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Philippine Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative 92nd MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP (MSG) MEETING

9 August 2024, Friday | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM | Google Meet

MINUTES OF MEETING

Attendees:

Ms. Shaina Gem P. Cardenio

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>
Engr. Romualdo D. Aguilos	Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB)
Dir. Nenito C. Jariel, Jr.	Department of Energy (DOE)
Dir. Ma. Pamela P. Quizon	Bureau of Local Government Finance (BLGF)
Ms. Maricor Ann D.G. Cauton	Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP)
Atty. Ronald Rex S. Recidoro	Chamber of Mines of the Philippines (COMP)
Atty. Kiril Caral	Petroleum Association of the Philippines (PAP)
Atty. Joan D. Adaci-Cattiling	OceanaGold Philippines, Inc. (OGPI)
Atty. Francis Joseph G. Ballesteros, J	r.Philex Mining Corporation
Ms. Beverly Besmanos	Bantay Kita
Ms. Aniceta Baltar	Concerned Citizens of Abra for Good Governance
Ms. Becky S. Barrios	Panaghiusa Alang Sa Kaugalingnan Ug Kalingkawasan
	Inc. (PASAKK INC.)
Ms. Silvestra N. Dadizon	Diocese of Tandag
Mr. Rodne R. Galicha	Living Laudato Si' Philippines
Ms. Ladylyn L. Mangada	University of the Philippines Tacloban
Ms. Jeanira G. Okubo	PILIPINA, Baguio-Benguet Chapter
Mr. Glenn Pajares	Sectoral Transparency Alliance on Natural Resource
	Governance in Cebu, Inc.
Ms. Arlene Sevilla	Tawi-Tawi Regional Agricultural College
	Assembly of Masses and Basic Sectors for Unity and
	Harmony—Initiatives for Normalization and
	Advancement for Human Security (AMBUH-INAH)
	Tawi-Tawi Alliance of Civil Society Organizations, Inc.
	(TACOS)
Mr. Chito U. Trillanes	Diocese of Tandag
Ms. Mary Ann Dizon-Rodolfo	PH-EITI Secretariat
Ms. Mary Nicole Hilario	PH-EITI Secretariat
Mr. Albert A. San Diego	PH-EITI Secretariat
Ms. Rhoda H. Aranco	PH-EITI Secretariat
Mr. Job G. Besmonte	PH-EITI Secretariat

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Mr. Lloyd Rainiel C. Bonsol

Mr. Amiel De Guzman

Mr. Mark Ernest Famatigan

Ms. Aliyah Mae Gozon

Ms. Andrea Denise Samson

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Agenda:

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of the agenda of the 92nd MSG meeting
- III. Approval of the minutes of the 91st MSG meeting
- IV. Matters arising from previous meetings
- V. Main Business
 - 1. Presentation of Reconciliation Inception Report by IA
 - 2. Updates on the Annual PH-EITI FY 2022 Country Report
 - 3. Updates on the ORE tool version 2.0
 - 4. Updates on 2024 PH-EITI Regional Roadshows, Stakeholder Consultations, and Community Visits
 - 5. Highlights of the Beneficial Ownership Forum
- VI. Other matters
- VII. Summary of Agreements
- VIII. Setting of the Next Meeting
 - IX. Post-Targeted Assessment Activity on Requirement 1.3 and a Session on Requirement 3.4
 - X. Adjournment

Proceedings:

I. Call to order

Engr. Romualdo Aguilos of MGB chaired the meeting. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 1:12 p.m.

II. Approval of the agenda of the 92nd MSG meeting

The Chair asked the pleasure of the body for the agenda. An industry representative moved to approve the agenda. A government representative seconded the motion. With no objections, the motion passed.

III. Approval of the minutes of the 91st MSG meeting

As the Secretariat had only recently circulated the minutes of the 91st MSG meeting, the Chair requested the members to review them within a week.

IV. Matters arising from previous meetings

	AGREEMENTS	IN- CHARGE	STATUS
91.1	The MSG agreed to give one week for members to comment on the minutes of the 90th MSG meeting.	Secretariat	Completed
91.2	The Secretariat to update the MSG on the request to NUIECP to fund the stakeholder engagement activities.	Secretariat	Ongoing
91.3	The Secretariat to reach out to the PPA to follow-up on pending documents for their action.	Secretariat	Completed
91.4	The Secretariat to send to COMP the list of companies that are yet to accomplish disclosures through the ORE Tool	Secretariat	Completed
91.5	The Secretariat to recompute the roadshow budget to try and integrate including	Secretariat	Completed

	Dinagat Islands		
91.6	The Secretariat to convene the SEC and IC to discuss pressing committee concerns.	Secretariat	Completed

The Secretariat discussed the matters arising from the 91st MSG meeting held last June 28, 2024.

- **91.1.** There were no comments from the MSG members.
- **91.2.** The Secretariat said that this matter was ongoing and apologized for the delay. A Secretariat representative assured the MSG that this will be discussed in the Governance and Oversight Committee in September or the last quarter of the year.
- **91.3.** The Secretariat said that this was already completed and that the data had already been submitted to PH-EITI.
- **91.4.** The Secretariat said that this was already completed.
- **91.5.** The Secretariat apologized because Dinagat Islands can no longer be included in the PH-EITI Regional Roadshow this year due to financial constraints, especially since there are funding difficulties for the stakeholder consultation and community visit in Bicol. However, they intend to include Dinagat Islands in PH-EITI's subnationalization program.
- **91.6.** The Secretariat said that there was difficulty in setting a meeting for the Implementation Committee due to scheduling problems. To make up for this, the Secretariat compiled a list of pressing concerns and issues to be addressed via referendum.

The Chair asked the body if they had any comments on the matters arising from previous meetings. With no further concerns, they moved to the next agenda.

V. Main Business

1. Presentation of Reconciliation Inception Report by IA

The Independent Administrator (IA) was unavailable at the time, so a representative from the Secretariat presented this on her behalf. The Secretariat mentioned that the inception report was submitted by the IA on Wednesday (August 7). She said that the IA will use the same methodology employed by IAs that were hired for the previous PH-EITI Country

Reports.

The Secretariat said that the materiality threshold remains the same at 2%, which is consistent with previous reports and what the MSG has approved before. The nature of payments based on their relevance, communities, and operations were also considered. The IA will conduct a comparative analysis, followed by an inquiry of government personnel on the causes of variances and the writing of the report.

The Secretariat said that following the inception report is the reporting template and data gathering. She mentioned that filling out the reporting templates can be done through the ORE Tool, but companies have the option to fill out the reporting template offline.

As for the scope, the Secretariat mentioned that mining companies are classified as large-scale, metallic, and non-metallic, and whether the operations are significant. In coal, there is only one company: Semirara Mining and Power Corporation.

The Secretariat said that with regard to the revenue streams, the MSG agreed the data from revenue streams of the extractive sector are gathered from their respective government agencies. However, as of the reporting date, data from government agencies are yet to be completed.

On additional benefit streams, the Secretariat reiterated that data has yet to be completed and it is uncertain whether benefit streams identified in the inception report will be included in the data analysis. These benefit streams are:

- The materiality and inclusion of infrastructure and barter arrangements (Requirement 4.3)
- The materiality and inclusion of transportation revenues (Requirement 4.4)
- The materiality and inclusion of mandatory social payments (Requirement 6.1(a))

On subnational transfers, the Secretariat said that this covers the share in national wealth from mining taxes, as well as royalties on mineral reservations, energy sources, and forestry charges.

The Secretariat said that audit procedures were unchanged relative to previous reports. She then presented the proposed outline of the country report:

- I. Agreed Upon Procedures (AUP) Report
- II. Executive summary
- III. Methodology

- a. Development of reporting template and data gathering
- b. Reconciliation method
- c. Provisions for safeguarding confidential information

IV. Scope of the report

- a. Targeted and participating projects
- b. Targeted and participating state-owned entities (SOEs)
- c. Targeted and participating government agencies
- d. Revenue streams
- e. Mandatory social and environmental expenditures
- f. Determination of material revenue streams

V. Reconciliation results

- a. Reconciliation results per industry and government agency
- b. Reconciliation results per industry and revenue stream
- c. Reconciliation results per participating project and respective company
- d. Reconciliation results per industry and revenue stream for each participating project and respective company
- e. Summary results for each government agency and corresponding revenue streams
- f. Reconciliation results for social and environmental expenditures disaggregated by participating project and respective company
- g. Unilateral disclosures for non-participating projects

VI. LGUs in focus

- a. Payments to LGUs
 - i. Summary of reconciled LGU collections disaggregated by province and
 - municipality/city and participating project
- b. Shares in national wealth
 - i. Mining taxes
 - ii. Royalty on mineral reservation
 - iii. Energy sources
 - iv. Forestry charges
- c. Expected LGU shares in mining taxes and royalty on mineral reservations
- VII. Variances and discrepancies
- VIII. Audit procedures
- IX. Recommendations

The Secretariat also presented the timeline of the reconciliation report. She highlighted that the IA should be done with the reconciliation process by October, the initial reconciliation

report by November and the final reconciliation report by December.

Activity	Aug			Sep	- Oct		Nov			Dec						
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Submission of inception report, work plan and proposed outline																
Completion and compilation of all data gathered from the targeted projects, GOCCs, and government agencies																
Determination of participating and non- participating projects, GOCCs, and government agencies (final scoping)																
Determination of material revenue streams																
Reconciliation procedures																
Preparation of initial reconciliation report to the MSG																
Continuation of reconciliation procedures																
Drafting of report																
Submission of draft report to the MSG																
Presentation of report highlights/key findings																
Submission of final report to the MSG for review, addressing review comments and finalization of the report																

The Chair asked the body whether they had any comments or concerns. An industry representative said that she had no further comments. Another industry representative asked if the issues raised about the IA of the previous year have been addressed, to avoid them from reoccurring.

The Secretariat said that the IA usually has a team. Another Secretariat representative said that they included in the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the IA that they have to provide the data at a disaggregated and granular level so that the Secretariat can do easier quality checks.

The Chair asked whether the current IA had already served as an IA in one of the previous reports. The Secretariat confirmed this and asked for approval of the inception report.

A civil society representative asked if this meant that the submission would be from the Secretariat [instead of the IA]. A Secretariat member clarified that they only review the output of the IA. The same civil society representative asked whether there were errors in the previous report. When the Secretariat confirmed that there were, he asked whether

PH-EITI has an erratum mechanism. The Secretariat confirmed that there was, wherein it was recently used to correct errors in the FY 2021 Country Report.

An industry representative moved to approve the inception report. Another industry representative seconded. The body proceeded to the next agenda item.

2. Updates on the Annual PH-EITI FY 2022 Country Report

A member of the Secretariat presented the summary statistics on the reporting agencies and companies/projects for the FY 2022 PH-EITI Country Report.

Identified projects and companies for the FY 2022 Reporting

	Projects	Contract Holders	Operators
Metallic	56	51	21
Non-metallic	59	38	2
Oil and gas	5	5	0
Coal	1	1	0
Total	121	95	23

Who will report	Unique Project Count
Contract Holder	77
Operator	8
Both	2
To participate next year	1
Non-participating	25
Operator - no response	2
Contract Holder - no response	6
Contract Holder (that has operator)	1
TOTAL	122

NOTE: The total count is 122 because 2 projects have 3 different operators. For both projects, 1 out of 3 operators is non-participating:

- 1) MPSA No. 233-2007-XIII (SMR)—Alnor Nac's Construction and Development Corporation
- 2) MPSA No. 292-2009-VIII-Amended A—Pacific Prime Metals Resources, Inc.

ORE Nominations for DCOs and ARs

	TOTAL	Metallic	Non-met	Oil & Gas	Coal
Accomplished	98	49	46	3	0
For verification	1	1	0	0	0
Not participating	4	0	2	1	1
Not yet	23	11	11	1	0
TOTAL	126	61	59	5	1

NOTE: The total count is 126 for the tracker because

- 1) 2 projects have both contract holders and operators reporting (MPSA No. 017-93-IV as Amended-2000 and MPSA No. 197-2004-XI (Amended))
- 2) 2 projects have 3 operators (MPSA No. 197-2004-XI (Amended) and MPSA No. 292-2009-VIII-Amended A)

Submission of BIR Taxpayer's Waiver and Sec. Cert

	TOTAL	Metallic	Non-met	Oil & Gas	Coal
Yes	81	43	35	3	0
Not yet	33	15	17	1	0
BIR Waiver only	2	2	0	0	0
Sec cert only	2	0	2	0	
Advance copy	4	1	3	0	0
Not participating	4	0	2	1	1
TOTAL	126	61	59	5	1

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Accomplishments of reporting templates (ORE or offline forms)

	TOTAL	Metallic	Non-met	Oil & Gas	Coal
Validated and submitted	53	26	22	3	0
Ready for validation	3	5	0	0	0
Data entry in progress	33	15	18	0	0
No data entry / offline submission yet	31	15	15	1	0
Offline entries in progress	2	0	2	0	0
Not participating	4	0	2	1	1
TOTAL	126	61	59	5	1

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Submission of BO-related documents (BO waiver, Sec. Cert. and PEP declaration)

	TOTAL	Metallic	Non-met	Oil & Gas	Coal
Yes	66	32	31	3	0
Incomplete	4	2	2	0	0

TOTAL	126	61	59	5	1
Not participating	4	0	2	1	1
Not yet	52	27	24	1	0

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- 2) 2 projects have 3 operators (MPSA No. 197-2004-XI (Amended) and MPSA No. 292-2009-VIII-Amended A)

Reporting NGAs as of August 8

Government agency	Request Letter	Acknowledged	Data submission				
ВОС	Sent	Yes	Submitted				
DOE	Sent	Yes	Submitted				
MGB	Sent	Yes	Submitted				
DBM	Sent	Yes	Submitted				
NCIP	Sent	Yes	Not yet				
PMDC	Sent	Yes	Not yet				
PPA	Sent	No	Submitted (new)				
BLGF	Sent	Yes	Submitted				
BIR	July 2 (sent 1st batch), August 9 (2nd batch), 3rd batch (TBA)						

The Secretariat clarified that the tables presented are as of August 8, 2024—a day before this MSG meeting. For the submission of BIR Taxpayer Waivers and Secretary's Certificates, the Secretariat is hopeful that the number of submissions will increase because more companies are submitting their copies.

They also said that there is a lag in the accomplishment of reporting templates, because only 53 have been submitted despite the Secretariat receiving 81 waivers.

The Secretariat's extended deadline was on August 8, but they agreed to continue accommodating more submissions by next week.

An industry representative requested a list of COMP members mining companies who have yet to fill out the reporting templates, so that they may help in following up.

The Chair asked the Secretariat whether companies that have been followed-up via letter are responding. The Secretariat said that some companies responded, but others cannot be contacted. The Chair requested that the list of companies to be followed-up be forwarded

also to MGB, so they can do the same.

On BO-related documents, the Secretariat highlighted that 66 reporting projects have submitted complete documents, while there are four (4) companies with incomplete documents. Other companies committed to submitting their documents next week due to the unavailability of their corporate secretaries or some board members who are not available to issue the secretary's certificate.

On reporting NGAs, the Secretariat highlighted that only the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) and the Philippine Mining Development Corporation (PMDC) have not submitted data. The Secretariat has followed-up on this, and mentioned that the NCIP Ancestral Domains Office (ADO) may be busy, causing the lag in response time. They are currently considering contacting regional NCIP offices for partial data, just as PH-EITI did for the previous country report.

On BIR Taxpayer's Waivers, the Secretariat said that they've already sent the first batch of waivers on July 2, while they've sent the second batch of waivers to 21 companies on August 9. There is no date yet for sending the third batch of waivers.

The Secretariat mentioned that the consultant in charge of writing the contextual report is asking if the MSG has any special requests for the FY 2022 report, such as the report's theme. Or if there is anything specific the MSG wishes to see.

The Chair asked whether PH-EITI is still on track concerning the production of the FY 2022 Country Report, of which the Secretariat said yes. The Chair proceeded to the next agenda item.

3. Updates on the ORE tool version 2.0

The Secretariat submitted the proposal for the updated version of the Online Reporting in Extractives (ORE) Tool on August 5. The proposal has been forwarded to the Department of Finance's Central Management Information Office (DOF-CMIO) for their review and action. On the same day, CMIO acknowledged receipt of the proposal and indicated that they would discuss the matter with their team.

Although the Secretariat is awaiting their formal response, CMIO assured that they remain on track with the timeline set. CMIO also mentioned that the initial development of the updated ORE Tool is set to begin in August 2024, with the target rollout scheduled for the first quarter of 2025.

4. Updates on 2024 PH-EITI Regional Roadshows, Stakeholder Consultations, and Community Visits

The Secretariat revisited the schedule and participants for the MSG's information. For the upcoming regional roadshow, stakeholder consultation, and community visit. The details are as follows:

Cluster	Regions Covered	Venue	No. pax	Proposed Dates
Luzon	I,II, CAR	Baguio	200	August 14-16

Venue	No. pax	Proposed Dates
Zambales	75	August 19-20

She said that the Luzon cluster in Baguio is co-sponsored by the UPPAF Regulatory Reform Support Program for National Development (RESPOND). The Secretariat also said that the delegation will be organized into two groups, for they will go to two companies for the stakeholder consultation and community visit: Benguet Corporation in Itogon and Philex Mining Corporation in Tuba.

Following the Northern Luzon leg's egress, the Secretariat will go directly to Zambales to conduct a roundtable discussion on subnationalization. A day after the roundtable discussion, PH-EITI will do a community visit with the host community of Eramen Minerals Inc. in Sta. Cruz, Zambales.

The venue for the Northern Luzon leg is in Lafaayette Luxury Suites Baguio, while the venue for the Zambales is in Sunbloom Beachfront Hotel and Restaurant, Candelaria, Zambales.

As of the meeting, the Secretariat said that there are 60 participants who registered for the roundtable discussion in Baguio. They are expecting that there will be more attendees since there are stakeholders who confirmed attendance via call but have not registered. As for the regional roadshow, the Secretariat confirmed that there are currently 90 attendees who have registered.

For Zambales, the Secretariat noted that Zambales Diversified Metals Corporation has committed to assisting in inviting participants for the roundtable discussions. The company pledged to invite barangay captains from 15 communities across the province. Additionally, there are plans to hold a session with the barangay captains after lunch.

The Secretariat said that the registration is diverse, consisting of representatives from LGUs, the national government, CSOs, industry, and academe. However, there is a shortage of media attendees for the event.

The Secretariat has also begun sending invites for the upcoming Regional Roadshow in Cebu.

Another member of the Secretariat mentioned that the banquet and meals for the Cebu and Surigao legs are funded by the Department of Energy (DOE), while other expenses are covered by the PH-EITI budget as outlined in the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

The Secretariat took this agenda item as an opportunity to thank those who have cooperated and assisted in reaching out to the participants, especially MSG members from the national government.

A civil society representative suggested that PH-EITI invite DZPA, an Abra-based community radio station. She mentioned that she would send the contact details for DZPA to the Secretariat. Additionally, the representative inquired about the reimbursement of transportation and expenses for CSOs, to which the Secretariat confirmed that these costs would be covered.

The same civil society representative shared that based on their experience in holding a dialogue with the host community of OceanaGold Philippines in Didipio, PH-EITI should ensure adequate preparation. She emphasized that PH-EITI must provide all the critical information in advance, so the community will be ready to discuss data that is relevant to them. She also recommended simplifying the language in the information materials and incorporating infographics to enhance understanding.

A government representative mentioned that he, along with a colleague, will be able to attend the Zambales leg of the roadshow. However, they will not be able to join the Northern Luzon leg due to a scheduling conflict.

A CSO representative requests for additional information regarding the roundtable discussion on subnationalization.

The Secretariat mentioned that the participants of the roundtable discussion will include representatives from local offices of the NCIP, MGB, BLGF, the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO), and the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB). Before the open forum, there will be focused discussions on various topics. For example, the NCIP will address IP welfare, while the MGB will discuss its role in supporting LGUs. After the presentations, an open forum will be held to invite discussion from the other participants.

The CSO representative said that the composition and representation are good. She asked whether the same kind of officials will be invited for the Visayas and Mindanao legs, to which the Secretariat said yes, but they will instead invite from the regional offices.

An industry representative who attended online left the meeting after politely informing the body that she had to leave.

A civil society representative said that he hopes that the topics will include MGB's thrust for sustainable mining, especially with the DENR's issuance of DAO 2022-04, wherein the agency advocates for enhancement of biodiversity conservation and enhancement in mining operations.

The Chair stated that this matter can be addressed during the roundtable discussion.

The Secretariat said that they are awaiting confirmation for a speaker from MGB CAR. Meanwhile, for the Zambales leg, she said that they will invite MGB III.

A civil society representative recommended inviting CSOs that feel they have not had the opportunity to participate in PH-EITI's activities. He mentioned that this was one of the concerns raised in the Shadow Report.

A civil society representative asked if Mindoro would be included in the Palawan leg, to which the Secretariat said yes. The civil society representative asked this in light of the oil spill in Mindoro. She said that the roadshow was an opportunity to discuss the oil spill.

The Chair said that the issue would already be far from the topics because it is an environmental concern. He said that although it can be discussed, it could not be included in the agenda.

5. Highlights of the Beneficial Ownership Forum

The recent highlights from the DOF conference room included the participation of 81 attendees, with 61 industry representatives from 38 companies, along with MSG members and extractive companies attending online.

Among the topics covered are: [1] The Business Case for Disclosing Beneficial Ownership and [2] Beneficial Ownership Reporting in the Philippines. Ms. Sarah Hayton from EITI International presented an oversight of the 2023 EITI Standard and Beneficial Ownership for extractive companies, while Ms. Nicole Hilario provided updates on the production of the FY 2022 country report.

Several issues were raised during the discussions, such as accuracy and compliance in reporting, privacy concerns, international collaboration, and the need for digitalization and efficiency.

The Secretariat initiated post-event actions, sharing updates on their Facebook page, LinkedIn, and website, including the presentations. They also plan on initiating a data-sharing agreement with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) aimed at reducing the burden on extractive companies that currently submit reports through the GIS system.

Usec. Bayani has requested the fast-tracking of the data-sharing agreement, and IC meetings are expected to be scheduled soon to further discuss this matter.

VI. Other matters

A civil society representative informed the body that Bantay Kita will be filing a complaint through the grievance mechanism regarding an incident where an IP organization is facing delayed royalty payments from SR Metals in Tubay, Agusan del Norte. She explained that, thanks to the intervention of a government representative, the mining company responded quickly and coordinated with the IP organization, promising to make the payments, though staggered. However, the tribal chief later informed the representative's organization that the payments had ceased. The IP organization now intends to file an IP resolution demanding the payment of the outstanding royalties. The organization is concerned that SR Metals may cease operations soon, which could result in their pending royalty payments being overlooked.

On civil society representation in PH-EITI, the civil society representative said that Bantay Kita opened its application process to those who may be interested in joining the MSG. She said that there is currently one application and that there are seldom any applications from civil society, hence, Bantay Kita is urging incumbent and active CSO representatives to reapply.

The civil society representative hopes that a CSO with expertise on energy transition will soon have representation in the PH-EITI MSG, in light of the 2023 EITI Standard. Civil society targets that more applications will come in for CSO representation in the MSG by the end of the month.

A government representative noted the concern on IP royalties.

A civil society representative shared that there is a problem with signatories on the non-payment of royalties, so much so that the NCIP XIII has started forwarding the concerns to the courts and the central office. He said that the EITI can look into how they can help fast-track the release and resolution of the issue to determine who is entitled to the royalties.

A representative from the Secretariat urged MSG members to participate in the regional roadshow in Northern Luzon, saying that their office can reimburse the travel expenses.

VII. Summary of Agreements

A representative from the Secretariat read the summary of agreements.

Agreements	In charge	Timeline
The MSG was given a week to review the minutes of the 91st MSG meeting	MSG	August 16, 2024
The MSG approved the inception report submitted by the Independent Administrator		
The Secretariat to submit a list of COMP-member companies to the COMP, for assistance in following-up for compliance to the FY 2022 report	Secretariat	

The Secretariat to ensure that the materials to be used in the regional roadshow will be laymanized	Secretariat	
The MSG recommended including a discussion on DAO 2022-04 during the roundtable discussion		
The MSG recommended inviting to the regional roadshow CSOs belonging to communities directly affected by mining activities	Secretariat	
The Secretariat to coordinate with Bantay Kita to gather more information regarding the complaints on delayed royalty payment.		
The MSG confirmed to provide the contact details for the media outlet that can be invited to participate in the regional roadshow.	MSG	

There are no comments from the MSG.

VIII. Adjournment

The setting of the next meeting was foregone. With no other matters to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.