

MINUTES OF THE EMERGENCY CALL MEETING OF THE LEITI MULTI-STAKEHOLDERS STEERING GROUP

LEITI CONFERENCE ROOM • OLD BUREAU OF THE BUDGET BUILDING • REDEMPTION ROAD, MONROVIA
TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2011 AT 12:00 NOON

PRESENT

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Roosevelt G. Jayjay	Minister, MLM & E/Co-chair LEITI MSG
Fulton D. Reeves	National Oil Company of Liberia
Edward R. A. Smith	National Oil Company of Liberia
Samuel J. Askie, Sr.	Ministry of Internal Affairs

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Alfred L. Brownell	Chairman, Green Advocates & PWYP representative
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Private Sector

Paye Gono	BHP Billiton
Marcus S. Wleh	ArcelorMittal Liberia
Esiaka B. Konneh	Miners & Brokers Association of Liberia

IN ATTENDANCE

Myer W. Saye	UNDP
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LEITI Secretariat

Sayon Henry Yaidoo	LEITI
Konah D. Karmo	LEITI
Hnede L. Berrian	LEITI

An emergency meeting of the LEITI MSG was called on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 12:00 noon in the LEITI Conference Room to address concerns raised by Civil Society, PWYP representative Atty. Alfred L. Brownell relative to the program marking the launch of the 3rd LEITI Report, which was scheduled for Friday, May 20, 2011.

Respond to concerns raised regarding the launch of the 3rd LEITI Report:

- The HOS explained that the PWYP concerns were given credence and that three (3) issues were raised by Atty. Brownell.
- It was not clear whether the report was approved by the MSG
 - The report was approved and the Chair asked the Secretariat to prepare a letter for his signature requesting the GAC to take down the report from its webpage.
- Issue of the GAC Disclaimer on the MOF template was still lingering
 - At the last MSG Meeting, the Secretariat was mandated to prepare a letter for the signature of the Minister asking the GAC to bring down the Report from their website

- That once the Secretariat comply with the mandate, the Report should be launched and a deadline of May 15, 2011 was set to launch the Report
- The HOS assured Atty. Brownell that the MSG did approve the Report
- Amount due column on the template not included in the 3rd Report
 - It was explained that at the last MSG Meeting, Mr. Witherspoon of the Ministry of Internal Affairs suggested that this portion be deferred to the 4th Report, time being of essence and not to cause further delay in the launching of the 3rd Report.

Minutes of the last (47th) MSG Meeting:

- It was corrected that Atty. Brownell did not attend the meeting, therefore his name should be deleted from the list of those who attended the meeting
- Referring to page three (3) of the draft minutes under the caption "LEITI 3rd Report", Atty. Brownell said that it was clear in the minutes the MSG agreed that assuming full cooperation from the GAC, May 15, 2011 the 3rd Report will be released. The question was has this "full cooperation" been met?
- During the 46th MSG Meeting, the issue was substantially discussed and the Secretariat was asked to write the line agencies and ministries concerned, attached a copy of the GAC Report, and confirm with the Reconcilers to have their respond concerning the GAC Audit
- These responses should have in term been collated and attached to the Reconcilers Report as an addendum, which would also serve as a rebuttal to the GAC Report. Atty. Brownell said that the GAC Report has implications on the quality of the 3rd Report, which should not be left unattended to.
- Finally, Atty. Brownell said that the MSG have not seen a copy of the final Report that the Secretariat wants to publish.

Discussions:

- The HOS explained that a letter was done for the Minister signature relative to the GAC Report. On the other hand, the Reconcilers informed the Secretariat that the GAC Report is completely different from the Reconciliation Report submitted by the Firm Moore Stephens.
- NOCAL is one of the line agencies that responded to the GAC report, but if the GAC Report has no impact/relevance to the Reconciler's Report then how will the issue of GAC Report be treated to clear NOCAL and other line Ministry and Agency that responded to the Report?
- It was explained that the Reconcilers did not specify any line agency or ministry of Government in its report.

Decisions:

- Following much discussions, it was agreed that:

- The Secretariat circulate the hard copy of the Final Report to all MSG members and a one week (May 31, 2011) time frame be given for any comments on issues directly related to the Report.
- Also, an additional one week (June 7, 2011) will be given to verify and incorporate whatever comments made by the MSG
- Response from the line agency and ministries (FDA, NOCAL and Ministry of Agriculture) should also be attached to the final report and send to members of the MSG

Scheduled for 4th Report:

- The Secretariat was asked to prepare the Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) within one week, (May 31, 2011) and submit to the MSG members for No Objection.

Meeting adjourned