



**UK Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Multi-Stakeholder Group
(MSG)
Minutes of the 25th Meeting – 26th September 2017 – BEIS Conference Centre**

Attendance

<p><u>Chair</u></p> <p>Chris Carr - Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (Outgoing)</p> <p>Matthew Ray - Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (Incoming)</p> <p><u>Secretariat</u></p> <p>David Leitch - Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy</p> <p><u>Industry</u></p> <p>Stephen Blythe - Independent Consultant</p> <p>Jerry McLaughlin – Mineral Products Association</p> <p>Dr Patrick Foster - Mining Association of the UK & Camborne School of Mines, University of Exeter</p> <p>John Bowater – Aggregate Industries</p> <p>Romina Mele-Cornish – Oil & Gas UK</p> <p><u>Civil Society</u></p> <p>Eric Joyce - Extractive Industries Civil Society</p> <p>Danielle Foe – Extractive Industries Civil Society</p> <p>Martin Brown – Extractive Industries Civil Society</p>	<p><u>Government</u></p> <p>Mike Earp - Oil & Gas Authority</p> <p>James Marshall – HMRC</p> <p>Chris Daboiko – HM Treasury</p> <p><u>Experts</u></p> <p>Tim Woodward – Moore Stephens</p> <p><u>Others</u></p> <p>Joe Williams – Natural Resource Governance Institute</p> <p>David Hoy - Oil & Gas UK</p> <p>Simon Clydesdale – Global Witness (by phone)</p> <p>Martyn Gordon – Robert Gordon University (by phone)</p> <p>Nicole Hatton-Urey – HMRC</p> <p>Martin Kirkham - Chevron</p> <p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Matt Landy – Statoil</p> <p>Howard Forti –Exxon Mobil</p> <p>Joe Perman – Scottish Government</p>
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1 - Welcome and introductions:

The outgoing Chair welcomed everyone to the 25th meeting of the UK MSG and introduced his successor, Matthew Ray.

2 - Agreement of minutes of 18 July 2017 meeting

Subject to a small number of detailed drafting points, the minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3 - Civil Society Membership

The Chair explained that, since the previous meeting, discussions had continued with CS groups in an effort to agree a set of principles for MSG membership appointment which were acceptable to all. However, in the absence of such agreement, the proposition was that the Chair would write to each of CSN and EICS inviting them each to nominate up to two replacement candidates to serve for a period of 12 months. It was hoped that this would create time and space for a more lasting solution to be achieved. The Chair confirmed that Ministers would be asked to endorse this approach before it was formally activated. While the CSN affiliated member present supported a period of reflection, it was intimated that CSN would not wish to participate in the proposed nomination process and were effectively withdrawing from the MSG forthwith.

4 - Reconciliation Process

The Independent Assessor (Moore Stephens) confirmed that reporting packages had been circulated to the 64 companies identified as being within scope of the reconciliation process. With limited exceptions, companies had been set a 12 October deadline for responses.

It was noted that a number of new companies had been identified and that new waivers would have to be sought from nine in total.

Moore Stephens would aim to produce an initial reconciliation report some 10 days after the response deadline.

There was general discussion of the efficiency of the reconciliation timetable and it was agreed that further consideration of alternative approaches ought to be taken forward in the Reconciliation Sub-group. Future discussion would also be informed by consideration of the scope for “mainstreaming” extractives reporting in the UK setting, and it was noted that representatives of the international EITI Secretariat were to be invited to present to the MSG at a forthcoming meeting.



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5 - AOB

It was suggested and agreed that a package of training should be devised for the benefit of new MSG members. The Secretariat also took an action to request that the international EITI Secretariat representative present to the MSG on the subject of the validation process at a forthcoming meeting.