

Timor-Leste EITI National Working Group

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19 August 2009

9:30 – 11:15

EITI Secretariat Office

Belarmino Lobo, Bidau Lecidere, Dili, Timor-Leste

Participants

Members*

Carlos Florindo	ETADEP, CSO Representative
Peter Smith	ConocoPhillips, Timor-Leste Country Manager
Viriato Seac	Researcher La'o Hamutuk
Angelo Lay	ANP
Brendan Augustin	Deputy Country Manager for Sunrise
Vidar Ovesen	Fiscal Policy and Petroleum Fund Advisor, Ministry of Finance (MoF)
Tony Heynen	Eni Timor-Leste, Country Representative

Alternatives, Non-Voting, and Observers

Florencio Fernandes (Alternate)	Eni Timor-Leste, Dili Office Manager
Elda Guterres da Silva	Secretariat EITI, Finance and Administration Officer
Trifonio Flor Sarmento	Assistant Outreach Coordinator & Finance and Administration Officer for Secretariat EITI
David Hook	World Bank

Absent:

João Demetrio Xavier,	Petroleum Tax Division MoF
Cipriana Tita Sousa	ANP
Manuel de Lemos	Director, SERN (Focal Point EITI)
Doug Adams	Country Manager, Woodside
Abdur Rahman Khan	Advisor, Petroleum Tax Audit
Elga Anita	Staff SERN
Venancio Alves Maria	Executive Director, Banking and Payments Authority (BPA)
James Kernaghan	External Relations & Comms Mgr, Eni Australia
Mericio Akara	Program Coordinator Luta Hamutuk

Chair By:

Fiscal Policy and Petroleum Fund Advisor,
Ministry of Finance (MoF)

Introduction

Agenda for the meeting

- 1) Review previously Minutes of the Meeting on 16 July 09
- 2) Up date on Timor-Leste EITI Report
- 3) Up date on selection of the validator
- 4) Other Business
- 5) Set up for Next meeting

1) Review Minutes

Group members reviewed and approved the minutes meeting on 16 July 2009

Up date on Timor-Leste EITI Report

The Working Group was informed that the deadline for collecting the data has passed and that all companies have reported except from one Government entity, which is ANP. ANP informed, however, that the lack of reporting was due to overseas travel and the reporting will be done immediately. Deloitte will, when all entities have finished their reporting, review all data and identify any discrepancies between what the companies have reported and what the Government has reported.

However, it was underlined that as this is the first report it might be that some of the entities have misinterpreted the template and the guidelines, and might be the reason for any discrepancies. Deloitte will communicate with all reporting parties to resolve any outstanding issues, and if there are any discrepancies which are unidentifiable it will be included in the final report.

WG expect that the EITI report can be available in a couple of weeks, but it might take some time to identify the discrepancies, which is required before the report is released.

Civil Society expressed concern with regard to the delay as the WG needs time to review & comment on the report and to disseminate information contained in the report.

Up date on selection of EITI Validator

The deadline for the bidders to provide their proposals was on 10 August 09, but it was postponed to 19 August to ensure that all bidders were able to provide hard copies of the

proposals in accordance with the procurement procedures. The technical and financial proposals have to be separated in two sealed envelopes.

It was informed that one company has notified the Government that it would not provide a proposal, because they were not able to provide a proposal within the deadline and asked for another extension, which was not accepted.

EITI Secretariat confirmed that the State Secretariat for Natural Resources so far had only received one proposal.

The proposals from the bidders will be opened by the Evaluation Panel, when all members are present and ready to start the review process. The Panel has already discussed evaluation criteria for the selection of a validator, which all stakeholders need to agree upon before the proposals are opened and the review process starts.

Other Business

The WG discussed the dissemination of the final EITI report. It is important that WG agree on the way to disseminate the report, how to do it, what is the main ambition etc based on realistic ambitions taking into account the limited resources available.

WG propose to continue this discussion for the next meeting and requested the EITI Secretariat to raise this issue with the EITI Coordinator to ensure that work is done on this issue until the next meeting.

Next meeting

Next meeting will be held in the EITI Secretariat Office next to Xanana Reading Room, Rua Belarmino Lobo, Lcidere, on 30 September 2009, at 9:30 till finishing.