legal and Regulatory Committee.
- 5. Secretariat Report
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Attachment 2.

Attendance

| | Name/Sector | Gender | Present | Absent | Alternate | | Present | Absent |
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| Ind | ustry | | | | | | | |
| 1 | W. Thompson | M | X | | A. Gohil | M | | X w/e |
| 2 | R. Ramjit | M | X | | J. Vogt | M | x | |
| 3 | A. Alphonso | М | | X w/e | A. Jagnandan | М | x | |
| 4 | R. Khan | M | x | | N. McLean | М | | wo/e |
| Civ | il Society | MARKET STATES | | | | | | |
| 5 | D. De Souza | F | | X w/e | M. McCormack | M | x | |
| 6 | l. Fiedtkou | F | X | | B. Clenkian | F | x | |
| 7 | V. Radzik | F | X | | G. Singh | M | x | |
| 8 | K. Cort- Kansinally | F | | X w/e | M. Williams | М | | x |
| Gov | ernment | | | | | | | |
| 9 | S. Roopnauth | F | | X w/e | T. Balgobin | M | | wo/e |
| 10 | H. Khan | F | x | | S. Richmond | M | | |
| 11 | M. Munroe | M | x | | S. Hussain | M | | |
| 12 | | | | | M. Pertab | M | | |

Secretariat

| | | Gender | Present | Absent |
|---|------------------------|--------|---------|----------|
| 1 | P. Misir | M | X | |
| 2 | Renrick Ramgobin | M | X | |
| 3 | Johann Earl | M | Х | |
| 4 | Richard Budhu | M | | vacation |
| 5 | R. Jagarnauth | F | X | |
| | Sam Tokpah, Consultant | М | X | |

GYEITI Secretariat