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Minutes of the SLEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group emergency Meeting on 15th September 2016 at the SLEITI Secretariat

Purpose of Meeting- To endorse the 2014 Scoping Report

Attendance

Government Saidu Conton Sesay – CoS/ Chair Amadu Mansaray, Petroleum Directorate Patrick Sundifu- MFMR Martin Jimmy-MMMR NaimMerimeche- MoFED	**Civil Society** Mustapha O. Thomas, NACE Cecilia Mattia- NACE Moses A. Kargbo, SLAJ/Media
Mining Companies Neima Macfoy, SD Steel	**Secretariat** Mina Horace Annie Lansana Mohamed F. Conteh

Apologies: Mohamed Salisu, MoFED; Sallieu Bah NMA; Sinneh Kargbo, ASSL; Paul Lamin, EPA

Agenda

1. Opening
2. Presentation on 2014 Scoping Report, discussions & approval
3. A.O.B
4. Closing

1. Opening

The Chair, Saidu Conton Sesay, welcomed all and called the meeting to order. In his opening remark, he informed that the meeting was organised to discuss and approve the 2014 scoping study report submitted by Boas & Associates and reminded members that the scoping report is part of the deliverables outlined in the IA's ToR. He encourage the MSG to discuss the report thoroughly in order to have a SLEITI report that meets EITI Standard.

The agenda was adopted for discussion as presented.

2. Presentation on 2014 Scoping Report, Discussions & approval

Chair of the Technical Committee, Dr. Mustapha O. Thomas led members through the 2014 scoping study report. In his presentation, he informed that the technical committee had met on 1st September 2016, to review the IA's scoping report. Dr Thomas took members through the scoping report including the selected revenue streams, mining and oil companies. He said the committee was of the view that more information should be provided under the contextual data; the selection of revenue streams and companies should be clearly justified; and that the

justification for the recommended materiality threshold required further explanation. The MSG overall assessment was that the IA's work was satisfactory.

Response from the MSG:

- The IA should provide different Materiality threshold levels to enable the MSG see the different options considered by the IA and enable members make a sound decision on the threshold.
- The MSG should ensure the IA takes concrete actions on the feedback raised by the International Secretariat.
- The IA should check the status of Baomahun's license;
- The NMA should clarify the relationship between Cluff Gold and Amara mining company.
- NRA should submit the TIN number for all companies and NMA is to fill out the gaps where no information was provided on taxes paid and type(s) of minerals mined or explored.
- The group was divided on whether PAYE should be included as a revenue streams. Some members were of the view that though it might amount to a significant proportion, yet PAYE is actually paid by the individuals and not companies. Members wondered whether reporting on PAYE would require the personal identification of each taxpayer which will prove to be challenging. The meeting was inconclusive on reporting on PAYE.

Having heard from the group, Chief said the issues raised by SLEITI in addition to comments from the International Secretariat should be shared with the IA. In moving forward, the group requested the Secretariat to schedule a teleconference meeting with the IA to discuss comments from the MSG and International Secretariat. The meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, 20th September 2016 commencing at 10:00am at OSIAWA Country Office in Murray Town, Freetown. Prior to the meeting, the Secretariat should circulate both comments from the International Secretariats and the Technical Committee.

3. Any Other Business

There being no other business to discuss, Neima Macfoy moved that the meeting be closed, seconded by Patrick Sundifu.

4. Closing:

In his closing remark, Chief encouraged all to endeavour to attend the teleconference meeting with the IA.

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Saidu Conton Sesay
Chair

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Mina Horace
Secretary

Action points from the SLEITI Multi-Stakeholder Meeting of 15th Sept 2016

No.	Action Point	Status
1.	Review international secretariat requirement on the scoping study for 2014 scoping study	Done
2.	Discussion with the entire MSG with regards the scoping study as required by the international secretariat	Timing to be determined
3.	That Kingho is added as a mining company	
4.	Ensure that NRA is instructed to give additional information like TIN no, type of minerals	
5.	Ensure that NMA investigates whether CLUFF Gold is a different company from Amara Mining	
6.	MSG & the Independent Administrator should meet and discuss the 2014 parameters including; on which basis the materiality threshold is higher for the 2014 Report than for the 2013 Report, who to include or exclude on the 2014 scoping study, implications on why to include and exclude companies.	Done
7.	Decided that the secretariat contact OSIWA to use their facility for a video conference meeting on 20th September at OSIWA where MSG & IA will discuss the parameters	Done