



**República Democrática de Timor-Leste**  
**Secretariat of State for Natural Resources**


25 February 2010


Dear Mr. Eigen,

Thank you for your letter dated 18 February 2010. I would like to inform you that the validator visited Timor-Leste from 25 January to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010. On 10<sup>th</sup> February we received the draft validation report and it has been circulated to the Multi Stake Holder Working Group and the Validation Committee for comments.

We are, however, aware that the time for lodging the draft validation report following comments by the Multi Stake Holder Working Group and the Validation Committee could take a couple of weeks and the process of agreeing a final validation report (including EITI Board approval) could take several months. In order, therefore, for us to complete all the validation requirements, the Government of Timor-Leste would like to request an extension of the deadline from 9 March 2010 to 9 May 2010.

Before concluding this letter, I would like reiterate Timor-Leste's commitment to transparency in the management of its petroleum revenue and specifically to the principles enshrined in the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI).

  
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