

**MINUTES FOR THE ZAMBIA EITI MAINSTREAMING TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP  
HELD ON THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022**

**PRESENT**

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| 1. 1. Hugh Carutthers   | - | Chairperson ZCM-FQM |
| 2. Spyton Phiri         | - | Member GRZ- ZRA     |
| 3. Sylvia Masabo        | - | Member GRZ-MLG      |
| 4. Edgar Siakicoma      | - | Member CSO-NEF      |
| 5. Edmond Kanganmungazi | - | Member CSO-PWYP     |

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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| 1. 1. Mutinta Hadunka | - | ZEITI Communications Officer |
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**APOLOGIES**

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| 1. Mr Ian Mwiinga | - | ZEITI Head of Secretariat |
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## **1. OPENING REMARKS**

In opening the meeting, the Chairperson welcomed the members and thanked them for making time to attend the meeting. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Hugh Carruthers who is the Chairperson for the Technical Working Group.

In opening the Chairperson indicated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss Mainstreaming and the way forward as regards to funding.

The meeting commenced at 10:20 hrs.

## **2. FUNDING PROPOSAL**

It was highlighted that there were two options discussed on the way forward i.e.:

- i. For ZEITI to work with Government agencies and Mining companies to restructure their portals to achieve mainstreaming, or
- ii. Enhance the ZEITI website to publish data on their website.

The Chairperson informed the members that since their last meeting in October he had been looking at funding options and First Quantum Minerals (FQM) had expressed interest in providing support to the process.

The support would be targeted at setting up a portal that is easily updatable rather than a full blown portal. The data on the portal would be updated quarterly for mining companies and bi-annually (every 6 months) for Government agencies. The funding support was broke down into two parts:

### **a) Website**

- Initial high level scope would be to design a platform that can be updated easily like a website.
- The updates would be done though ZEITI-sourced GRZ data and direct updates from mining companies as information becomes available.
- The initiative would initially aim to achieve bi-annual (6 months) updates for GRZ sourced data and company sourced data could be quarterly from the outset.
- Estimated cost US\$25,000

### **b) Capacity building**

- Training for ZEITI on the technical aspects of the entire system
- Training for the ZEC on methods of accessing data and basic audit techniques.

- Training for reporting companies and government agencies on correct use of reporting templates.
- Estimated cost US\$10,000-15,000

The members wanted to know the conditions of the funding, if there were any attached by FQM, and what they would entail. It was clarified that there were no conditions other than that funding was solely meant to help ZEITI achieve its intended purpose i.e. Mainstreaming ZEITI data and information. The members agreed that to avoid any potential conflict of interest the funding should be done in a transparent manner and the Terms of Reference be made available to the constituents of the TWG and the ZEC. The funding was approved in principle by the TWG.

It was further agreed discussed that the funding could be channelled either;

- directly to the ZEITI Secretariat account;
- Through the International Secretariat in Oslo; or
- Through the Zambia Chamber of Mines

It was agreed that the International Secretariat in OSLO would provide the technical support to select & manage the identification of a contractor and payments be made directly to the contractor from the funding partner.

### **3. NEXT STEPS**

The members agreed that the next steps would be:

- a. Make a present to the next ZEC meeting and get consensus on the way forward.
- b. If the ZEC agrees to the funding support, the TWG would have to make a presentation to the Government i.e Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development on the proposed funding option.

### **4. CLOSING REMARKS**

In closing the Chairperson commended and thanked the members for their participations and the objectivity in the deliberations. And indicate that in addition to the support from FQM other industry players had shown interest in providing support in Zambia's implementation of the EITI in future.

The meeting closed at 10:50hrs.

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**CHAIRPERSON:** Mr. Hugh Carruthers

**SECRETARY:** Ms. Mutinta Hadunka

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