MSG EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
HELD IN THE CONFRENCE OF THE ROYAL GRAND HOTEL, 14th STREET SINKOR, MONROVIA, LIBERIA
NOVEMBER 20, 2013

PRESENT
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Emmanuel Nimbuen Johnson	Proxy for the Minister of Agriculture
Boiyan K. Kpakolo	Proxy for the Co-chairperson LEITI MSG & Minister MLME
Edward S. Kamara	Proxy for the Managing Director, FDA
Anderson S. Chea	Proxy for the President of NOCAL

CSO

Cecelia T.M. Danuweli	PWYP/WANEP
Martu Gray	PWYP/AFELL
Ezekiel S. Johnson	GODIMWUL
Mohammed Nasser	FLY

Private Sector

Catfish Brownell	BHP Billiton
Jhon Osorio	Chevron
Marcus S. Wleh	ArcelorMittal
John S. Deah	Liberia Timber Association
Esiaka B. Konneh	Miners & Brokers Association

IN ATTENDANCE

Partners/Observers

Paolo Nastasi	UNMIL
Kofi Ireland	UNMIL
Paulina Upla	UNMIL
Alexander Deline	IMF
Mark Mattner	GIZ
Juliane Weymann	GIZ
Caroline Dow	U.S. Embassy
Alex S. Yeanay	AFDB
Decker Paye	GAC

Ethiopia Delegation
H.E Ato Adisu Arega Kitesa
Ato Tadilo Chekol Wubne
Ato Melaku Tadese Kassa
W/ro Kidist Mamo Meka
Ato Kokeb Misrak Workneh
Ato Teketsel Tsige Sahilu
Ato Girma Tafese Gebremariam
Merga Kenea Gemeda
Andia Portillo Garcia

Tanzania Delegation
Alice Jackson Swai

Athuman Mahmoud Kwariko
Bavoo Anatoly Junus
Blandina Happiness Sembu
Catherine Barongo Mbatia
Gerald Benson Mturi
Godvictor Ibrahim Lyimo
Juliet Nimrod Moshi
Petro Paulo Ahham

LEITI Secretariat

Konah D. Karmo	LEITI
Samson S. Tokpah	LEITI
Hnede Berrian-Sillah	LEITI
Philomena Jeppoe	Intern

I. Introductions & Welcome
An Extraordinary MSG Meeting was held on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 in the Conference Room of the Royal Grand Hotel. The meeting was chaired by the President of the Liberia Timber Association, Mr. John Deah in the absence of the Chair and Co-Chair. The Secretariat received consent from the Office of the Chair to have Mr. Deah chair the meeting. Welcome remarks were made by the Head of Secretariat, Mr. Samson S. Tokpah followed by self-introductions. Each member of the visiting delegation was allowed to introduce himself/herself following which the head of the Ethiopian Delegation, His Excellency H.E Ato Adisu Arega Kitesa, State Minister, Prime Minister Office made a brief remark on behalf of his country/delegation followed by a representative from the Tanzania delegation.

II. Purpose of the Extraordinary Meeting
Regular MSG meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month, but due to the South-South Learning Exchange visit of the Tanzania and Ethiopia Delegation, the MSG agreed to bring the meeting forward so as to allow the delegates observe LEITI MSG deliberations.

As agreed in the October 2013 meeting, the sole agenda item for the Review and Approval of Recommendations on the LEITI Process Audit Report- Oil & Agriculture Sectors. The Agenda was rev

III. Presentation of the Matrix on the Post Award Process Audit
The Secretariat presented a comprehensive summary matrix of the recommendations on the Oil and Agriculture sectors from the Process Audit Report and the MSG Retreat held on June 5 & 6, 2013. Some members of the MSG agreed that there was a need to properly review the report company by company in order to harmonize the recommendations contained therein, while others suggested that the recommendations report be endorsed in its entirety and submitted to the Government for proper investigation.

Decisions: Following much discussions, the MSG agreed as follows:
1. That all recommendations from the Process Audit Report are accepted and a formal communication submitted to the Government of Liberia stating the MSG acceptance.
2. That a formal communication be drafted for the Government by the Secretariat on the MSG's position. Said communication should be forwarded to the MSG for review and no-objection prior to submission to the Government.
3. Those recommendations from the Retreat are excluded from the recommendations submitted to the Government.

IV. Date and Time of the Next Meeting
Due to the Christmas holidays in December, it was suggested that the next MSG meeting be held during the second week in December. This was moved and seconded.