

**MINUTES FOR THE THIRD QUARTER ZAMBIA EITI COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 OCTOBER 2025 IN THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE ROOM, IN LUSAKA**

**PRESENT**

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| 1. Mr. Chisanga Lusumpa      | - | Government (MoFNP) Proxy       |
| 2. Ms. Lutangu Daisy Mwilima | - | Civil Society (NCA/DCA) Member |
| 3. Ms. Mwaka Mwamulima       | - | Government (ZCCM-IH) Member    |
| 4. Mr Ellie Sampa            | - | Government (ZCCM-IH) Member    |
| 5. Mr. Hambani Ngwenya       | - | Government (ZRA) Member        |
| 6. Mr. Hugh Carruthers       | - | Industry (ZCM/FQM) Member      |
| 7. Mr Talent Ngandwe         | - | Industry (ZCM) Member          |
| 8. Ms. Tamika Halwiindi      | - | Civil Society (TIZ) Member     |
| 9. Dr. Andisen C Zulu        | - | Civil Society (CCZ) Member     |
| 10. Mr Longwe Muchimba       | - | Civil Society (FDI) Member     |

**IN ATTENDANCE**

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| 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                  |
| 7. Hannah Sophie        | - | EITI International Secretariat |
| 8. Mr. Mubanga Lengwe   | - | BDO                            |
| 9. Mr. Barrack Kalima   | - | BDO                            |

**ABSENT WITH APOLOGY**

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| 1. Mr. Felix Nkulukusa | - | Government (MoFNP) Member/ Chairperson |
| 2. Dr. Kabeta Hapenga  | - | Government (MMMD) Member               |
| 3. Ms. Mercy Zulu      | - | Government (MMMD) Proxy                |
| 4. Mr Emmanuel Chokwe  | - | Government (BOZ) Member                |
| 5. Mr. Fanizani Phiri  | - | Government (MoLG) Member               |

## **1. Opening remarks**

The meeting commenced at 09:40hrs and was chaired by Mr. Chisanga Lusumpa, Assistant Director in Ministry of Finance and National Planning. In his opening remarks, Mr. Lusumpa tendered an apology on behalf of the ZEC Chairperson and Secretary to the Treasury who could not be present at the meeting.

The Chairperson re-affirmed the commitment of the government to the EITI process and emphasized the need for members to actively champion the initiative in their various capacities.

## **2. Adoption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted without corrections. The proposal to adopt the agenda was made by Mr. Hugh Carruthers and seconded by Ms. Tamika Halwindi.

## **3. Introductions**

The Chairperson welcomed the newly elected members of the ZEC from the Civil society constituency. The chairperson also acknowledged the election of Ms Daisy Mwilima who will serve as the ZEC Vice Chairperson on behalf of the CSO constituency.

## **4. Apologies**

A list of apologies is given on page 1.

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

The minutes were confirmed as a true record of the previous meeting. The proposal to adopt the minutes was made by Ms. Mwaka Mwamulima and seconded by Dr. Andisen Zulu.

## **6. Matters Arising (Action Taken Report)**

The matters arising from the minutes and the action taken report are presented below:

a. **The production of the 2023 and 2024 ZEITI reports.** The meeting was informed that the production of the 2023 and 2024 ZEITI reports was now finalised. The consultants from BDO Zambia had combined data from the 2023 financial year with data from the 2024 financial year. Although the 2024 financial year had some missing data points, the report had sufficient information and data that covered key areas of the EITI Standard. The findings of the report are discussed below under a separate heading. The meeting was further informed that a complete coverage of the 2024 financial information and data will be done alongside the production of the 2025 and 2026 ZEITI reports in the next reporting cycle.

b. **The guardian newspaper article.** The meeting was informed that a draft rebuttal to the Guardian article was submitted to the ZEC Chairperson for his consideration. However, the input from the CSOs constituency was not submitted as they requested to conduct further consultation with the wider

constituency. The meeting resolved to allow the CSOs constituency a month to conduct consultation among its membership and thereafter submit a written position at the next ZEC meeting.

c. **The EITI Validation for Zambia.** The meeting was informed that validation preparations had reached an advanced stage and the validation templates had been shared with the ZEC for their input and comments. It was noted in the meeting that the transparency template was very detailed and required a lot of input from various stakeholders to ensure the required information is correctly captured. The approval of the template is presented in separate heading below.

## **7. Presentation and Approval of the 2023 and 2024 ZEITI Report**

The presentation of the draft 2023 and 2024 ZEITI report was made to the ZEC by the consultants from BDO. A summary of key findings of the report are presented below:

- *Section 2 of the report*
- *MMMD Act 2015 has been repealed and replaced with MRCA and the GDMA*
- *The MRCA has established the MRC- authority to manage mineral resources*
- *Mines tribunal-separate entity-power to hear appeals from MRC*
- *Expanded small scale mining rights (400 to 1000 hectares)*
- *Artisanal partnerships-foreign investors can partner with local*
- *The GMDA-provides a framework for geological survey, mapping and exploration*
- *Gaps to address*
  1. *Constitute the MRC board. The MMMD Act dissolved all establishments under it, therefore, the new act needs to fill the power vacuum*
  2. *Develop clear guidelines- Most forms at the ministry of mines are still aligned with the MMMD 2015Act. New clear guidelines are required*
  3. *Encourage stakeholder engagement- to get their concerns and address them*
- *The report has tabulated the energy transition commitments of Zambia (47% reduction of GHG by 2030); renewable energy*
- *Discussed the national critical mineral strategy*
- *The country's carbon pricing mechanism*
- *Published the anti-corruption policies; due diligence reports for mining companies*
  1. *Regulatory environment in carbon pricing (Zambia carbon market framework should be fully operationalised)*
  2. *Transparency in any PPA signed with government- should be disclosed publicly*
  3. *All mining companies encouraged to publish their anti-corruption policies, and capacity build staff in handling anti-corruption issues*
- *The report (2.6) has reported on increased state participation in the extractive sector through:*
  - a. *ZCCM-IH*
  - b. *IDC*
  - c. *Zambia Gold company*
  - d. *Zambia Mineral Investments Corporation (SPV)*

**Actions needed:**

- 1. Improve governance at SOE
- 2. With formation of new SPVs, need to clearly outline roles to avoid duplication of roles
- According to cadastre records 3,588 and 2,885 licences were issued for the years 2023 and 2024 respectively.
- The report has disclosed all mining licence holders in Zambia for the years under review
- It has also disclosed government agreements in form of joint ventures with other mining companies/states
- Gaps on contracts
  - To enhance transparency, MMMD to publish contracts of govt with mining companies
  - Stabilise the cadastre system ensuring routine publication of licence awards
- Section 3 of the report
- The report has shown the production volumes and values; it has also reported production on project level
- . Increased artisanal miners' compliance on MOSES to capture their production volumes
- 2. Standardising production value determination
- 3. To track export data accuracy- improve data reconciliation (supplier records and buyer records)
- Total revenue from the mining sector
- 2023 K33.63 billion
- 2024 K38.09 billion
- Increase was due to improved production and increase in copper prices
- ZRA continues to be the main collector of revenue from the Mining sector
- 14 companies scoped- all submitted their reporting forms
- All 8 revenue streams were included in the report
- Initial reports showed that government revenue was higher by K4 billion.
- The difference was finally reconciled constituting
  - –receipts in previous year being recognised by govt agencies this year
  - - govt offsetting of payments
  - -FX payments translated at average rate
- Sino Metal leach pollution- disclosed the pollution, the effect and what has been done so far, the government and the mining company's efforts so far to address the problem
  - Issuing an environmental restoration order
  - Procuring an independent consulting firm to assess the pollution level
  - Yet to establish the full compensation by the affected communities

The meeting approved the 2023 and 2024 ZEITI report subject to the incorporation of the written comments and input submitted by the ZEC.

## **8. Update on the Proposed World Bank Support to ZEITI Council**

The meeting was informed the grant from the World Bank is still undergoing internal processing within the World Bank. So far, the ZEITI has provided all the requisite information including proactively developing TORs for proposed activities. However, the approval process from the World Bank has been painfully slow to an extent of risking the overall implementation of the activities once the grant is affected. The grant implementation period has now reduced from 24 months to about 18 months.

The meeting was informed that any further delay in approving the grant risks reducing the implementation period, which will drastically affect the quality of outputs expected from the grant support. The World Bank has tentatively indicated that the project effectiveness is expected in February 2026, which will have an implementation period of approximately 13 months. There is a high risk that funds may not fully spent due to the reduction in the implementation period.

The total grant allocation is USD 1.3 million.

## **9. Grant support towards Local Content Reforms in the mining sector**

The Livelihood Impact Fund (LIF) has provided a grant to the ZEITI for support towards the implementation of the Local Content reforms in Zambia. The grant will support the Ministry to create an online reporting platform (LOCAS) and also to prepare implementation guidelines for the Local Content legislation. The grant will also be used to support awareness raising and peer learning activities. The total grant allocation is USD 350,000 shared among the EITI International Secretariat, the ZEITI Secretariat, and the Local Content Unit under the Ministry of Mines and Minerals Development.

## **10. Approval of Various Validation Templates**

The Validation templates were formally presented to the ZEC for approval ahead of the commencement of the Validation process for Zambia. The Validation for Zambia commenced on 1 October 2025.

The templates cover the three main thematic areas namely; Governance of the EITI implementation in Zambia, transparency requirements; and, impact of EITI implementation in Zambia.

The ZEC approved all templates and all documents relevant to the validation process including the proposed data collection schedule and the Beneficial ownership assessment report for the mining cadastre and PACRA.

## **11. Closing Remarks**

In closing the Chairperson thanked the members for making time to attend the meeting. He encouraged members to keep engaging in sector conversations for the benefit of the various stakeholders. The Chairperson further implored the CSO constituency to expedite its internal consultation process regarding the Guardian article.

The meeting closed at 13:00hrs.

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CHAIRPERSON

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## ACTION TAKEN REPORT

S/N	ISSUE	ACTION NEEDED	STATUS	BY WHOM
1	Guardian Article	CSOs to conduct internal consultation within its constituency	WIP	CSOs
2	World Bank Grant effectiveness	Develop TORs for key activities in readiness for the grant effectiveness	WIP	ZEITI
3	Procurement of the 2024, 2025, and 2026 ZEITI reports	Ministerial procurement team to commence procurement of the reports	Done	ZEITI
5	EITI Validation for Zambia	Draft report to be circulated among ZEC members for input and comments	WIP	ZEITI/Validation team