

Timor-Leste EITI Multi Stakeholder Group

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Farol Office

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Absent:

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Chair by: Elda Guterres da Silva National Coordinator TL-EITI (MPRM)

Meeting agenda - Review EITI Report.

Government entities expressed disappointment with MS as the (IA), MS should at least capture all the information in accordance with the EITI Standard specific in regards to contextual information. MS should also assess the reliability and accuracy of information received and reported in the EITI Report. Executive summary under limitation to the reconciliation statement made by MS concluded that the report was lacking on production data, employment etc, such statement may be incorrect as advice by the EITI International secretariat (Dyveke) that information already publicly available, do not require to be reported in the EITI report, such report could simple make reference to information source where public can access to it.

MS expressed that according to the EITI standard in some State the report must publish production data, number of employment and including Beneficial Ownership, MS have checked with their partner in London suggested that references to source of information is not allowed, hence MS still need to put limitations in the EITI report 2012 & 2013.

Industries state –lost of confidence basically is one of the major issues, Industries noted that the initial problem was in relation to the reporting templates, industries recalled that MSG have the reporting templates in the past which MSG had put a lot of effort to finalize the reporting templates, however it was not used by MS and further was changed by MS. Industries questioned what is the basis for MS did not use the reporting templates agreed by MSG?

MS expressed they don't have the great answer for Industries question but as MSG know MS has prepared those reports in accordance with the scope of works, and the EITI standard, then MS presented the report to MSG for further discussion between each reporting entities, changes made to the reporting template due to the fact that the report was lacking a lot of information and is not in conformity to the EITI standard. MS queried that MSG to indicate which part of template provided by MS that do not match with MSG reporting template.

Industries have concerned on Local content reporting, it appeared that MS did not follow established local content template agreed by MSG, this shown MS disrespect what have been agreed by MSG. Although 2012 EITI report had been submitted and published in the EITI International Secretariat website, industries proposed to withdraw the submitted initial version be replaced by revised version as the original version was considered could misled with the information stating ConocoPhillips is registered in the Australia Stock of Exchange.

The 2012 EITI report regarding local content employment figure was inconsistent and raised concerns and questioned MS without consultation for such change being made, creating inconsistency between reported figure and approved final version. In order to smooth the process, consistent with Eni HQ commitment in its support to EITI implementation, the process can proceeds despite minor mistake.

MS further explained that due to the fact the Confidentiality Agreement established with industries which had prevented MS from circulating the copy to other party.

MS noted very well that Eni and ANP have no problem to disclose total number of employment except ConocoPhillips due to MSG templates did not have total number of employment. ConocoPhillips will not send their prior approval if MS did not remove the figure of total employment.

Industries viewed that MS should be pro active as its dealing with different reporting entity, should there be different figure presented, MS should resolved by communicated to relevant party to close out such differences, this would avoid unnecessary delay as changes made would require further review provided we have limited time and should avoid last minutes approach, industries then often being blamed to cause the delayed.

Industries suggested that MS or future IA should stick and follow reporting templates agreed by MSG, this would avoid unnecessary delay, waste of time. Industries have been tolerated in light of the commitment to support and follow 2013 EITI Rules.

ANP shared its experience of last minutes to push missing information related to Santos (indicated MS was not pro active), 2012 report shall be the lesson learnt for us to improve future EITI reporting.

MS understood and agreed with Industries suggestion and MS further suggested the message has to be consolidated which reflects MSG decision, provided MS has many clients to work with.

Industries expressed that MS shall be able to manage their work, MSG or industries cannot do it for MS. Industries queried whether the TL-EITI secretariat has communicated with the EITI International to find out whether it still require MSG to submit a supplement report or only revised original report ?

Further rewording is needed by industries on certain statement in the draft 2012 report, on the fact that the report has been published at EITI International website, hence MSG is required to resolve this matter prior to finalizing 2013 report.

EITI Secretariat will communicate with the EITI International Secretariat and then will inform to MSG once feedback is received. As understand by the TL-EITI secretariat all the revision/change propose by MSG can be included in the Supplementary Report, therefore MSG does not need to revise the original report.

TL-EITI Secretariat proposed that the 2013 report to be reviewed consolidate fashion, as communication through email will create more complication.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is schedule on 12 June 2015 at 9:00 AM, in the TL-EITI Secretariat Office Farol.