ADAPTED IMPLEMENTATION REQUEST FOR THE 2012 IRAQ EITI REPORT

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Iraq EITI (IEITI) Stakeholder Council of 25 February requesting adapted implementation with respect to sub-national payments (Requirement 4.2.d) for the 2012 Iraq EITI Report and subsequent confirmation that this adaption should also include contextual information from the KRG (Requirement 3). I am pleased to inform you that the Board has agreed with this request. The Board considered that the approach set out in the adapted implementation request to include, where publicly available, data on revenue directly collected by the KRG and contextual information about the extractive sector in KRG, provides a credible basis for ensuring that the EITI Report is comprehensive, reliable and will contribute to public debate.

In line with the request for adapted implementation, the Board requires that the IEITI Stakeholder Council ensures that the 2012 EITI Report discloses payments associated with contracts or production from Kurdistan where possible (e.g., where Iraq’s State Oil Marketing Organisation controls exports), and that any other publically available data on revenues directly collected by KRG as well as contextual information about the extractive sector in KRG is collated and disclosed in the report for reference purposes.

In addition, the Board requests that the IEITI Stakeholder Council takes steps to ensure that the 2012 EITI Report includes an assessment of the comprehensiveness of the information, particularly with respect to payments to the KRG. As per requirement 5.3.d, the reports should identify any “any gaps or weaknesses in reporting … and an assessment of whether this is likely to have had material impact on the comprehensiveness of the report”.

The Board also recommends that the IEITI Stakeholder Council continues to take steps to engage the KRG in the EITI process.

As ever, I wish you the best of luck in this continued and important process.

Yours sincerely

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cc. Iraq EITI Stakeholder Council