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**4TH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE
MWEITI MULTI-STAKEHOLDER
GROUP (MSG)**

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Accountant General Conference Room, Capital
Hill, Lilongwe.**

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Item	Discussion	Action
1. Agenda	<p>The agenda included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Opening Prayer ii. Opening Remarks (Chairperson) iii. Adoption of Agenda iv. Adoption of Previous Minutes v. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes. vi. Scoping Study vii. Briefing and Update on Development Partners Coordination by GIZ viii. Report on EITI workshop on National Coordinators in Ghana. ix. Report on Study Tour to Zambia x. Report on Summer School on Governance of Oil, Gas and Mining Revenues in Ghana. xi. Way Forward xii. A.O.B xiii. Closing Prayer 	
2. Opening Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The meeting started at around 9:00 am. ii. The chairperson of the MSG, Mr. C.C. Kulemeka, firstly thanked the members for coming and made an apology for the inconvenience of shifting the venue from Ministry of Finance to Accountant General Conference room at short notice. iii. He informed the meeting that The Candidature Application Form was submitted and he considered that as a positive development. iv. The meeting was also informed by Paladin (Africa) limited that the MSG member Mr. Walker has been replaced by a new 	

	member Mr. Alan Cumming (Current Paladin General Manager) who also attended the meeting for the first time.	
3. Adoption of Agenda	The meeting adopted the agenda after agreeing to remove A.O.B, and adding EITI International Conference on the agenda.	
4. Adoption of Previous Minutes (MWEITI/MIN/MSG/2015/03)	<p>The meeting adopted previous minutes after few amendments as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Correcting the name of Bartwel Chingoli and Jabess Nyirenda instead of Jabess Munthali. ii. Including the names of Misheck Munthali and Chikondi Mcheka on the list of participants on the minutes of Zambia meeting. iii. Also changed the word absent to apologies. iv. Added the word Mining to make "Globe Metals Mining" v. Changed the word desegregation into Mainstreaming on item 5(e). vi. Putting "at" instead of "a" on item 13. 	
5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes.	<p>Matters Arising from Previous minutes were discussed as presented on the table on matters arising. The table is attached as an appendix. Major outstanding issue were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. The draft letter for ST signature which was ready but had not yet been submitted to OPC. The meeting agreed that the communication and introduction letter should be submitted to OPC by 2nd October, 2015. ii. A need to do more on legal access to information. The meeting was advised that the legal impediments study will clarify on these concerns. But, that in the meantime the EITI will use the provision which is in the Mining and Minerals Act and will have to sign MoU with mining companies to submit 	The Secretariat to follow up on outstanding issues on the discussed table of matters arising.

	<p>required information as is the case with Zambia.</p> <p>iii. Some members expressed concerns that the Press release by the Minister of Finance, focussed on mining only instead of a wider scope which would include Oil and Gas as well. However, it was clarified to all that at the moment only mining was active in Malawi and that the scoping study would give us areas where we need to focus in terms of revenue.</p>	
<p>6. Scoping Study</p>	<p>a) The meeting discussed a zero draft ToR developed by the Secretariat and approved it for submission to GIZ for finance support after few amendments. The amendments were:</p> <p>i. Under Objective of the Assignment bullet three from the bottom, amended by removing the word "addressing" and replacing with "Identifying and Making recommendations".</p> <p>ii. Improving point number five on page 3 members said that the contribution of extractive industries to the economy should not only be confined to the taxes collected by the Government, but the number of people employed and other benefits associated with that.</p> <p>iii. Meeting agreed that 9th October 2015 to be the starting date for the scoping study.</p> <p>iv. It was agreed after discussion that the Secretariat should provide a counterpart to work with the consultants to facilitate and support scoping research, without influencing the report of the study and this was reflected in the ToR accordingly.</p> <p>b) The meeting requested GIZ to submit the profile of the two consultants to the Secretariat</p>	

	<p>for circulation to MSG for their knowledge and appreciation.</p> <p>c) The meeting also agreed that it should be clear that the ownership of the study and its report is MWEITI and not GIZ even if it is being financed and supported by GIZ.</p> <p>d) The meeting formed the subcommittee composed of 5 MSG members' representatives to oversee and support the scoping study and consultant. Their names were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Grain Malunga (Paladin) ii. Rachel Phoya (CfJ) iii. Peter Chilumanga (Dept of Mining) iv. Elyvin Chawinga (ActionAid). v. The Secretariat 	
<p>7. Briefing and Update on resource mobilisation from the Development Partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. On 16th July 2015, The Secretariat organized a meeting with Development Partners (DPs) to brief them about the progress of EITI and share the MWEITI work plan with them for their information and consideration for funding. Five DPs met namely: DFID, GIZ, AfDB, World Bank and Apology from Norwegian Embassy. ii. The meeting agreed that GIZ should act as a DPs coordinator and it was agreed that DPs will conduct their own meetings after which GIZ will report to the Secretariat. iii. The Head of GIZ PFEM reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Norwegian Embassy: Indicated that is not in a position to support EITI within this period. b) European Union: Is interested but has not made any commitment for next year. 	

- c) World Bank: Communicated that it will consider shifting the resources from some areas to EITI during their project review which is underway. Promised to do more in the future.
- d) DFID: Has small funds of about £60,000 for EITI report publication. They are rethinking about the proposals.
- e) Irish Aid: Was going to meet on Friday 25th sept 2015 on the same. No position yet.
- f) GIZ: Will continue to support EITI for years to come and will now begin to support the Secretariat and the scoping study. It would look into any proposal submitted to its office by the MWEITL. For the Secretariat, GIZ will mainly support Items/equipment and operations but for salaries they will need to source for more resources. However, GIZ made an assurance to the meeting that in the absence of interest donors and absence of Government resources, they will support the major EITI activities in the work plan.
- g) AfDB: Has not come forth but will be approached one more time.


IV GIZ informed the meeting that it would submit the formal report on DPs briefing and Update in two weeks' time by 9th October 2015.

8. Ghana EITI Coordinators Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Secretariat was invited by the EITI International on a two day EITI Coordinators workshop whose objective was to learn about new EITI standards and current communication strategies. ii. Two people represented MWEITI from Ministry of Finance namely Mr. Harawa and Mr. F. Maliro from the Secretariat. iii. The meeting was reported to be an eye opener and appropriate for MWEITI. iv. Mr. Harawa informed the meeting that the report will be circulated to all members and the recommendation will be used to enrich MWEITI work plan activities. 	
9. Report on Study Tour to Zambia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The MSG visited Zambia, financed by GIZ on a study tour from 21st June to 27th June 2015. ii. 13 members of MSG participated in this trip only two namely ActionAid and Globe Metals Mining gave an apology. iii. The full report was written by the Secretariat and was submitted for discussion and endorsement for use and submission to GIZ as the sponsor. iv. The report highlights various issues and then gives lessons and recommendations which will help for smooth implementation of MWEITI work plan. v. Members regarded the study tour as an eye opener and a successful tour. vi. The meeting endorsed the report and agreed to make it official and submitted to GIZ. vii. The report is available for use at the Secretariat, all members of MSG and GIZ PFEM office. 	
10. Ghana Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Three members of MSG 	

<p>School</p>	<p>representing each Group was nominated by MSG to participate at a Summer School on Governance of Oil, Gas and Mining revenues organized by Africa Regional Extractive Industries Knowledge Hub 2015 Summer School and GIZ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. The summary report was presented and the full report will be circulated shortly. iii. The school gave participants a general picture of oil, gas and mining from exploration to revenue use and management. iv. It covered critical areas and subjects like Development Agreements, Revenue sharing and Management Agreements, Political economy, fiscal Regimes, Local content Law, EITI, etc. v. The meeting agreed that the Secretariat should circulate the final report to MSG and organize a half a day workshop, where presentations will be made for MSG on some of the important issues learnt from the Ghana summers school. This workshop should be combined with the inception report date and venue on scoping study. 	
<p>11. EITI International Conference and Fair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The meeting was briefed that there will be an EITI International Conference fair from 24th to 25th February 2016 in Lima, Peru. ii. While the Secretariat will try to organize funding for few MSG members, its important that members should try find their own support to participant. iii. Every country has to man a booth about their National EITI. iv. The Secretariat should find out on what items MWEITI needs for 	

	<p>the booth in Peru.</p> <p>v. The International EITI Secretariat has financial support for delegate and MWEITI should follow up on this. Should get the guidelines on what is needed or expected to be displayed for EITI for our preparation.</p> <p>vi. More information will be shared on this in the next MSG meeting.</p>	
<p>12. Way forward and Resolutions</p>	<p>i. The MSG will meet again on end of October or early November 2015.</p> <p>ii. Scoping study terms of reference revised version should be circulated as soon as possible.</p> <p>iii. Consolidation of all recommendations and lessons from Zambia Study Tour, Ghana Summer School and Ghana EITI Coordinators workshop together and enrich our workplan.</p>	
<p>13. Final Comments and Closing Remarks.</p>	<p>i. FOCUS as mandated by MSG to monitor MWEITI activities progress communicated that the Malawi EITI process is on track and commended the Secretariat for trying their best to coordinate events.</p> <p>ii. The members expressed concern that considering the huge needs for MWEITI GIZ need partners for smooth running of MWEITI.</p> <p>iii. The chairperson in his closing remarks stated that this was a worthwhile meeting and was looking forward to good implementation of what was agreed in the meeting.</p> <p>iv. The meeting was closed with a prayer by Mr. Misheck Munthali.</p>	


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