

UK Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Multi-Stakeholder Group  
Minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> Extraordinary Meeting- Tuesday 20 May

Attendance

<p><u>Chair</u> Marie-Anne Mackenzie- (Department for Business Innovation &amp; Skills)</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u> Margaret Sutherland- (Department for Business Innovation &amp; Skills) Vina Krishnarajah – (Department for Business Innovation &amp; Skills)</p> <p><u>International Secretariat</u> Eddie Rich- <b>Teleconference</b></p> <p><u>Industry</u> Stephen Blythe- BP Donovan Ingram- Exxon Mobil- (Alternate for Andrew Enever) Muriel Roberts- Chevron (Alternate for Michael Barron)</p> <p><u>Civil Society</u> Gavin Hayman-Global Witness Miles Litvinoff- Publish What You Pay Joe Williams- Revenue Watch Institute (Alternate for Rachel Davies)</p>	<p><u>Government</u> Jenna Percival- Scottish Government- <b>Teleconference</b> Carolinn Booth- HMRC (Alternate for Alan Tume)</p> <p><u>Observers</u> Ashley Shackleton-Oil &amp; Gas UK Colin Tinto- Global Witness Justine de Davila- Department for International Development- <b>Teleconference</b></p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Rachel Davies- Transparency International Eric Joyce MP Alan Tume- HMRC Dr Patrick Foster- Camborne School of Mines Jerry Mclaughlin- Mineral Products Association Andrew Enever- Shell</p>
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Summary of Proceedings

1. Following introductions the Secretariat provided an overview of the previous 2 sub group meetings on the UK EITI objectives (held on 30<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> May).
2. During the sub group, agreement was reached on draft objectives, but following consultation with constituencies, these draft objectives were rejected. The next step was to call an extraordinary meeting of the MSG.
3. Compromise text on the UK EITI objectives was circulated ahead of the MSG meeting and agreement was gained quickly on the wording of objectives 1, 2 and 4.

Objective 3

4. The group discussed objective 3:

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*Increase public understanding of the social and economic impacts of the UK's extractive industries and enrich public debate on the governance and stewardship of the UK's oil, gas and mineral resources.*

5. Civil Society representatives explained that they had moved the word governance from the 5<sup>th</sup> objective which fitted better with objective 3. This helped to explain the responsibility of Government in EITI.
6. Industry representatives were keen for the objectives to be tangible and questioned whether both governance and stewardship were needed in objective 3.
7. After some discussion the text for objective 3 (above) was agreed leaving in both governance and stewardship which resonate with different stakeholder constituencies.

Objective 5

8. The MSG discussed objective 5 in detail. Industry highlighted concerns about referencing a global standard of financial transparency as companies may be subject to different requirements depending on where they operate.
9. Industry representatives explained that the proposed language for objective 5 did not appear on the 2013 EITI standard and the MSG should be mindful of going beyond the 2013 EITI Standard.
10. Civil Society representatives explained that EITI sets a minimum standard but this should not stop the UK trying to innovate when implementing EITI in the UK to set a good example to other countries.
11. Civil Society highlighted that a global standard of financial transparency was accurate as they had pressed for consistency between all regimes.
12. The text in the G8 communique and the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan was referenced; the Chair explained that it was not necessary to duplicate references to previous Government commitments in the UK EITI objectives.
13. Civil Society representatives drew attention to the text on the G8 Communique which details progressing towards common global reporting standards.
14. The MSG also discussed how UK EITI will go beyond revenue reporting as other information on contextual information and beneficial ownership should be reflected in the objectives.
15. The MSG agreed the following text for objective 5:

*Support moves towards common global reporting standards in oil, gas and mining and promote a level playing field for business in the UK and internationally.*

16. It was agreed that the word "common" should not be taken to suggest that the global reporting standards are identical.

Objective 6

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17. Finally the MSG moved onto discuss objective 6

*Support the UK government's championing of extractives transparency and open government*

18. Government representatives explained that there are many areas where the UK champions extractives transparency.

19. Secretariat highlighted the range of activities that this objective can include in the UK work plan such as contact with other countries implementing EITI and inviting EITI official's from other countries to attend UK MSG meetings.

20. The MSG agreed the following UK EITI objectives:

- Recognise and support the principles set out in the 2013 EITI Standard.
- Enhance accountability to the UK public on the revenues from the UK's extractives industries.
- Increase public understanding of the social and economic impacts of the UK's extractive industries and enrich public debate on the governance and stewardship of the UK's oil, gas and mineral resources.
- Ensure information is readily accessible and presented to the public in a clear manner.
- Support moves towards common global reporting standards in oil, gas and mining and promote a level playing field for business in the UK and internationally.
- Support the UK government's championing of extractives transparency and open government

Next Meeting- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June