SLEITI Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

SLEITI MSG Meeting to discuss the EITI Global Conference – 21st March 2019

Venue: Office of the Vice-President, Tower Hill, Freetown

Attendance

Government:	**Civil Society:**
Amadu Maosaray, PD	
Donald S. Williams, NRA	
Abdul Bah, EPA	
Prince B. Williams	
Foday Sesay, MMMR	
Aruna Abu, ASSL	
Mining Companies:	**Secretariat:**
Rob Hannon, SRL	Mina Horace
Amesata Kamara, SRL	Mohamed F. Conteh

Apologies: Joseph Rahall-Green Scenery, Morie Lansana-Audit Service S/L

Agenda

1. Silent prayers and opening
2. MSG Feedback on the Sierra Leone Validation Report on Initial data collection and stakeholders consultations
3. Closing

1. Opening

In the absence of the substantive Chair, members nominated Amadu Maosaray to chair the meeting.

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and thanked members for the confidence imposed on him to chair the meeting. The meeting noted the absence of CSOs due to their disagreement with the decision of the World Bank to work directly with the Secretariat in procuring logistical items during the just concluded dissemination exercise.

The Chair explained the main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the draft Validation Report submitted by the EITI International Secretariat in February 2019 following the 2018 Sierra Leone Validation process.

2. Feedback on the Sierra Leone Validation Report on Initial data collection and stakeholders consultations

It was noted that Sierra Rutile was the only member that had provided comments on the Validation report on Initial Data Collection and Stakeholders Consultations against the deadline of 18 March 2019. The Chair requested Sierra Rutile representatives to explain the comments they had provided and the explanation was consistent with those they had included as edits to the Report. (Sierra Rutile comments on the Report are attached) Rob Hattingh, Sierra Rutile CFO emphasized that his company was a publicly listed company and thereby committed to providing credible information as and when requested

Members agreed that the deadline for comments was 26th March 2019 and an MSG meeting will be convened after the comments were collated to discuss and confirm the various views provided before submission to the EITI. The meeting noted that the EITI Secretariat's advice that the MSG should wait till the draft Validation report (from the Independent Validator) was delivered before sending their comments.

Action – Upon receipt of comments on the report from all 3 constituencies of the MSG, the National Coordinator was requested to develop a template with at least 2 columns showing EITI comments and feedback from the government, mining companies and civil society.

Regarding civil society comments on the report, civil society was urged to corporate with the process by submitting their comments otherwise the EITI's position on CSO participation will remain valid

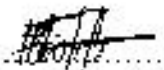
Rob Hattingh on cautioned that publishing the report without incorporating the necessary changes his company had submitted will have some implications for the company which is publicly listed on the stock market and that they will object to it. Furthermore, Rob informed that Sierra Rutile will engage the EITI Secretariat directly or through the Chair to avoid reputational damages.

3. Closing

There being no other matter to discuss, the meeting was brought to a close. The next meeting will be held on 28th March 2019.



Signature of Chair



Signature of Secretary