

THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA
MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINERALS



PRESS RELEASE

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND
TEITI-MULTI-STAKEHOLDER WORKING GROUP**

1. On 18 November, 2008 the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania issued a public statement of its decision to join the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiatives (EITI) to increase transparency and accountability in the national extractive industries.
2. EITI is a global coalition of governments, companies, civil society, and investors committed to implement standardized and internationally recognized procedures for transparency in natural resource management. EITI programs help civil society groups, media and public at large to systematically review and assess what is being paid by the companies to, and received by government agencies. By making information on payments and revenue public, EITI improves trust among these groups and reduce risk of conflict and promote stability, which are essential in attaining sustainable economic development.
3. Following the decision to join EITI, the Government has provided leadership and support in mobilizing the Industry and Civil Societies Organizations (CSOs) in establishing a fifteen member national Multi-Stakeholder Working Group (MSG). A multi-stakeholders workshop was convened on the 4th December 2008 to mark the launch of EITI activities in Tanzania. A tripartite Multi-Stakeholder Working Group was formed, where the CSOs and the industry were asked to pick five representatives from their respective constituencies.
4. Five members of the CSOs, were drawn from:- i) the disabled; ii) the media; iii) the trade union; iv) the activists and learning institutions; and v) the faith-based subgroups. Five members from the Industry, three were drawn from the Tanzania Chamber of Minerals and Energy and two from the small scale miner's community.

The Government representatives were drawn from:- i) The Prime Minister's Office-Local Government and Regional Administration; ii) Tanzania Revenue Authority; iii) Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation; iv) Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs; and v) Ministry of Energy and Minerals.

5. Thereafter, the President of the United Republic of Tanzania appointed the Chairperson of TEITI-MSG Hon. Judge (Retired) Mark Bomani to lead the initiative.

6. The constituted MSG-TEITI worked collectively and diligently towards achieving the first milestone, EITI Sign-Up phase. Accordingly, during the 4th EITI Global meeting which was held on 16th February, 2009 in Doha, Qatar, Tanzania was given an **EITI Country Candidate Status** after having been successfully completed the requirements for the EITI Sign-Up phase.

7. The Government would continue to provide leadership and support to TEITI-MSG in the implementation of subsequent EITI activities leading to full **EITI Country Compliant Status**. These activities include nationwide awareness campaign about EITI objectives; importance of publications of payments and revenues; and the benefits of EITI to economic development and poverty reductions among others. These activities demand broader consultations with communities, companies and different levels of the Government.

8. To ensure the EITI implementation is achieved as anticipated a Memorandum of Understanding that expresses obligations of the Government and that of other parties (Civil Societies Organizations and the Extractive Companies) will be signed. The Government acknowledges the importance of TEITI legislation and therefore envisages towards having an EITI code for regulating EITI activities in Tanzania.

9. In view of that, today the Government will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with TEITI-MSG as it marks further commitment from the Government to work with the Civil Societies Organizations and the Extractive Companies in implementing EITI principles and criteria in promoting transparency and accountability of revenues generated by extractive companies.

10. The MoU is a public document and will be widely circulated and posted on TEITI and Ministry of Energy and Minerals websites for public consumption.

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