

## **MINUTES FOR THE 2025 FIRST QUARTER ZAMBIA EITI COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 27 MARCH 2025 AT THE RADISSON BLU HOTEL IN LUSAKA**

### **PRESENT**

1. Mr. Felix Nkulukusa	-	Government (MoFNP) Member/ Chairperson
2. Mr. Obert Kangwa	-	Government (ZRA) Member
3. Ms. Mwaka Mwamulima	-	Government (ZCCM-IH) Member
4. Ms. Mercy Zulu	-	Government (MMMD) Proxy
5. Mr. Chilombo Mulima	-	Government (MoFNP) Proxy
6. Mr. Talent Ngandwe	-	Industry (ZCM) Proxy
7. Mr. Hugh Carruthers	-	Industry (ZCM/FQM) Member
8. Ms. Kristina Kanche	-	Industry (AZMEC) Proxy
9. Mr. Martford Mumba	-	Industry (FSSMAZ) Proxy
10. Mr. Edmond Kangamungazi	-	Civil Society (Caritas) Member
11. Mr. Nsama Chikwanka	-	Civil Society (PWYP) Member
12. Ms. Lutangu Daisy Mwilima	-	Civil Society (ActionAid Zambia) Proxy
13. Mr. Edward Lange	-	Civil Society (SARW) Proxy
14. Mr. Charles Mulila	-	Civil Society (DECOP) Proxy
15. Mr. Brian Mwiinga	-	Civil Society (NCA/JCP) Member

### **OBSERVERS**

1. Ms. Fatma Nyambura	-	Mining Industry (Trafigura) Observer
2. Ms. Tamika Halwiindi	-	Civil Society (TIZ) Observer

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

1. Mr. Ian Mwiinga	-	Head ZEITI Secretariat
2. Ms. Mutinta Hadunka	-	ZEITI- Communications Officer
3. Mr. Kennedy Sinkala	-	ZEITI- Accountant
4. Ms. Violet Mukanda	-	ZEITI- Secretary
5. Mr. Chomba Chileshe	-	ZEITI- Data Officer
6. Mr. Phillip Kabulaya	-	ZEITI- Intern

**ABSENT WITH APOLOGY**

1. Mr. Francis Chilunga - Government (MoJ) Member

## **1. Opening Remarks by the Chairperson**

The meeting started at 09:20hrs. The Chairperson thanked the Vice Chairperson for the role he played during the visit of the Rt. Hon. Helen Clark and her delegation. He requested for an action matrix based on the discussions were had at State House that will be forwarded to the Office of the President.

## **2. Introductions**

The members present were requested to introduce themselves.

## **3. Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted without any changes. The proposal to adopt the agenda was made by Mr. Hugh Carruthers and seconded by Ms. Mwaka Mwamulima.

## **4. Apologies**

A list of apologies is given on page 1.

## **5. Confirmation of Minutes for the previous ZEC meeting**

The minutes of the meeting were adopted as a true and accurate report of the proceedings with the following amendments:

- On the opening remarks the word 'to' should be added on page 2
- The starting time of the meeting should be indicated.

The proposal to adopt the minutes was made by Ms. Mercy Zulu and seconded by Mr. Chilombo Mulima.

## **6. Matters Arising (Action taken report)**

The matters arising were presented based on the action taken report. The following below were the key discussion points:

The first comment relates to the action matrix. The ZEITI Secretariat was requested to provide details on the status of various activities in the action matrix.

On the Status on the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV), the Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development representative indicated that the SPV was still being created. Currently, the government is considering names of individuals who will serve on the board of the SPV. A further update will be provide at the next ZEC meeting.

## **7. Presentation of the draft ZEITI report – BDO Zambia**

BDO Zambia made a presentation on the preliminary work that has been undertaken in the production of the 2023 Zambia EITI report in line with the upcoming validation. The following below were the key discussion points:

### *The newly enacted Minerals Regulation Commission Act*

The Consultant indicated that the current Mines and Minerals Development Act will be split into two statutory bodies. The Minerals Regulation Commission (MRC) will be responsible for the regulation of the Mining sector while the Geological Minerals Development Act of 2025 will be responsible for geological survey, mapping, and exploration in Zambia.

The meeting requested the Consultant to address in his analysis some of the concerns that have been raised by stakeholders regarding the two pieces of legislation.

### *The MoU between First Quantum Minerals (FQML) and the Government*

The consultant indicated that the 2023 EITI Standard requires countries to disclose contracts and agreements that are signed in the extractive sector. In this regard, the consultant appealed to the ZEC to facilitate the disclosure of the contracts and agreements in the mining sector in Zambia.

The meeting assured that a letter would be written to the Ministry of Mines and Minerals to request for all contracts and agreements that have been signed in the mining sector. The meeting also added that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between FQML and the Government on the mapping of the Copperbelt region in the 2023 Zambia EITI report should be disclosed.

### *Audited financial statements for Mining companies*

The consultant indicated that the 2023 EITI Standard requires implementing countries to disclose Audited Financial Statements for mining companies. The disclosures should also include Mining costs as provided under requirement 4.10.

The meeting agreed to request for the Audited Financial Statements and Mining costs from all reporting companies.

### *The disclosure of payments to the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)*

On the disclosures relating to the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), the consultant indicated that an analysis will be provided on the compliance towards the fund especially in light of the recent acid spillage on the Copperbelt by a named company.

### *The drafting of the scoping report for the 2023 ZEITI report*

The meeting requested the consultant to prepare a scoping report for the 2023 ZEITI report so that an assessment can be made regarding which companies meet the materiality threshold. The meeting noted that the preparation of the ZEITI report should reflect that changes to the current standard which promotes mainstreaming of EITI implementation.

### *The Sino Metals acid spillage*

On the Sino Metals spillage, the meeting requested the consultant to provide a contextual analysis of the status of the environmental safeguards in the mining sector. The Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development and the ZEITI Secretariat were requested to provide a status update on the Sino Metals acid spillage.

### *Recommendations from the previous ZEITI reports*

The consultant was requested to provide a status matrix on the implementation of recommendations from the previous EITI reports. The matrix will be used as a checklist during the preparation of the upcoming EITI Validation.

## **8. Presentation and approval of the new Zambia EITI Website – IT (MMMD)**

- The Information Communication Technology (ICT) Department under the Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development (MMMD) together with Smart Zambia Institute presented the new ZEITI website for approval to the ZEC. The new website was approved for re-launching with a few additions for consideration by the web-developers as indicated below:
- Move the Governance of the Zambia EITI to the Homepage;
- Change the banner on the landing page to reflect copper as key mineral mined in Zambia; and,
- The Chairperson noted that there is need for a content manager to manage the website in order to share sector related news and information.

## **9. Discussion on the alignment of the ZEC and the ZEITI Secretariat**

The ZEITI Secretariat reported to the ZEC that there is need to provide capacity to members serving on the MSG and also to the ZEITI Secretariat in light of the expanded scope of the new Standard. The meeting resolved to take into account the capacity needs of members of the ZEC as they renew the mandates of the new members ahead of the upcoming EITI Validation.

The ZEITI Secretariat indicated that feedback from the International EITI Secretariat on the capacity of the MSG and the ZEITI Secretariat will be shared with the members following the visit of the Rt. Hon. Helen Clark to Zambia.

## **10. Approval for ZEITI to participate in the regional Lobito Corridor study**

The meeting resolved that the ZEITI Secretariat should circulate the Terms of Reference (TORs) to all members for their reference. The approval of the TORs will be done through circulation.

## 11. Closing remarks

In closing the Chairperson thanked the members for their active participation during the meeting. The Chairperson also tasked the ZEITI Secretariat to prepare an action matrix as part of the board pack for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 12:10hrs.

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## ACTION TAKEN REPORT

S/N	ISSUE	ACTION NEEDED	STATUS	BY WHOM
1	2023 and 2024 ZEITI inception and scoping report	The Consultant was requested to produce the scoping and inception report for the 2023 and 2024 ZEITI report. The report provides details of material revenue streams that will be considered during the production of the report.	A draft report has been submitted to the ZEC for the input and comments.	ZEITI
2	The Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) in the Mining sector	At the previous ZEC meeting held on 27 March 2025, the meeting resolved that the Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development should provide an update on the legal status and structure of the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) in the Mining sector.	A brief update on the SPV was obtained from the Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development. A presentation will be made at the ZEC meeting on 26 June 2025.	MMMD
3	Sino Metals acid Spillage	At the previous ZEC meeting held on 27 March 2025, the meeting requested the Ministry of Mines to provide an update on the status of the	A preliminary report was obtained by the ZEITI Secretariat from the Ministry of	MMMD

		investigation regarding the acid spillage.	Mines and Minerals Development. A presentation will be provided during the meeting on 26 June 2025.	
4	Validation preparations	At the previous ZEC meeting held on 27 March 2025, the meeting requested ZEITI Secretariat to provide an update on the Validation preparations.	A matrix has been created showing key milestones. The matrix is attached in the board pack for reference.	ZEITI