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Without DOI in the picture, it seemed unfair to continue without deleting at least one "I" from the EITI label.

I'll restore EITI to its original form. J

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Judy (and, Greg and Heidi),

With respect to Jim's revised text, I highlighted his additions to show how these lines will now look [see below "**Background for briefer**"]. **Are you and Greg okay with that?**

Regarding the new URL, I've corrected the link to reflect "revenuedata.doi" as written.

On the **hyperlink** that you provided, I've taken into account that the link would only work if someone is clicking directly from the Press Guidance. Unfortunately, this press guidance is not/not for the public, and most people at State who use it would simply print out the guidance, in effect rendering the hyperlink superfluous.

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Attachments:

USEITI Withdrawal Cable to Posts_JLewis_09.29.17_Clean.docx
USEITI Withdrawal Cable to
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Oh, Ok, got it!

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Look forward to meeting everyone in person.

Regards,

(b) (6)

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Director, Office of Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy

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Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 12:35 PM

To: Lewis, Jennifer

Cc: (b) (6)

Judith Wilson

Subject: Re: EITI cable to posts

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Sent: Tue Oct 03 2017 16:51:43 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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Thanks for the update, I'll share your email with DOI leadership.

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U.S. To End Domestic Implementation of Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), Will Remain Engaged in International Effort

1. (SBU) **Summary and Action Request:** On November 6, 2017, the U.S. Department of the Interior notified the EITI Board that the United States will no longer implement the EITI transparency rules domestically. The United States remains a supporting country of the EITI, and as such we will continue to be involved in the governance, mission, promotion, funding, and goal-setting of the EITI. Through the Department and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the United States continues to use the EITI as a tool to promote transparency, increase competitiveness, and combat corruption. Posts are requested to deliver talking points in paragraph 4 to appropriate host government officials that manage involvement in or implementation of the EITI. Points in paragraph 4 may be left with host government officials as a non-paper. ENR would appreciate notification of any inquiry or substantive statement from host government. **End Summary and Action Request.**

2. (SBU) **Background:** The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) is a voluntary global multi-stakeholder initiative in which countries, extractive sector companies and civil society organizations jointly implement revenue transparency rules in the oil, gas and mining sectors. Those rules are implemented and overseen within each country by a locally governed multi-stakeholder group (MSG), while national EITI secretariats are tasked with implementation, reporting, and accountability. The EITI International Board, on which ENR serves, includes representatives from oil, gas and mining companies, civil society organizations, and implementing and supporting countries, and is chaired by Fredrik Reinfeldt, the former prime minister of Sweden. The EITI International Secretariat, based on Oslo, supports national secretariats, communicates lessons learned with stakeholders, and performs the evaluation process for all implementing countries. Engagement in the EITI serves critical U.S. national and foreign policy objectives, including fighting corruption, leveling the playing field for U.S. companies overseas, and promoting good governance in the extractive sector worldwide. For this reason, the United States has been a strong supporter of the EITI since inception. The United

States is one of seventeen supporting countries of the EITI and, through ENR, serves on the EITI Board as an alternate member representing Australia, Canada and Japan. Through USAID, the United States also robustly supports EITI implementation, peer exchange and research around the world. In 2011, the United States committed to implement the EITI rules domestically, and in 2014 the United States was formally admitted as a candidate implementing country. (Four countries both support the EITI and implement its rules – Germany, Norway, the United Kingdom, and the United States.) The Department of the Interior was designated to coordinate domestic U.S. implementation and subsequently convened our MSG (USEITI) and published annual performance reports.

3. (SBU) Despite notable progress made by USEITI, implementation of the EITI's rules – including the new 2016 EITI Standard – is not feasible within the United States. For this reason, on November 6, the Department of the Interior notified Chair Reinfeldt and the EITI Board that the United States will cease implementation of the EITI Standard domestically, effective immediately. Despite U.S. leadership in the areas of transparency and accountability, (b) (5)

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While the United States has effectively mainstreamed – and indeed exceeds – the EITI Standard in much of its existing natural resource management processes, (b) (5)

Despite the infeasibility of implementing the EITI Standard domestically, the United States remains a strong supporter of the global EITI initiative and is committed to the underlying principles of transparency in the extractive sector. The Department lead for continued U.S. leadership in the global initiative and the Department point of contact for further inquiries on EITI is the Bureau of Energy Resources (ENR, telephone 202-647-7959, email (b) (6) @state.gov). The USAID lead for continued Agency support of EITI implementation at the country level is the Center for Democracy, Human Rights and Governance (DRG, telephone 202-712-0734, email jenlewis@usaid.gov). **End Background.**

4. (U) Post is requested to provide following talking points to host government officials responsible for EITI issues. These points may be left with host government officials as a non-paper.

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4. (U) The EITI point of contact in the Department's Bureau of Energy Resources is (b) (6)
[REDACTED]@state.gov.

Approved: ENR – Sue Saarnio, Acting

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May 26, 2016

ACTION MEMO FOR UNDER SECRETARY SHANNON

FROM: ENR – Acting, Mary B. Warlick
H – Julia E. Frifield

SUBJECT: (U) Congressional Report on Transparency in Extractive Industries
Resource Payments

Recommendation

(U) That you approve the annual report required by the “Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007” and its transmittal to Congress.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Background

This report was prepared pursuant to section 935(d) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (Title IX, P.L. 110-140), which requires that the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees an annual report on progress made in promoting transparency in extractive industries resource payments. The report was prepared in close consultation with the Department of Energy, as well as the Departments of the Interior and Treasury. This report covers the period from approximately May 2015 to May 2016. This report addresses U.S. government involvement in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), including U.S. implementation of the initiative, as well as bilateral and multilateral activities to help individual countries participate in EITI and additional U.S. government efforts to increase the transparency of natural resource management beyond EITI. You have authority to submit this report pursuant to Delegation of Authority 280-1, dated February 13, 2009.

Attachments:

Tab 1 – Report on Transparency in Extractive Industries Resource Payments
Tab 2 – Transmittal Letters for Signature

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Approved: ENR – Acting, PDAS Mary B. Warlick (ok)

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From: (b) (6) [mailto:(b) (6)@state.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 5:39 PM

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Subject: EITI Standard rankings and suspensions

Briefly, the 2016 Standard uses 34 indicators across seven broad areas: MSG oversight, licenses and contracts, monitoring production, revenue collection, revenue allocation, socio-economic contribution, and outcomes and impact. The Standard provides four possible assessments for a country's overall progress:

- Satisfactory: gold star, you did everything right [you're compliant and will be evaluated again in 3-5 years]
- Meaningful: good job, you've got a few areas for improvement but your intent is obvious [the Board will impose corrective actions that you must complete in 12-18 months]
- Inadequate: significant requirements are not being met [you're suspended and the Board will impose corrective actions that you must complete in 12-18 months]
- No progress: you're not making any discernible effort to comply [you're delisted, i.e. thrown out of EITI implementation entirely]

Thirteen countries have been validated against the 2016 Standard:

- Three scored INADEQUATE and were suspended with corrective actions – Tajikistan, Solomon Islands, and Kyrgyz Republic
- Ten scored MEANINGFUL and were given corrective actions – Azerbaijan (which later withdrew under threat of suspension for civil society violations), Mongolia, Nigeria, Peru, Timor-Leste, Ghana, Mauritania, Sao Tome and Principe, Liberia, and Mali.

Countries are often suspended for short periods of time for technical violations, e.g. missing a reporting deadline. At least nine countries have been suspended at some point since 2011. The Board will probably suspend Ethiopia next month for missing a reporting deadline. Only two countries have been fully delisted – Gabon and Equatorial Guinea, for repeated reporting violations.

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Subject: Re: EITI Standard rankings and suspensions

Jim and Tess,

Just to follow up on (b) (6) email, and per your request at last week's subPCC, attached please find a summary document on country membership and participation in EITI. This includes some of the information (b) (6) has already provided. It also includes a general background on both supporting and implementing EITI countries, details the current status of each country (including when validation is expected), and lists which countries have been suspended, delisted and withdrawn. The document also summarizes the United States' participation in EITI both as an implementing and supporting country.

Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Country Summary

A. General background on EITI and United States' engagement in the initiative

1. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) membership: EITI – established in 2003 – is a voluntary, global partnership between governments, extractive industry companies, and civil society designed to promote the open and accountable management of oil, gas and mineral resources. There are currently 52 Implementing Countries (see below), including six countries currently in suspended (must take corrective actions to remain members) status. In addition to implementing countries, there are 15 current Supporting Countries who provide leadership and financial support to the initiative, but who do not necessarily implement EITI. 2017 Supporting Countries include:

- Australia (has announced intention to join as an Implementing Country)
- Belgium
- Canada
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany (also an Implementing Country)
- Italy
- Japan
- Norway (also an Implementing Country)
- Spain
- Sweden
- The Netherlands
- The United Kingdom (also an Implementing Country)
- The United States (also an Implementing Country, see below)

2. Country implementation of EITI. Countries wishing to join EITI apply for candidacy status. If accepted, they remain candidates until they undergo validation. Validation is the process under which every EITI member country is routinely assessed against the EITI Standard, including reviewing progress against EITI Requirements and making recommendations for improvements. EITI candidate countries are required to commence the first validation within two and a half years of becoming an EITI candidate. EITI countries are required to be re-validated every three years.

3. The United States as an EITI Supporting Country: The United States is an EITI Supporting Country, and has maintained strong, high-level commitment to EITI since inception (2003), both through the State Department and USAID. The State Department/ENR holds the EITI Supporting Country Board seat for the United States. In this role the State Department provides critical U.S. leadership on the governance, financial management, and strategic direction of the global initiative. USAID has complemented this international leadership by providing significant support and funding to EITI implementation. Between FY 2006 and FY 2016, based on a clear Congressional directive, USAID has supported over \$32 million worth of EITI implementation, peer exchange and research around the world, including \$13.5 million in multilateral support for the World Bank-managed EITI Single Donor

Trust Fund, and nearly \$17 million in bilateral support through USAID missions¹. USAID is currently in the procurement stage of a planned grant to provide direct funding to the EITI Secretariat from the FY17 EITI Congressional directive.

4. The United States as an EITI Implementing Country: The United States began the process of joining EITI in 2012 as an Implementing Country as part of the first U.S. Open Government Partnership (OGP) National Action Plan. The EITI-required U.S. Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) was formed in December 2012, and in December 2013, after significant MSG engagement with stakeholders across the country, the U.S. submitted an application to the EITI International Board. The Board officially accepted the United States EITI as an Implementing Country (candidate status) in March 2014, and USEITI was established under the U.S. Department of the Interior.

B. Summary of EITI implementation standards and country statuses

1. Validation and status categories: Country validation results in one of the following designations: satisfactory progress, meaningful progress, inadequate progress, or no progress (see below). Countries achieving satisfactory progress pass validation. Countries achieving meaningful progress are deemed candidate countries and are requested to take corrective actions prior to the next validation. Countries achieving inadequate progress – or countries who fail to achieve satisfactory progress on EITI’s four core requirements (government engagement, company engagement, civil society engagement, or timely EITI reporting) – are suspended. Countries achieving no progress are delisted. Details on the specific categories are as follow:

- Satisfactory progress: All aspects of each requirement have been implemented and the broader objectives of the requirements have been fulfilled.
- Meaningful progress: Significant aspects of each requirement have been implemented and the broader objectives of the requirements are being fulfilled. A country will be given a timeline to meet the outstanding requirements. If it does not meet the deadline, it might be suspended.
- Inadequate progress: Significant aspects of each requirement have been not been implemented and the broader objectives of the requirements are far from being fulfilled. A country will be suspended and given a timeline to meet the outstanding requirements before being delisted.
- No progress: All or nearly all aspects of each requirement remain outstanding and the broader objectives of the requirements are not fulfilled. A country is deemed to have made no progress and is delisted.

2. Current country statuses: To date, only 13 countries have been assessed against the 2016 EITI Standard and undergone validation. There are currently four countries in suspended status due to not meeting the EITI Standard (Ethiopia, Kyrgyz Republic, Solomon Islands and Tajikistan), including not reporting on time. Two additional countries - Central African Republic and Yemen – are currently in suspended status due to internal conflict. Most countries - including the United States - have yet to be assessed against the Standard. The EITI Secretariat has an ambitious program of upcoming validations through 2019. The United States is currently set to commence validation on April 1, 2018. Current members, their statuses, and scheduled validations are as follows:

¹ See Annex 1 for a listing of USAID’s bilateral mission support for EITI implementation.

Current Members and Status (52, as of September 2017)²:

- Afghanistan (Validation underway)
- Albania (Validation underway)
- Armenia (Validation scheduled for 2019)
- Burkina Faso (Validation underway)
- Cameroon (Validation underway)
- Central African Republic (Suspended due to political instability)
- Chad (Validation scheduled for 2018)
- Colombia (Validation scheduled for 2018)
- Côte d'Ivoire (Validation underway)
- Democratic Republic of Congo (Validation scheduled for 2018)
- Dominican Republic (Validation scheduled for 2019)
- Ethiopia (Suspended)
- Germany (Validation scheduled for 2019)
- Ghana (Validated under 2016 Standard: Meaningful Progress)
- Guatemala (Validation scheduled for 2018)
- Guinea (Validation scheduled for 2018)
- Honduras (Validation underway)
- Indonesia (Validation scheduled for 2018)
- Iraq (Validation underway)
- Kazakhstan (Validation underway)
- Kyrgyz Republic (Suspended)
- Liberia (Validated under 2016 Standard: Meaningful Progress)
- Madagascar (Validation underway)
- Malawi (Validation scheduled for 2018)
- Mali (Validated under 2016 Standard: Meaningful Progress)
- Mauritania (Validated under 2016 Standard: Meaningful Progress)
- Mongolia (Validated under 2016 Standard: Meaningful Progress)
- Mozambique (Validation underway)
- Myanmar (Validation scheduled for 2018)
- Niger (Validation underway)
- Nigeria (Validation scheduled for 2018)
- Norway (Validation underway)
- Papua New Guinea (Validation scheduled for 2018)
- Peru (Validated under 2016 Standard: Meaningful Progress)
- Philippines (Validation underway)
- Republic of the Congo
- Sao Tome and Principe (Validated under 2016 Standard: Meaningful Progress)
- Senegal (Validation underway)
- Seychelles (Validation scheduled for 2018)

² Full validation results are available at <https://eiti.org/document/validation-schedule-decisions>

- Sierra Leone (Validation scheduled for 2018)
- Solomon Islands (Suspended)
- Suriname (Validation scheduled for 2019)
- Tajikistan (Suspended)
- Tanzania (Validation underway)
- Timor-Leste (Validated under 2016 Standard: Meaningful Progress)
- Togo (Validation underway)
- Trinidad and Tobago (Validation scheduled for 2018)
- Ukraine (Validation underway)
- United Kingdom (Validation scheduled for 2018)
- United States of America (Validation scheduled for 2018)
- Yemen (Suspended due to political instability)
- Zambia (Validation underway)

2. New EITI countries. Several countries have announced their intention to join EITI. These include the following:

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- Australia
 - France
 - Guyana
 - Mexico

3. Former EITI countries (expelled and withdrawn): Very few countries have been expelled from EITI, and to date only one country has withdrawn from the initiative. These include the following.

Countries who have been delisted (expelled):

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- Equatorial Guinea
 - Gabon

Countries who have withdrawn:

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- Azerbaijan (following the March 2017 Board decision to suspend)
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CC: "Wilson, Judith" <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>, (b) (6) @state.gov, Sam Bartlett <SBartlett@eiti.org>
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Best wishes,

Jonas

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Dear Jonas,

Thank you for taking the time to provide us a detailed plan for the morning session. I'm fine with what you have recommended and I assume we will all need to be flexible as we work through the morning meeting. I hope we can all come to a positive path forward.

I'll see you Thursday morning.

Respectfully,

Greg

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Thanks, this is a good overview of the technical achievements and challenges that now face us. Sam's concerns (b) (5)

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Jim (b) (6)

See additional feedback below from the International Secretariat, note that it is clear we are on the road to suspension unless we withdraw our application as soon as possible.

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Greg

Gregory J. Gould

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Thanks Greg and Judith,

This neatly illustrates the conundrum. One the one hand, DOI continues to do a quite remarkable job of mainstreaming EITI implementation within the scope of its jurisdiction and mandate, with detailed and timely disclosures of non-tax revenues (and how these are used), alongside other important contextual information. In many ways, this work exceeds the EITI's requirements. However:

1. There will be no reporting from companies, no reconciliation, and no assessment from an Independent Administrator as per the EITI Standard. While it's possible to argue company reporting and reconciliation are already done routinely (making the work of the Independent Administrator redundant), and that all stakeholders accept that this data as comprehensive and highly reliable, this would require a mainstreaming application endorsed by the MSG and the EITI Board prior to the publication of the report.
2. There's no pathway for meeting the EITI's requirements regarding reporting of income corporate

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Hi Judith,

We're preparing the implementation progress report for the forthcoming Board meeting in Oslo. Any updates you could provide on the issues highlighted below would be most welcome.

Regards,
Sam

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Sent: Tuesday, 11 April 2017 10:18 AM
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Hi Judith,

At our call on 30 March we discussed your pre-validation assessment and the development of an options paper addressing next steps for US EITI implementation. Here are some questions and observations on some the key aspects. I'd be happy to elaborate further if useful.

1. Validation scenarios

We broadly agree with your self-assessment. We have some questions about some technical aspects (e.g., some issues regarding scoping (4.1) and adherence to the standard ToRs for Independent Administrators (4.9). As you have identified, industry participation, the coverage of reconciliation and the coverage of income tax is problematic. In some other respects - such as coverage of the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program and the work on the open data portal - US EITI implementation is exemplary.

As you know, the EITI has changed its approach to Validation. We have moved away from a binary “pass/fail”, “candidate/compliant” system. Validation now provides both an “overall assessment” and scorecard addressing adherence to various aspects of the EITI Standard. The most likely scenario is an overall assessment of “meaningful progress”. As you can see [here](#), this is a relatively common outcome. No country has so far achieved an overall assessment of “satisfactory progress”. Most countries have a rather long list of corrective actions.

As you know, Validation in the United States is currently scheduled to commence on 1 April 2018. This implies completion of Validation circa September 2018. We of course don’t know what will happen with 1504 until then. Note that the MSG is entitled to seek an extension if it considers that there have been “exceptional circumstances”. If a new 1504 Rule has been released, the MSG might consider requesting an extension. Alternatively, if Validation goes ahead as scheduled, progress based on implementation of 1504 could be considered at the second Validation as late as March 2020.

2. The Royalty Policy Committee acting as the MSG.

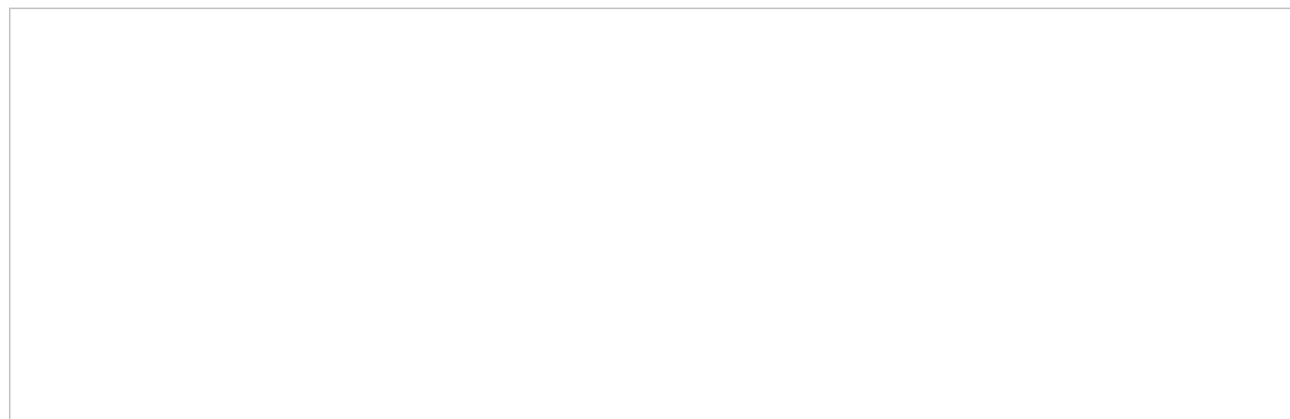
There is nothing in the EITI Standard that prevents an implementing country from changing the form and composition of the MSG. It is, however, essential that “each stakeholder group must have the right to appoint its own representatives” (Requirement 1.4.a.ii). The documents that you have provided stipulate that the appointments will be approved by the Secretary. Could you provide some additional detail on how the members will be selected? Is it feasible for the industry and CSO constituencies to appoint their own representatives, even if they are ultimately approved by the Secretary?

The EITI Standard also requires that the MSG agrees clear public terms of reference for its work, approves its own work plans, and its agrees its internal governance rules and procedures. It would be good to consider how this would be done, at least in terms of the Committee’s work relating to EITI implementation. I guess one option is that the MSG is formed as a subcommittees of the Royalty Policy Committee.

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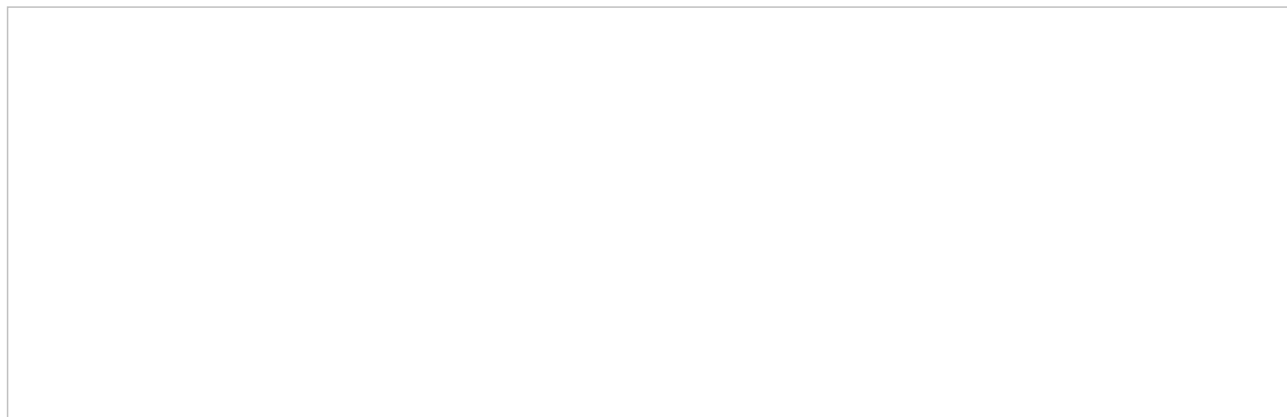
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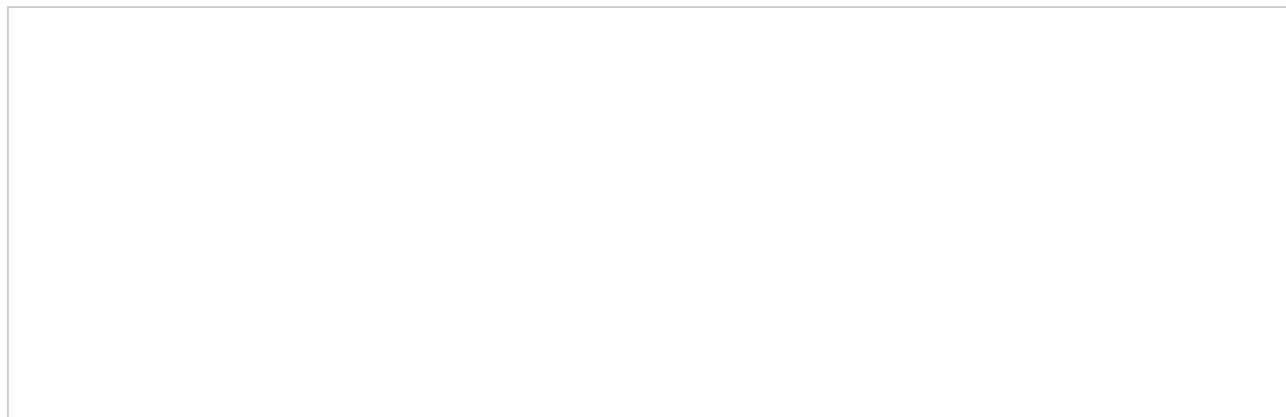
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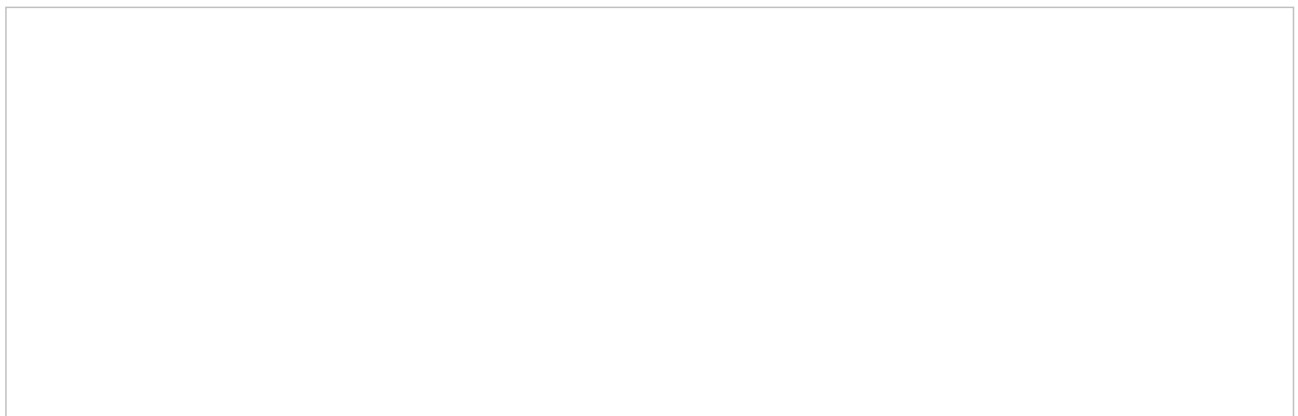
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We know that these figures cannot be reconciled with government data. For a start, Chevron's statement is done on an accrual basis (taking into account various adjustments and provisions) not on a cash flow basis (i.e., actual payments made to the government). I assume Chevron makes its income tax payments on a group basis, and that the IRS doesn't account for the business segments separately. This makes reconciliation impossible, even if 1504 was in place.

Setting reconciliation aside, this is a reliable (audited) statement from Chevron on their US tax liabilities. And, from a user perspective, it is useful to see these numbers presented in their wider financial context. Specifically, by consulting the 10-K Report, you can see how and why the figure is \$1.172 billion. Can we not do more to collate these existing disclosures? Even a simple list of in-scope companies with links to the public filings may help offset the criticism that "industry is not participating".

4. Project level reporting

Another issue we should consider is the EITI's requirement on project-level reporting, originally agreed in 2013. It would be good to discuss how the DOI plans to address this. This may help keep civil society engaged.

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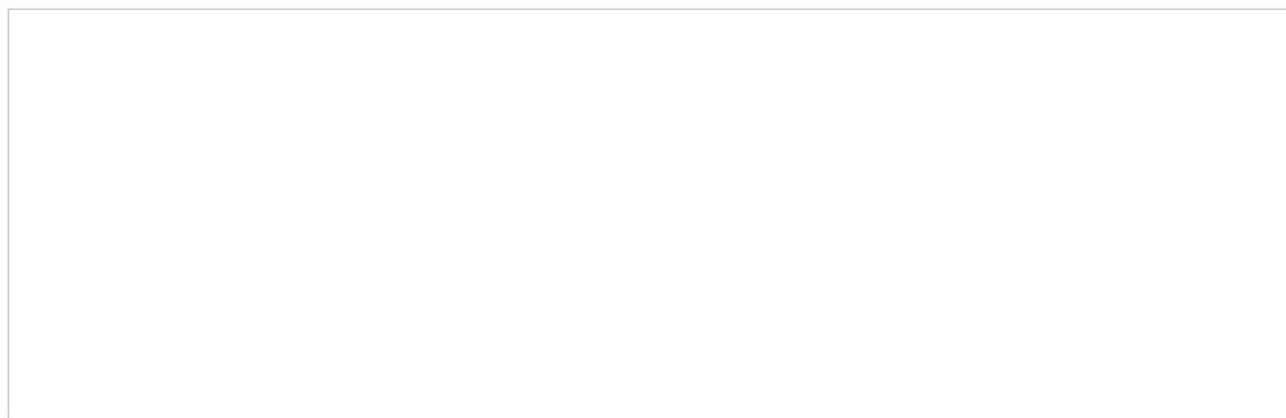
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The Co-chairs have not yet approved the February Meeting Summary. I am glad to check with our Federal Advisory Committee expert to share the draft as long as you understand it is still draft. In a perfect world, I (this is me the Secretariat) would like to take a "pause" as an implementing Country as we have a new Administration that is still assembling itself and we need to wait and see what the SEC is going to do about implementing the Dodd-Frank Act. As I noted in an earlier e-mail, it is unrealistic to expect company disclosure to significantly improve this year over the last two years. We remain committed to the principles of EITI and we are moving with determination to institutionalize EITI within Interior and to mainstream Interior's government reporting. We welcome a discussion about how to put our best foot forward in the U.S. context.

On Fri, Apr 21, 2017 at 9:40 AM, Sam Bartlett <SBartlett@eiti.org> wrote:

Dear Judith,

Thanks for this update. We will update the Board through the implementation progress report.

Have the minutes from the February MSG meeting been approved? If so, it would be good if you could send them to us.

We were not aware that the MSG has agreed "to forego independent reconciliation of revenues by the Independent Administrator for the 2017 USEITI Report". Alongside the adapted implementation request addressing subnational payments (requirement 4.6), this is a major departure from the EITI Standard's provisions on comprehensive reconciliation of taxes and revenues (4.1) and data quality and assurance (4.9). It is unprecedented that an EITI implementing country prepares an EITI Report without an Independent Administrator.

In addition, our understanding from the summary below is that DOI will not invite companies to participate in the EITI reporting process, and that the 2017 EITI Report will be based on unilateral government disclosure. The coverage of income tax will continue be limited to aggregate estimates from the IRS (as per the EITI Reports published to date), with some additional references to disclosures to the SEC through 10-K Reports. Again, it is unprecedented that an EITI implementing country

prepares an EITI Report without company participation, and that the largest revenue stream (Federal Corporate Income Tax) is reported in this way.

The Standard is clear that "should the multi-stakeholder group wish to adapt or deviate from these agreed upon procedures, approval from the EITI Board must be sought in advance". Proceeding with the 2017 EITI Report on this basis without Board approval raises governance issues.

In our view, it seems unlikely that the US EITI MSG will endorse a mainstreaming/adapted implementation request that that departs so fundamentally from the EITI Standard. Even if stakeholders agree that the Independent Administrator is not needed, the proposal to exempt companies from reporting has little chance of securing support from CSOs. Even if this was possible, we don't think it likely that the EITI Board will endorse this approach given the precedent it would set.

In light of the below, it does indeed appear necessary in the coming weeks and months to work out the US relationship with the EITI. If the below cannot be significantly revised, withdrawal seems likely and we need in that case to figure out how this can best be done. This can surely be done in a way where the Board would recognise the outstanding work that the DOI has done to bring together stakeholders and open up government systems regarding disclosure on non-tax revenues, and the success in engaging three states with significant extractive industries. We hope, of course, that such a withdrawal alongside any developments related to DF 1504 will not call into question US support for the EITI.

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We did provide the self-assessment the MSG discussed at the November MSG Meeting as well as the MSG approved request for extending Adapted Implementation for USEITI's subnational and tribal opt-in as a means of initiating a conversation about the feasibility of possible next steps to ameliorate areas we identified as needing improvement before a validation assessment. We do look forward to those discussion and your input.

Previous remarks by yourself and Jonas tend to highlight the lack of Company and Government participation in reporting tax revenues as a primary hindrance to not only validation but perhaps also to achieving meaningful progress.

With respect to Table 2 of the 2015 EITI Report Executive Summary, you noted you were unable to determine whether any of the company-disclosures were on a project level. The Table in the Executive Summary reflects Parent Companies and the data is not disaggregated on a project level.

I do also want to provide you an update on our progress for the 2017 Report thus far (which began in November of last year).

We have Government data for: Indian Revenue (FY 2016); Indian Production (FY 2016); ONRR Unilateral Disclosure by Company, Commodity and Revenue Stream (CY 2016); Disbursement Data (FY 2016); Federal Revenue by revenue stream and lease type down to the county level whenever not violating the TSA (CY and FY 2016); Federal Production by product and down to the county level whenever not violating the TSA (CY and FY 2016); and for the first time the 2017 Report will include the ONRR Unilateral Disclosure of revenue streams by Parent Company and by State for CY 2016). This will become a regular feature. As you may recall from our February MSG Meeting, we presented for MSG discussion project-level reporting. Per Dodd-Frank 1504 - project means operational

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At the November MSG Meeting, the IA was directed to:

- Review whether DOI audit procedures would satisfy EITI reconciliation requirements, the relative cost-effectiveness of these audit procedures as compared to the current USEITI reconciliation process, and the timeline for implementing any revisions to the USEITI reconciliation process.
- Consider whether careful review and description of DOI audit procedures might help demonstrate the potential for mainstreaming of USEITI reporting.
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There is nothing in the EITI Standard that prevents an implementing country from changing the form and composition of the MSG. It is, however, essential that "each stakeholder group must have the right to appoint its own representatives" (Requirement 1.4.a.ii). The documents that you have provided stipulate that the appointments will be approved by the Secretary. Could you provide some additional detail on how the members will be selected? Is it feasible for the industry and CSO constituencies to appoint their own representatives, even if they are ultimately approved by the Secretary?

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We know that these figures cannot be reconciled with government data. For a start, Chevron's statement is done on an accrual basis (taking into account various adjustments and provisions) not on a cash flow basis (i.e., actual payments made to the government). I assume Chevron makes its income tax payments on a group basis, and that the IRS doesn't account for the business segments separately. This makes reconciliation impossible, even if 1504 was in place.

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At the Board meeting in Bogota the EITI Board reaffirmed that project-level reporting is required. EITI countries will be required to:

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3. The EITI Board will develop further guidance on the implementation of the requirement and issue a schedule for how and when this requirement will be validated.

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The Standard is clear that "should the multi-stakeholder group wish to adapt or deviate from these agreed upon procedures, approval from the EITI Board must be sought in advance". Proceeding with the 2017 EITI Report on this basis without Board approval raises governance issues.

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In light of the below, it does indeed appear necessary in the coming weeks and months to work out the US relationship with the EITI. If the below cannot be significantly revised, withdrawal seems likely and we need in that case to figure out how this can best be done. This can surely be done in a way where the Board would recognise the outstanding work that the DOI has done to bring together stakeholders and open up government systems regarding disclosure on non-tax revenues, and the success in engaging three states with significant extractive industries. We hope, of course, that such a withdrawal alongside any developments related to DF 1504 will not call into question US support for the EITI.

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Previous remarks by yourself and Jonas tend to highlight the lack of Company and Government participation in reporting tax revenues as a primary hindrance to not only validation but perhaps also to achieving meaningful progress.

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We know that these figures cannot be reconciled with government data. For a start, Chevron's statement is done on an accrual basis (taking into account various adjustments and provisions) not on a cash flow basis (i.e., actual payments made to the government). I assume Chevron makes its income tax payments on a group basis, and that the IRS doesn't account for the business segments separately. This makes reconciliation impossible, even if 1504 was in place.

Setting reconciliation aside, this is a reliable (audited) statement from Chevron on their US tax liabilities. And, from a user perspective, it is useful to see these numbers presented in their wider financial context. Specifically, by consulting the 10-K Report, you can see how and why the figure is \$1.172 billion. Can we not do more to collate these existing disclosures? Even a simple list of in-scope companies with links to the public filings may help offset the criticism that "industry is not participating".

4. Project level reporting

Another issue we should consider is the EITI's requirement on project-level reporting, originally agreed in 2013. It would be good to discuss how the DOI plans to address this. This may help keep civil society engaged.

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I will set the call for 5/4 - 15:00 eastern time and provide a call-in number. Because the meeting on the 10/11th is at the behest of the International Secretariat, I think it appropriate for Jonas to weigh-in and respond to Isabell. By now you have seen Danielle weigh-in as well.

On Tue, May 2, 2017 at 2:20 AM, Sam Bartlett <SBartlett@eiti.org> wrote:

Hi Judith. 15:00 eastern on 5/4/15 (Thursday) would suit us best. We can use our teleconference line if needed. Are you or Greg planning to respond to Isabella? If not, Jonas will. / SB

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We can make a one hour call on 5/4/15 (Thursday) either at 2 - 3 eastern or 3 -4 eastern. Does either of those times work for you (I believe 8 or 9 am your time?)

On Fri, Apr 28, 2017 at 10:29 AM, Sam Bartlett <SBartlett@eiti.org> wrote:

Thanks Judith. / SB

On 28 Apr 2017, at 4:26 PM, Judith Wilson <judith.wilson@onrr.gov> wrote:

I will find a time on Greg' calendar early next week. I'll get back with you Monday.

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Hi Judith,

I hope you're okay with the messages sent in preparation for the meeting on 11 May. Would you and Greg have time for a call next week to discuss? It may, of course, be quite a difficult meeting and we need to compare notes and have a good understanding of each other's take on the situation. Tuesday or Thursday would be best for us.

It is not usual for there to be a pause in EITI implementation when there is a change of government in an implementing country. But a pause until there is clarity from the SEC on Dodd-Frank Act is surely not realistic. With further MSG meetings and company reporting appearing to some to be on hold, there are already questions about whether the US is still implementing the EITI. There may soon be calls that the EITI Board should consider suspending the US as "significant aspects of the EITI Principles and Requirements are not (being) adhered to" (requirement 8.6).

We hope the discussions on 11 May can be as constructive as possible.

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The Co-chairs have not yet approved the February Meeting Summary. I am glad to check with our Federal Advisory Committee expert to share the draft as long as you understand it is still draft. In a perfect world, I (this is me the Secretariat) would like to take a "pause" as an implementing Country as we have a new Administration that is still assembling itself and we need to wait and see what the SEC is going to do about implementing the Dodd-Frank Act. As I noted in an earlier e-mail, it is unrealistic to expect company disclosure to significantly improve this year over the last two years. We remain committed to the principles of EITI and we are moving with determination to institutionalize EITI within Interior and to mainstream Interior's government reporting. We welcome a discussion about how to put our best foot forward in the U.S. context.

On Fri, Apr 21, 2017 at 9:40 AM, Sam Bartlett <SBartlett@eti.org> wrote:

Dear Judith,

Thanks for this update. We will update the Board through the implementation progress report.

Have the minutes from the February MSG meeting been approved? If so, it would be good if you could send them to us.

We were not aware that the MSG has agreed "to forego independent reconciliation of revenues by the Independent Administrator for the 2017 USEITI Report". Alongside the adapted implementation request addressing subnational payments (requirement 4.6), this is a major departure from the EITI Standard's provisions on comprehensive reconciliation of taxes and revenues (4.1) and data quality and assurance (4.9). It is unprecedented that an EITI implementing country prepares an EITI Report without an Independent Administrator.

In addition, our understanding from the summary below is that DOI will not invite companies to participate in the EITI reporting process, and that the 2017 EITI Report will be based on unilateral government disclosure. The coverage of income tax will continue be limited to aggregate estimates from the IRS (as per the EITI Reports published to date), with some additional references to disclosures to the SEC through 10-K Reports. Again, it is unprecedented that an EITI implementing country prepares an EITI Report without company participation, and that the largest revenue stream (Federal Corporate Income Tax) is reported in this way.

The Standard is clear that "should the multi-stakeholder group wish to adapt or deviate from these agreed upon procedures, approval from the EITI Board must be sought in advance". Proceeding with the 2017 EITI Report on this basis without Board approval raises governance issues.

In our view, it seems unlikely that the US EITI MSG will endorse a mainstreaming/adapted implementation request that that departs so fundamentally from the EITI Standard. Even if stakeholders agree that the Independent Administrator is not needed, the proposal to exempt companies from reporting has little chance of securing support from CSOs. Even if

this was possible, we don't think it likely that the EITI Board will endorse this approach given the precedent it would set.

In light of the below, it does indeed appear necessary in the coming weeks and months to work out the US relationship with the EITI. If the below cannot be significantly revised, withdrawal seems likely and we need in that case to figure out how this can best be done. This can surely be done in a way where the Board would recognise the outstanding work that the DOI has done to bring together stakeholders and open up government systems regarding disclosure on non-tax revenues, and the success in engaging three states with significant extractive industries. We hope, of course, that such a withdrawal alongside any developments related to DF 1504 will not call into question US support for the EITI.

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We did provide the self-assessment the MSG discussed at the November MSG Meeting as well as the MSG approved request for extending Adapted Implementation for USEITI's subnational and tribal opt-in as a means of initiating a conversation about the feasibility of possible next steps to ameliorate areas we identified as needing improvement before a validation assessment. We do look forward to those discussion and your input.

Previous remarks by yourself and Jonas tend to highlight the lack of Company and Government participation in reporting tax revenues as a primary hindrance to not only validation but perhaps also to achieving meaningful progress.

With respect to Table 2 of the 2015 EITI Report Executive Summary, you noted you were unable to determine whether any of the company-disclosures were on a project level. The Table in the Executive Summary reflects Parent Companies and the data is not disaggregated on a project level.

I do also want to provide you an update on our progress for the 2017 Report thus far (which began in November of last year).

We have Government data for: Indian Revenue (FY 2016); Indian Production (FY 2016); ONRR Unilateral Disclosure by Company, Commodity and Revenue Stream(CY 2016); Disbursement Data (FY 2016); Federal Revenue by revenue stream and lease type down to the county level whenever not violating the TSA (CY and FY 2016); Federal Production by product and down to the county level whenever not violating the TSA (CY and FY 2016); *and for the first time* the 2017 Report will include the ONRR Unilateral Disclosure of revenue streams by Parent Company and by State for CY 2016). This will become a regular feature. As you may recall from our February MSG Meeting, we presented for MSG discussion project-level reporting. Per Dodd-Frank 1504 - project means operational activities governed by a single contract, license, lease, concession, or similar legal agreement, which form the basis for payment liabilities with a government. Agreements that are both operationally and geographically interconnected may be treated by the resource extraction issuer as a single project. In CY2015 revenues on ~47,000 Leases, ROWs, and RUEs were reported to ONRR and in CY2015 revenues on ~57,000 Leases, ROWs, RUEs, Agreements, and Mines were reported to ONRR. Reporting at that level is a considerable undertaking and we are still not certain if such a considerable undertaking would achieve a commensurate

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At the November MSG Meeting, the IA was directed to:

- Review whether DOI audit procedures would satisfy EITI reconciliation requirements, the relative cost-effectiveness of these audit procedures as compared to the current USEITI reconciliation process, and the timeline for implementing any revisions to the USEITI reconciliation process.
- Consider whether careful review and description of DOI audit procedures might help demonstrate the potential for mainstreaming of USEITI reporting.
- Conduct a mainstreaming feasibility assessment by February 2017. Progress on the Mainstreaming Feasibility Study is as follows: The IA has conducted interviews with representatives from each sector and worked with the Implementation Subcommittee's Reconciliation Improvement Workgroup on drafting the mainstreaming feasibility study. Interviews with Subject Matter Experts in the Denver ONRR Office are ongoing.

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- The MSG approved the motion to have the Implementation Committee decide on which two additional visualizations (between additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy) to include in the 2017 USEITI Report, along with a visualization about employment by commodity.

The new additions to the Contextual Narrative for our 2017 report include:

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Hope this helps.

On Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 1:00 PM, Sam Bartlett <SBartlett@eiti.org> wrote:

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On Mon, May 1, 2017 at 6:09 AM, Wilson, Judith <judith.wilson@onrr.gov> wrote:

I think it would be prudent in light of Jonas' statement: "It will surely also not be possible to distinguish between implementation and board governance and support of the EITI, so will be good to have you contribute."

On Fri, Apr 28, 2017 at 10:33 AM, (b) (6) @state.gov wrote:

USG only – State/ENR would be happy to join this call with Sam/Jonas if ONRR thinks that makes sense. Thanks.

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Subject: RE: Questions on outlook for the USEITI

Hi Judith,

I hope you're okay with the messages sent in preparation for the meeting on 11 May. Would you and Greg have time for a call next week to discuss?. It may, of course, be quite a difficult meeting and we need to compare notes and have a good understanding of each other's take on the situation. Tuesday or Thursday would be best for us.

It is not usual for there to be a pause in EITI implementation when there is a change of government in an implementing country. But a

pause until there is clarity from the SEC on Dodd-Frank Act is surely not realistic. With further MSG meetings and company reporting appearing to some to be on hold, there are already questions about whether the US is still implementing the EITI. There may soon be calls that the EITI Board should consider suspending the US as "significant aspects of the EITI Principles and Requirements are not (being) adhered to" (requirement 8.6).

We hope the discussions on 11 May can be as constructive as possible.

Regards,
Sam

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The Co-chairs have not yet approved the February Meeting Summary. I am glad to check with our Federal Advisory Committee expert to share the draft as long as you understand it is still draft. In a perfect world, I (this is me the Secretariat) would like to take a "pause" as an implementing Country as we have a new Administration that is still assembling itself and we need to wait and see what the SEC is going to do about implementing the Dodd-Frank Act. As I noted in an earlier e-mail, it is unrealistic to expect company disclosure to significantly improve this year over the last two years. We remain committed to the principles of EITI and we are moving with determination to institutionalize EITI within Interior and to mainstream Interior's government reporting. We welcome a discussion about how to put our best foot forward in the U.S. context.

On Fri, Apr 21, 2017 at 9:40 AM, Sam Bartlett <SBartlett@eiti.org> wrote:

Dear Judith,

Thanks for this update. We will update the Board through the implementation progress report.

Have the minutes from the February MSG meeting been approved? If so, it would be good if you could send them to us.

We were not aware that the MSG has agreed "to forego independent reconciliation of revenues by the Independent Administrator for the 2017 USEITI Report". Alongside the adapted implementation request addressing subnational payments (requirement 4.6), this is a major departure from the EITI Standard's provisions on comprehensive reconciliation of taxes and revenues (4.1) and data quality and assurance (4.9). It is unprecedented that an EITI implementing country prepares an EITI Report without an Independent Administrator.

In addition, our understanding from the summary below is that DOI will not invite companies to participate in the EITI reporting process, and that the 2017 EITI Report will be based on unilateral government disclosure. The coverage of income tax will continue be limited to aggregate estimates from the IRS (as per the EITI Reports published to date), with some additional references to disclosures to the SEC through 10-K Reports. Again, it is unprecedented that an EITI implementing country prepares an EITI Report without company participation, and that the largest revenue stream (Federal Corporate Income Tax) is reported in this way.

The Standard is clear that "should the multi-stakeholder group wish to adapt or deviate from these agreed upon procedures, approval from the EITI Board must be sought in advance". Proceeding with the 2017 EITI Report on this basis without Board approval raises governance issues.

In our view, it seems unlikely that the US EITI MSG will endorse a mainstreaming/adapted implementation request that that departs so fundamentally from the EITI Standard. Even if stakeholders agree that the Independent Administrator is not needed, the proposal to exempt companies from reporting has little chance of securing support from CSOs. Even if this was possible, we don't think it likely that the EITI Board will endorse this approach given the precedent it would set.

In light of the below, it does indeed appear necessary in the coming weeks and months to work out the US relationship with the EITI. If the below cannot be significantly revised, withdrawal seems likely and we need in that case to figure out how this can best be done. This can surely be done in a way where the Board would recognise the outstanding work that the DOI has done to bring together stakeholders and open up government systems regarding disclosure on non-tax revenues, and the success in engaging three states with significant extractive industries. We hope, of course, that such a withdrawal alongside any developments related to DF 1504 will

not call into question US support for the EITI.

Regards,
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Sam,

Thank you for this e-mail and thank you for reaching out to us earlier on the USEITI self assessment and validation. I would like to get a better understanding of the issues / questions you have regarding scoping (4.1) and adherence to the Standard ToRs for Independent Administrators (4.9).

I understand the Validation now provides both an "overall assessment" and a scorecard addressing adherence to various aspects of the EITI Standard and that most Implementing Countries assessed against the 2016 Standard achieve an overall assessment of "meaningful progress". Having reviewed the assessments resulting in meaningful progress and inadequate progress I also recognize the process is now perhaps a bit more subjective.

We did provide the self-assessment the MSG discussed at the November MSG Meeting as well as the MSG approved request for extending Adapted Implementation for USEITI's subnational and tribal opt-in as a means of initiating a conversation about the feasibility of possible next steps to ameliorate areas we identified as needing improvement before a validation assessment. We do look forward to those discussion and your input.

Previous remarks by yourself and Jonas tend to highlight the lack of Company and Government participation in reporting tax revenues as a primary hindrance to not only validation but perhaps also to achieving meaningful progress.

With respect to Table 2 of the 2015 EITI Report Executive Summary, you noted you were unable to determine whether any of the company-disclosures were on a project level. The Table in the Executive Summary reflects Parent Companies and the data is not disaggregated on a project level.

I do also want to provide you an update on our progress for the 2017 Report thus far (which began in November of last year).

We have Government data for: Indian Revenue (FY 2016); Indian Production (FY 2016); ONRR Unilateral Disclosure by Company, Commodity and Revenue Stream (CY 2016); Disbursement Data (FY 2016); Federal Revenue by revenue stream and lease type down to the county level whenever not violating the TSA (CY and FY 2016); Federal Production by product and down to the county level whenever not violating the TSA (CY and FY 2016); *and for the first time* the 2017 Report will include the ONRR Unilateral Disclosure of revenue streams by Parent Company and by State for CY 2016). This will become a regular feature. As you may recall from our February MSG Meeting, we presented for MSG discussion project-level reporting. Per Dodd-Frank 1504 - project means operational activities governed by a single contract, license, lease, concession, or similar legal agreement, which form the basis for payment liabilities with a government. Agreements that are both operationally and geographically interconnected may be treated by the resource extraction issuer as a single project. In CY2015 revenues on ~47,000 Leases, ROWs, and RUEs were reported to ONRR and in CY2015 revenues on ~57,000 Leases, ROWs, RUEs, Agreements, and Mines were reported to ONRR. Reporting at that level is a considerable undertaking and we are still not certain if such a considerable undertaking would achieve a commensurate advancement.

At the November MSG Meeting, the IA was directed to:

- Review whether DOI audit procedures would satisfy EITI reconciliation requirements, the relative cost-effectiveness of these audit procedures as compared to the current USEITI reconciliation process, and the timeline for implementing any revisions to the USEITI reconciliation process.
- Consider whether careful review and description of DOI audit procedures might help demonstrate the potential for mainstreaming of USEITI reporting.
- Conduct a mainstreaming feasibility assessment by February 2017. Progress on the Mainstreaming Feasibility Study is as follows: The IA has conducted interviews with representatives from each sector and worked with the Implementation Subcommittee's Reconciliation Improvement Workgroup on drafting the mainstreaming feasibility study. Interviews with Subject Matter Experts in the Denver ONRR Office are ongoing.

At the February MSG Meeting, the MSG decisions and approvals were as follows:

- The MSG decided to move forward with the Implementing Subcommittee's recommendation to forego independent reconciliation of revenues by the Independent Administrator for the 2017 USEITI Report.
- The MSG decided to use and move forward with the proposed reporting template for 2017.
- The MSG decided to have the USEITI Secretariat work to add material for the 2017 USEITI Report about US audit and assurance procedures and for the USEITI Secretariat to make a "good faith effort" to include information about "the life of a lease" in the 2017 USEITI Report.
- The MSG approved the November 2016 MSG meeting summary.
- The MSG approved the motion to have the Implementation Committee decide on which dataset source (Bureau of Labor Statistics or Census Bureau) to use to provide information for employment by commodity.
- The MSG approved the motion to have the Implementation Committee decide on which two additional visualizations (between additional metals, forestry, and renewable energy) to include in the 2017 USEITI Report, along with a visualization about employment by commodity.

The new additions to the Contextual Narrative for our 2017 report include:

- Employment by Commodity - The IA has worked through the Implementation Subcommittee for sector review with a final draft completed this month. (Provides a nation-wide overview using Bureau of Labor Statistics, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages);
- Additional non-energy metals- The IA has worked through the Implementation Subcommittee for sector review with a final draft completed this month. (To better understand the non-energy mining industry in the United States, this section highlights four metals: lead, zinc, silver, and molybdenum. This information builds upon three in-scope metals (copper, gold, and iron);
- Forestry;
- An in-depth Tribal Overview that will sit in multiple places on the data portal, as determined by usability and content; and

I have also asked the USEITI Secretariat staff to identify the in-scope companies with 10-K Reports and provide a list of direct links to those reports for incorporation in the data portal/2017 Report. This will be a new addition.

Hope this helps.

On Wed, Apr 19, 2017 at 1:00 PM, Sam Bartlett <SBartlett@eiti.org> wrote:

Hi Judith,

We're preparing the implementation progress report for the forthcoming Board meeting in Oslo. Any updates you could provide on the issues highlighted below would be most welcome.

Regards,
Sam

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Hi Judith,

At our call on 30 March we discussed your pre-validation assessment and the development of an options paper addressing next steps for US EITI implementation. Here are some questions and observations on some the key aspects. I'd be happy to elaborate further if useful.

1. Validation scenarios

We broadly agree with your self-assessment. We have some questions about some technical aspects (e.g., some issues regarding scoping (4.1) and adherence to the standard ToRs for Independent Administrators (4.9). As you have identified, industry participation, the coverage of reconciliation and the coverage of income tax is problematic. In some other respects - such as coverage of the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program and the work on the open data portal - US EITI implementation is exemplary.

As you know, the EITI has changed its approach to Validation. We have moved away from a binary “pass/fail”, “candidate/compliant” system. Validation now provides both an “overall assessment” and scorecard addressing adherence to various aspects of the EITI Standard. The most likely scenario is an overall assessment of “meaningful progress”. As you can see [here](#), this is a relatively common outcome. No country has so far achieved an overall assessment of “satisfactory progress”. Most countries have a rather long list of corrective actions.

As you know, Validation in the United States is currently scheduled to commence on 1 April 2018. This implies completion of Validation circa September 2018. We of course don’t know what will happen with 1504 until then. Note that the MSG is entitled to seek an extension if it considers that there have been “exceptional circumstances”. If a new 1504 Rule has been released, the MSG might consider requesting an extension. Alternatively, if Validation goes ahead as scheduled, progress based on implementation of 1504 could be considered at the second Validation as late as March 2020.

2. The Royalty Policy Committee acting as the MSG.

There is nothing in the EITI Standard that prevents an implementing country from changing the form and composition of the MSG. It is, however, essential that “each stakeholder group must have the right to appoint its own representatives” (Requirement 1.4.a.ii). The documents that you have provided stipulate that the appointments will be approved by the Secretary. Could you provide some additional detail on how the members will be selected? Is it feasible for the industry and CSO constituencies to appoint their own representatives, even if they are ultimately approved by the Secretary?

The EITI Standard also requires that the MSG agrees clear public terms of reference for its work, approves its own work plans, and its agrees its internal governance rules and procedures. It would be good to consider how this would be done, at least in terms of the Committee’s work relating to EITI implementation. I guess one option is that the MSG is formed as a subcommittees of the Royalty Policy Committee.

3. Industry participation and coverage of tax payments

It would be good to get some clarity on the plans for covering income tax in the next report. Specifically: will any companies be invited to report? If not, is there any work planned to collate information from other publically available sources? Will the IRS continue to provide an estimate?

Even if the SEC presented a new rule in the coming months, we assume that this will not come into force for until 2019 or later. It would therefore be good to explore what additional work could be done with existing data. As we have discussed previously, the publically listed firms typically disclose quite a lot of information in their 10-K Reports to the SEC. These include quite detailed reporting on revenues, expenses, production, profitability, depreciation, etc. Most have a line item on segment income taxes. See the latest 10-K from Chevron showing a tax *benefit* for upstream US of \$1.172 billion, and how this is offset by income tax in other segments:

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We know that these figures cannot be reconciled with government data. For a start, Chevron’s statement is done on an accrual basis (taking into account various adjustments and provisions) not on a cash flow basis (i.e., actual payments made to the government). I assume Chevron makes its income tax payments on a group basis, and that the IRS doesn’t account for the business segments separately. This makes reconciliation impossible, even if 1504 was in place.

Setting reconciliation aside, this is a reliable (audited) statement from Chevron on their US tax liabilities. And, from a user perspective, it is useful to see these numbers presented in their wider financial context. Specifically, by consulting the 10-K Report, you can see how and why the figure is \$1.172 billion. Can we not do more to collate these existing disclosures? Even a simple list of in-scope companies with links to the public filings may help offset the criticism that “industry is not participating”.

4. Project level reporting

Another issue we should consider is the EITI’s requirement on project-level reporting, originally agreed in 2013. It would

be good to discuss how the DOI plans to address this. This may help keep civil society engaged.

At the Board meeting in Bogota the EITI Board reaffirmed that project-level reporting is required. EITI countries will be required to:

1. Publish EITI data disaggregated by individual project, company, government entity and revenue stream. The national multi-stakeholder group should devise and apply a definition of the term project that is consistent with relevant national laws and systems as well as international norms. For example, the EU defines a project as operational activities that are governed by a single contract, license, lease, concession, or similar legal agreement, which form the basis for payment liabilities with a government. Payments that are levied at a company level can be continued to be reported by company.
2. Project-level reporting will be required for all reports covering fiscal years ending on or after 31 December 2018. Given the EITI's "two-year rule" (requirement 4.8), this would effectively require project-level reporting by all countries by 31 December 2020 at the latest.
3. The EITI Board will develop further guidance on the implementation of the requirement and issue a schedule for how and when this requirement will be validated.

Following this decision, the EITI International Secretariat is conducting some research on existing practices. Our preliminary assessment of the level of disaggregation in your latest EITI Report is as follows:

Table 2 of the 2015 EITI Report includes a list of the relevant companies included in the scope of reconciliation, but it was not possible to retrieve corresponding licenses or permits for each of the companies, when accessing the online registries. Therefore the level of disaggregation is per government entity, revenue stream and per company, but we were unable to determine whether any of these company-disclosures were on a project level.

It would be appreciated if you could help us revise this summary, addressing plans for project-level reporting in the years to come.

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Rigler, Tara M. EOP/NSC <(b) (6)>; McEnery, Tess M. EOP/NSC
(b) (6) >; Palladino, Robert J. EOP/NSC
<(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: USEITI withdrawal

Thanks (b) (6) I added a few edits to your draft. See attached.

We'll all talk more this morning.

Greg

Gregory J. Gould

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On Wed, Oct 11, 2017 at 6:05 AM, (b) (6)@state.gov wrote:

Thank you, Judith. ENR would like to propose an additional sentence or two near the end, along the lines of the edits tracked into the attached. (b) (5)

Looking forward to our discussion today, regards, (b) (6)

From: Wilson, Judith [mailto:judith.wilson@onrr.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 6:44 PM

To: (b) (6); Clete R. EOP/NSC Willems; Pacific, Erik (Bamako/GOVCOM); Greg Gould; James A. EOP/NSC Mazzarella; Lewis, Jennifer; (b) (6); Kristen T. EOP/OMB Honey; (b) (6); Natalie M. EOP/WHO Strom; Nicholas S. EOP/WHO Coleman; (b) (6); Rigler, Tara M; Tess M. EOP/NSC McEnery; Palladino, Robert; (b) (6)

Subject: USEITI withdrawal

Attached is the withdrawal letter from Interior/Greg Gould.

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To: "Mazzarella, James A. EOP/NSC" <(b) (6)>, "(b) (6)" <(b) (6)@state.gov>, Judith Wilson <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>
Subject: Fwd: USEITI Outlook

Jim (b) (6)

See emails below from the EITI Secretariat. I think it is best that we send our letter withdrawing our application no later than Aug 25, please let me know if you can get that cleared within your offices. On a somewhat related note, we are moving forward with standing up a FACA Committee related to Royalty Policy, with the first meeting scheduled for Oct 4th. I plan to disband the USEITI FACA committee as soon as the new Committee is announced. They plan to announce the new Committee the first week in September, so another reason for us to withdraw our application in August.

Thanks again for all the help!

Greg

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Date: Wed, Aug 2, 2017 at 10:34 AM
Subject: RE: USEITI Outlook
To: Greg Gould <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
Cc: "Judith Wilson (judith.wilson@onrr.gov)" <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>

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From: Greg Gould [mailto:greg.gould@onrr.gov]
Sent: onsdag 2. august 2017 18.09
To: Sam Bartlett <SBartlett@eiti.org>
Cc: Judith Wilson (judith.wilson@onrr.gov) <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>
Subject: Re: USEITI Outlook

Thanks Sam, when is the next board meeting?

Gregory J. Gould

Hi Greg & Judith,

Greeting from Oslo. Would you have time for a quick call later this week to discuss the outlook for the USEITI? It would be good to clarify whether the MSG will meet again in 2017 (we gather this is unlikely) and where things stand with the next EITI Report.

Regards
Sam

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(b) (6) @state.gov>, Judith Wilson
CC: <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>, (b) (6) @state.gov>, Treci Johnson <treci.johnson@onrr.gov>
Subject: Re: USEITI Outlook

Jim,

My comment related to the "clear path to suspension" is a result of my frustration to date, and my concerns from the start. With that said, please keep me posted on timing, as I do want to make sure that I send the letter no later than Oct 1. I'm including Treci Johnson on this reply, Treci has been working with the DOI press shop throughout this process and will coordinate as needed with both your office and State as we get closer to sending the letter.

Thanks again for all your help.

Have a great weekend.

Greg

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On Thu, Aug 3, 2017 at 8:25 PM, Mazzarella, James A. EOP/NSC

<(b) (6)> wrote:

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From: Gould, Greg [mailto:greg.gould@onrr.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 4:25 PM
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Cc: Judith Wilson <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>; Mazzarella, James A. EOP/NSC
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Subject: Re: USEITT Outlook

Thanks (b) (6) and I agree that Sam or anyone else for that matter, should not force our hand. With that said, it is clear that we are on a path to suspension and have been since we started this effort several years ago. My feeling is that withdrawing our application sooner rather than later will get us past this ongoing discussion about what the US plans to do, especially since it's pretty clear that we will no longer be working to come into compliance with the standard as it is currently written.

Greg

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On Wed, Aug 2, 2017 at 2:17 PM, (b) (6) @state.gov wrote:

Thanks, this is a good overview of the technical achievements and challenges that now face us. (b) (5)

From: Gould, Greg [mailto:greg.gould@onrr.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 4:09 PM
To: Judith Wilson; (b) (6); Mazzarella, James A. EOP/NSC
Subject: Fwd: USEITI Outlook

Jim (b) (6),

See additional feedback below from the International Secretariat, note that it is clear we are on the road to suspension unless we withdraw our application as soon as possible.

Thanks,

Greg

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Cc: Jonas Moberg <JMoberg@eiti.org>

Thanks Greg and Judith,

This neatly illustrates the conundrum. On the one hand, DOI continues to do a quite remarkable job of mainstreaming EITI implementation within the scope of its jurisdiction and mandate, with detailed and timely disclosures of non-tax revenues (and how these are used), alongside other important contextual information. In many ways, this work exceeds the EITI's requirements. However:

1. There will be no reporting from companies, no reconciliation, and no assessment from an Independent Administrator as per the EITI Standard. While it's possible to argue company reporting and reconciliation are already done routinely (making the work of the Independent Administrator redundant), and that all stakeholders accept that this data is comprehensive and highly reliable, this would require a mainstreaming application endorsed by the MSG and the EITI Board prior to the publication of the report.
2. There's no pathway for meeting the EITI's requirements regarding reporting of income corporate

income tax, beyond the data available from the IRS Statistics of income program. Industry don't seem to be willing to give any ground here (by voluntarily disclosing data and/or waiving their right to confidentiality), and CSOs don't seem willing to consider any kind of work-around, even as an interim measure. On this front, it seems that things are "on hold" until the SEC issues a new rule. Of course, DF 1504 could also be repealed. Either way, even in a best case scenario, we are still several years away from anything approaching comprehensive reconciliation as required by the EITI Standard.

3. Finally, as you say, the 2017 Report (covering 2016 data) won't be an MSG approved document. As such, it's technically not considered an EITI Report. I guess you could call it a preliminary report, pending MSG approval.

The MSG has already approved a report which reconciled calendar year 2015 data. So, technically speaking, the US has until end 2018 to issue an MSG approved report that reconciles calendar year 2016 data. But well before then, the absence of the functioning MSG will lead to calls for suspension. Everyone wants to avoid that outcome. **Thus, a critical question is whether there is any scope for the MSG to be reconvened.** That would remove the immediate threat of suspension. It would allow for the development of a mainstreaming request regarding non-tax revenues. But we are still faced with no pathway to compliance on the key issue of tax reporting.

That's our reading of the situation, at least. If we've got something wrong – or missed an opportunity to move forward – please let us know!

Regards
Sam

On 2 Aug 2017, at 19:10, Wilson, Judith <judith.wilson@onrr.gov> wrote:

We are:

- updating all of the community case studies;
- updating the data for the selected 18 States;
- adding the content for the State of Colorado;
- adding additional non-energy minerals;
- adding employment by commodity;
- adding the 2016 FY and Calendar Year production data;
- adding a new section on forestry;
- adding a new section on renewables;
- adding a new, and more in-depth Tribal overview;
- updating all the existing data sets; and
- coming later this month the ONRR unilateral data disclosure for 2016 by company, commodity, revenue stream and by State.

That covers most of it, suffice it to say we are fully engaged in getting the next report out and implementing those decisions/recommendations of the MSG and Subcommittees.

On Wed, Aug 2, 2017 at 12:52 PM, Gould, Greg <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:

Thanks Sam, I'll continue to work with the White House and the State Dept to make sure we have a final path forward prior to that meeting. Also, we are not on hold, we are working hard to finish up the items agreed too by the MSG and still plan to produce a 2017 report, even if it is not an MSG approved document.

Judy, please send Sam a summary of the work that is completed or on-going related to the 2017 report.

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Thank you,

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Greg

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Yes, will do.

On Mon, Jul 31, 2017 at 10:26 AM, Gould, Greg <greg.gould@onrr.gov> wrote:
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Thanks Jim.

+ my Interior Branch OMB colleagues who may have questions/comments

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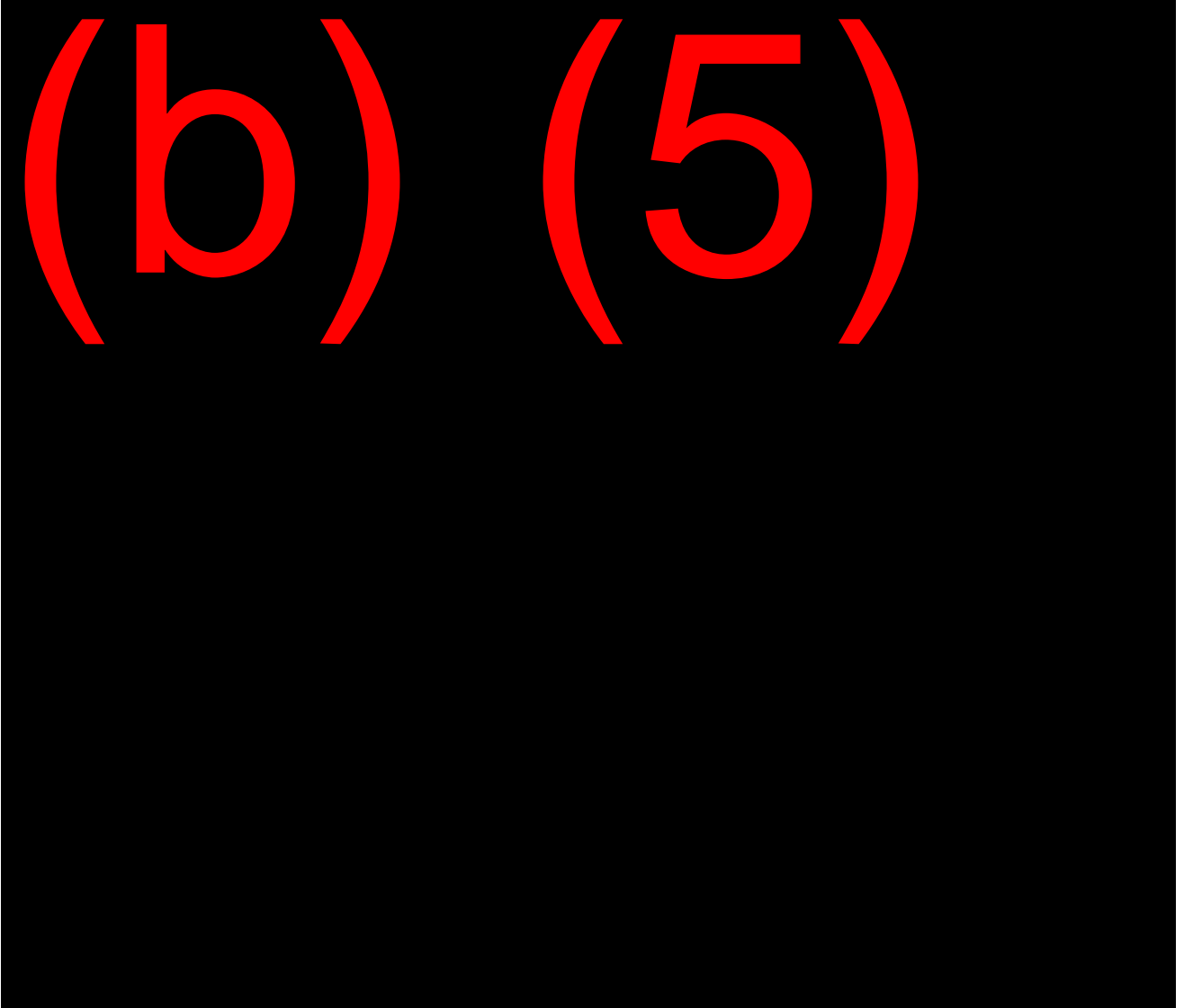
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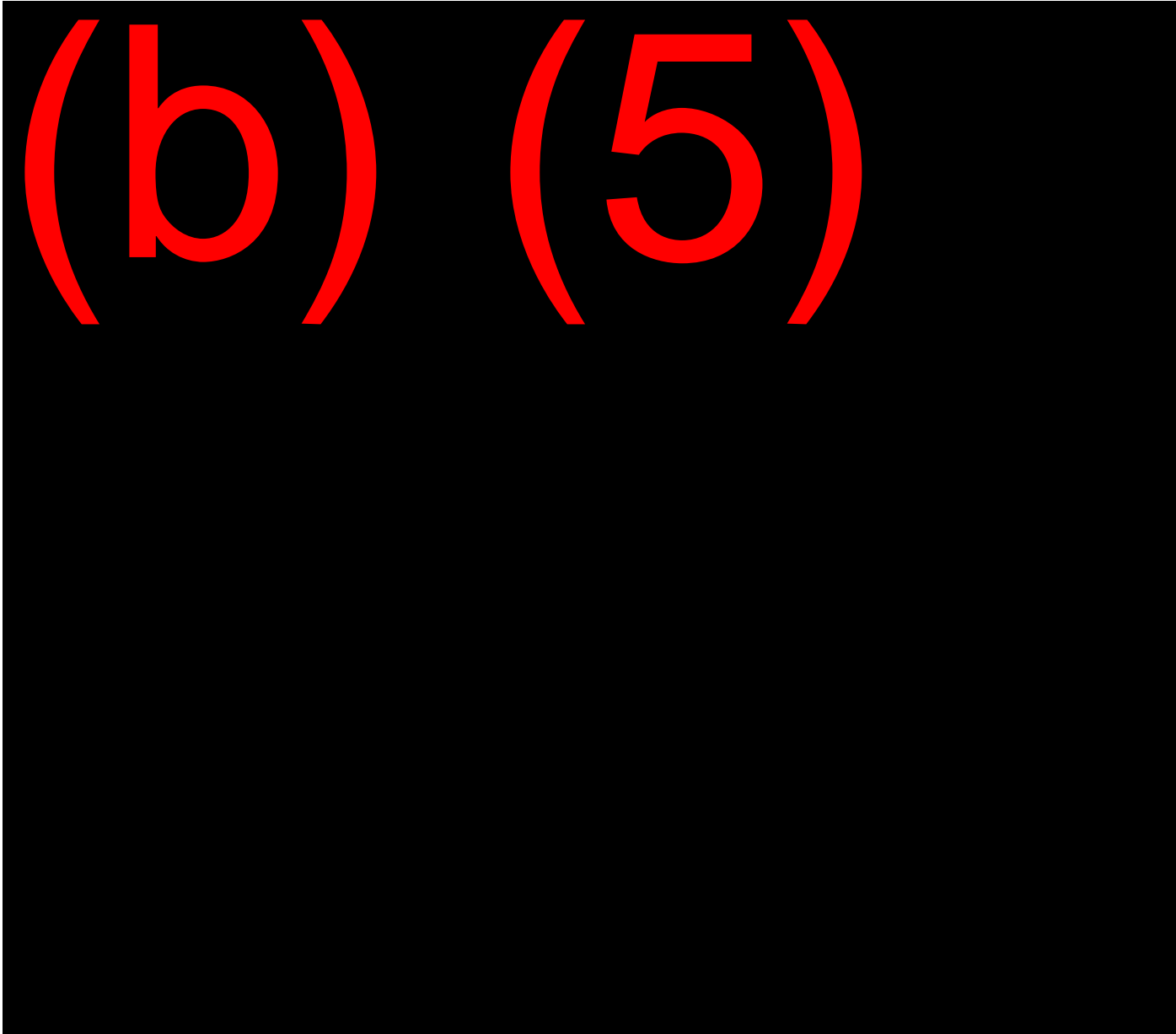
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Respectfully,

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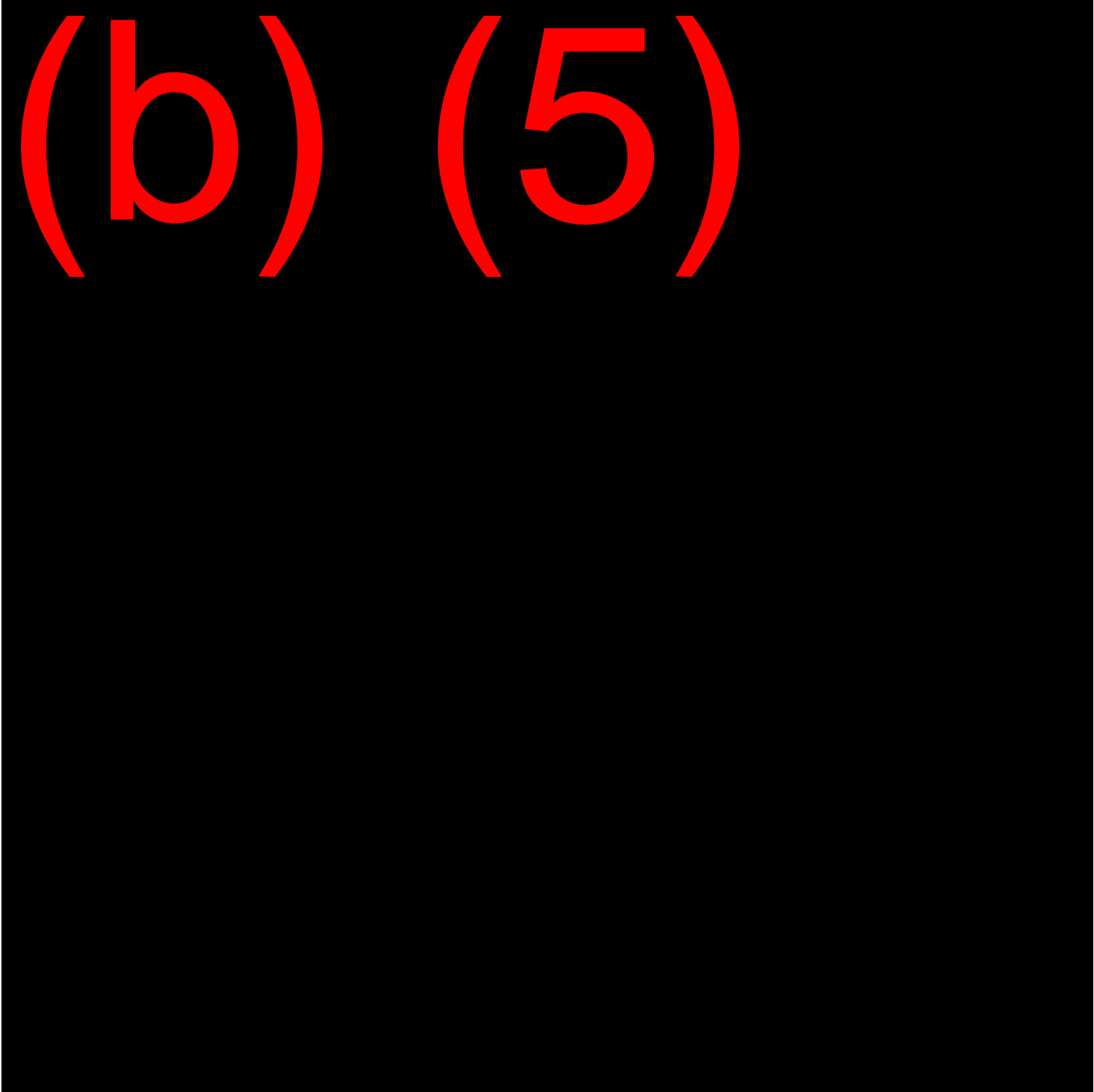
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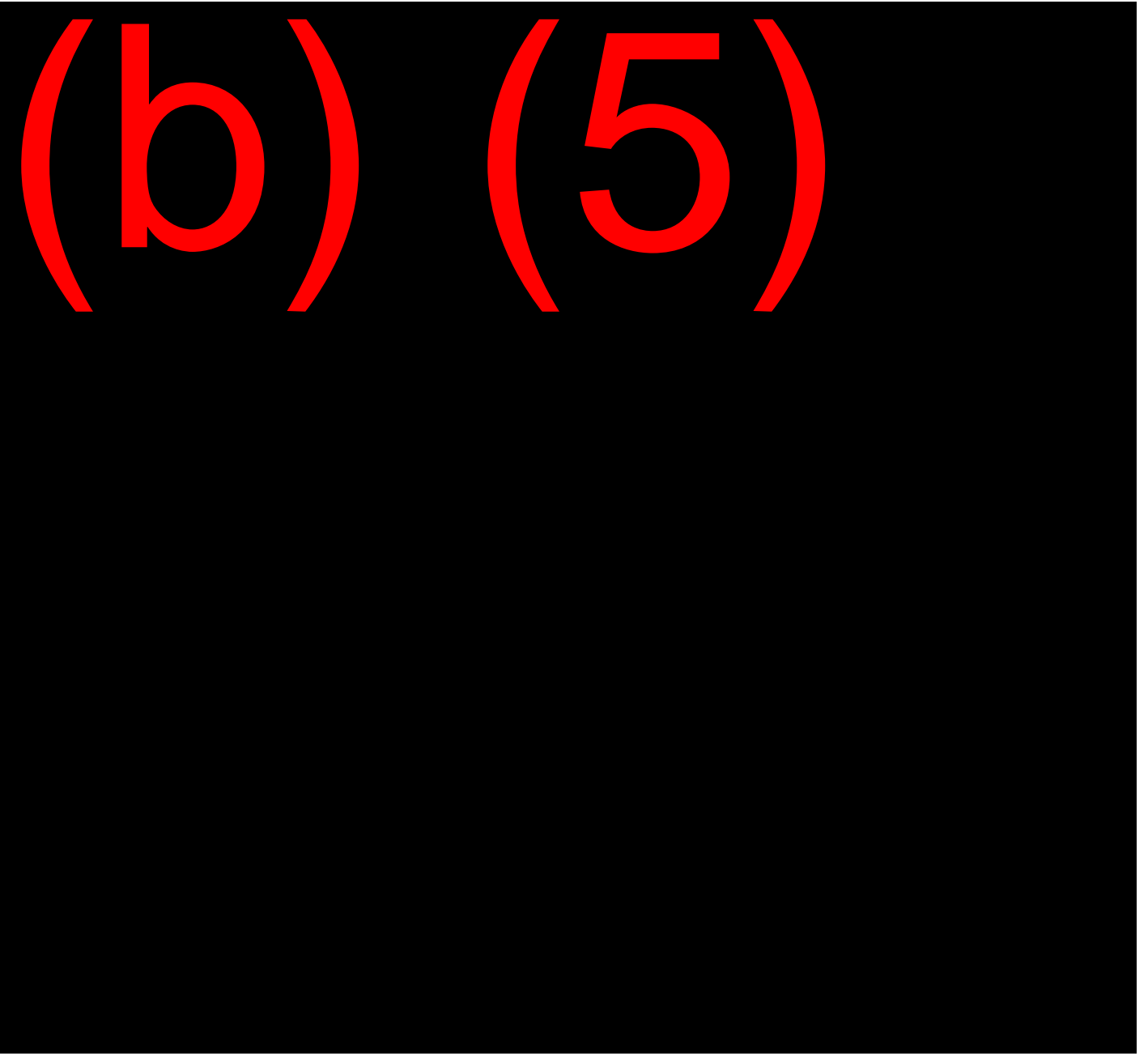
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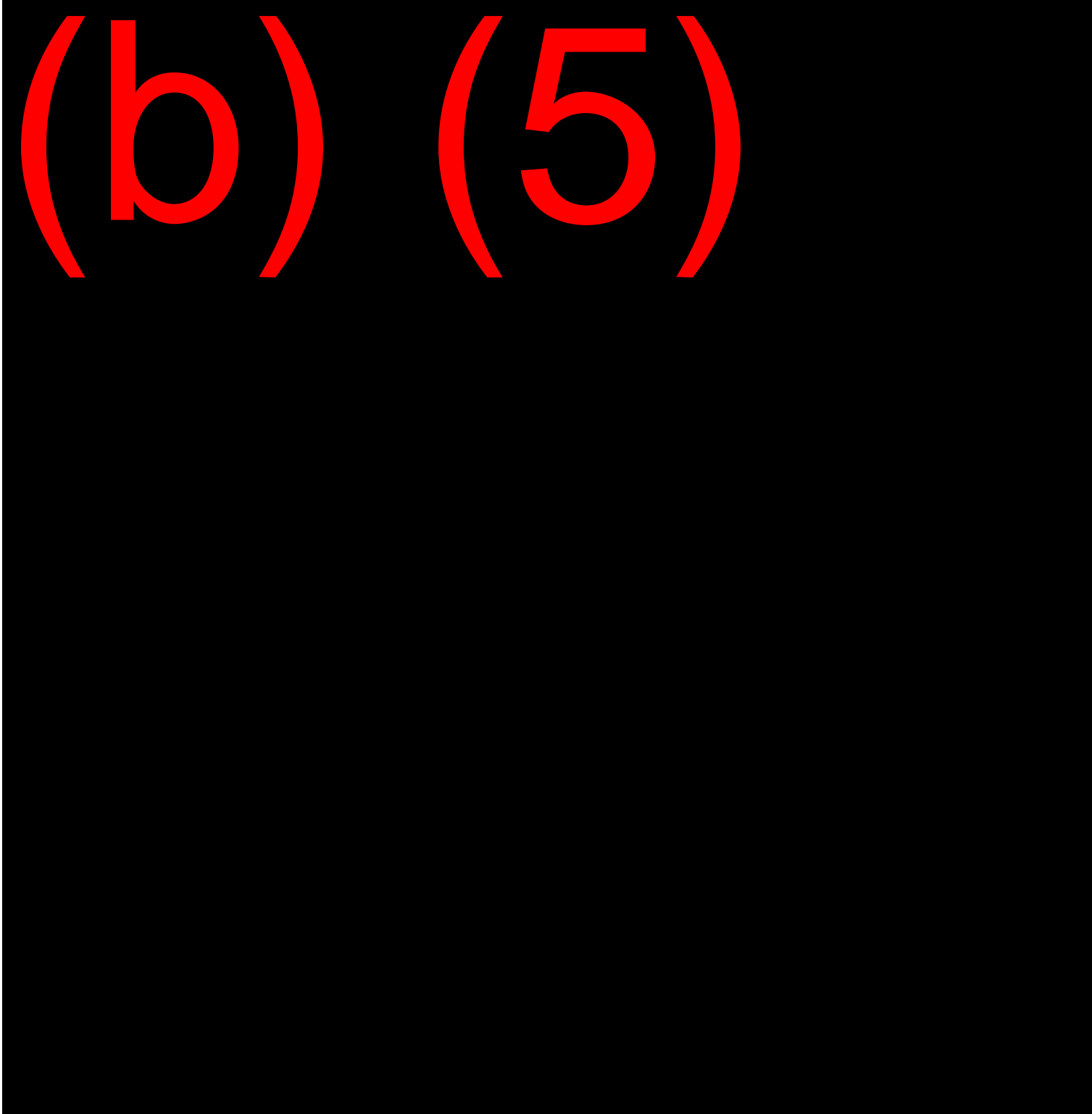
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The Department of the Interior, which leads U.S. implementation of the EITI Standard, began in the fall of 2011 an aggressive timeline to establish a multi-stakeholder group (MSG); achieve Candidate Country status in March 2014; and ultimately begin the validation process by April 1, 2018. However, despite having met or exceeded 22 of 26 individual elements of the Standard (8 of the 9 requirements), at the conclusion of the validation process, the USEITI will not be found in compliance with the EITI Standard and is thus likely to be suspended from the initiative. This paper presents options for avoiding such an outcome, improving our management of the USEITI process, and maintaining DOI's commitment to transparent, collaborative and participatory government.

BACKGROUND

Prior to DOI taking the lead in 2011 to implement EITI in the United States, the Department of State (State) strongly supported EITI and coordinated U.S. participation in the global effort as a supporting country. Since EITI's inception in 2002, State has played a key role in shaping the EITI into the global standard for revenue transparency. Through its representation of the United State as a supporting country on the EITI Board and participation in the Finance and Governance and Oversight Committees, State works to clarify, interpret, and promote the rules of the EITI Standard, including by helping to draft guidance documents on how to assess country compliance. U.S. leadership has played a crucial role in the endorsement of the EITI by the G-7, the G-20, and the United Nations Security Council.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has provided significant support to EITI both at the multilateral level and through direct bilateral support for implementation through USAID Missions around the world. USAID has provided over \$30 million in assistance for EITI implementation, peer exchange, and research.

Domestic implementation of EITI is subject to existing laws and regulations. For example, the Trade Secrets Act and the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (FOGRMA) of 1982, prohibit the Federal government from releasing company pricing information and Federal employees are subject to criminal penalties if they violate these laws. Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) provides that tax returns and tax return information are confidential and prohibited from disclosure, unless an exception identified in the IRC is

applicable. The IRC imposes civil and criminal penalties for violations of the disclosure prohibitions.

INTRODUCTION

The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, or EITI, is a voluntary, global effort designed to strengthen accountability and public trust for the revenues paid and received for a country's oil, gas, and mineral resources. EITI brings together a coalition of government, companies, and civil society, or Multi-stakeholder Groups (MSG's), to strengthen government and company systems, inform public debate, and promote understanding.

The U.S. government successfully completed the initial requirements to join EITI as a candidate country when the EITI International Board accepted our candidacy application in March 2014. Key successes to date include publishing the 2015 and 2016 USEITI Annual Reports on an open source, open code interactive web-based data portal (<https://useiti.doi.gov>). On this portal, the Department of the Interior unilaterally disclosed 2013, 2014, and 2015 revenues by company, commodity, and revenue type as well as production data across all commodities. The portal is the new global standard in revenue governance transparency.

In 2016, the Department of the Interior (the lead federal agency) entered a new phase in implementing EITI. The EITI International Board revised the EITI Standard in February 2016, to include requirements for disclosure of beneficial owners of extractive companies and to provide the opportunity to "mainstream" revenue data by governments and companies in lieu of an independent reconciliation of reported revenues. The work of the USEITI MSG (39 members and alternates from federal, state, and tribal governments, civil society and industry) is to ensure that the USEITI framework is tailored to U.S. laws, regulations, and culture, and that it is implementable by government and industry.

The USEITI primary challenges for compliance are: corporate income tax reporting; project-level reporting and beneficial owner disclosure of the corporate entity(ies) that bid for, operate or invest in extractive assets. Unlike other implementing countries, company reporting in the United States is entirely voluntary. Despite current setbacks there is a path forward for U.S. commitment to EITI -- implementing with the expectation of achieving compliance and sustaining our role in the global Open Government Partnership. The path forward parallels the Department's commitment to reforming revenue management and royalty collections. This memorandum addresses considerations of this phase of USEITI implementation and provides options to resolve implementing challenges in successfully achieving compliance with the EITI standard.

I. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION

Implementing EITI will continue to improve government revenue transparency in the United States and continue to serve as an example internationally. The primary areas of consideration for 2017 and leading to the validation on April 1, 2018, are multi-agency involvement, governance of the USEITI multi-stakeholder group, institutionalizing the principles of EITI in

the Department of the Interior and mainstreaming government data. In order to recommend appropriate options for a government position, this paper takes into account the U.S. legal context, legal constraints, feasibility, and the international EITI requirements.

MULTI-AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

In July 2012, the Department of the Interior established the USEITI Sub-Interagency Policy Committee (Sub-IPC) to discuss the status of implementation of the EITI Standard and make decisions requiring interagency input. The Sub-IPC consisted of the following agencies: Office of Management and Budget (OMB); National Security Council (NSC); and Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP); as well as the Departments of State, Treasury, and Energy. The Sub-IPC was led by the National Security Council. The National Security Council, Securities Exchange Commission, Treasury Department and Department of the Interior are all critical to the ultimate success of the U.S. implementation of the EITI Standard.

On June 27, 2016 the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issued a final rule, Disclosure of Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers, implementing section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Pub. L. No. 111-203, July 21, 2010), which required certain companies to report to the SEC their payments related to extractive industries activities. The payments that issuers were to report under the rule included taxes, royalties, fees, production entitlements, bonuses, social responsibility payments (if required by law or contract), dividends, payments for infrastructure improvements. In July 2016, the SEC issued an order recognizing the resource extraction payment disclosure requirements of the European Union, Canada and the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative as substantially similar to the requirements of Rule 13q-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The SEC requirements were both broader and narrower than EITI requirements. EITI does not require reporting of payments for social responsibility, infrastructure improvements or dividends, but does require reporting of fines or payments, which are not within in the scope of Dodd-Frank or the SEC rule. Congress disapproved the SEC regulations in February 2017; however, the Act still requires the SEC to promulgate regulations to implement section 1504 of the Act.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is the primary Government body in charge of managing all tax payments, including payment of corporate income tax, which falls under the purview of USEITI. In the United States there are two key sources of publicly available information about federal income taxes for the extractive industries: the government and the filings of companies that are publicly listed. As mandated by the Revenue Act of 1916, the IRS publishes statistics related to “the operations of the internal revenue laws” as they affect individuals, corporations, and various other entities. The IRS Statistics of Income (SOI) program is responsible for executing this function by collecting, processing, and presenting this data, and then sharing information about how the tax system works with other government agencies and the general public.

The Department of the Treasury, in May 2016, issued a customer due diligence rule (CDD Rule), which streamlines and clarifies several components of customer due diligence under the Bank Secrecy Act to promote consistency and added a key new requirement for U.S. financial institutions to know the real people who own, control, and profit from companies (the “beneficial

owners”)—and verify their identities. U.S. law requires all legal entities that open a U.S. bank account or have a Federal or State tax filing requirement obtain an EIN for tax administration purposes. Further, an entity is required to obtain an EIN if it has employees, or is required to file any documents including tax returns, with the IRS. An EIN (also known as a taxpayer identification number) is also required, under the Banking Secrecy Act, to open a bank account. Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires any person or group that acquires more than five percent “beneficial ownership” of public company equity securities to disclose its position within 10 days of crossing the threshold. There is no institutional framework for public disclosure of beneficial ownership disclosure information in the United States as required by the EITI Standard. There is, however, a substantial and growing framework for the collection of beneficial ownership information from both public and private companies operating in the U.S.

The Department of the Interior maintains the primary role in the U.S. Government for the governance of energy and non-energy mineral resources. Several different Bureaus within the Department of the Interior collect non-tax payments depending on the type of payment, the location of exploration and production, and the type of resource being extracted. These include: Interior’s Office of Natural Resources Revenue, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. The Office of Natural Resources Revenue manages and ensures full payment of revenues owed for the development of the nation’s energy and natural resources on the Outer Continental Shelf and onshore Federal and Indian lands.

MULTISTAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT

In 2012, the Department of the Interior conducted a series of stakeholder engagements to ascertain the optimal course for USEITI multi-stakeholder committee management. The options included a Federal Operating Committee, an existing FACA Committee, Non-Federal Entity and a New FACA Committee.

Federal Operating Committees are established by Congress through legislation. An operating committee is established to perform primarily ‘operational as opposed to ‘advisory’ functions. While providing legitimacy and decision-making authority, this legislative option does not allow for expediency. An Existing FACA Committee would require the Charter to address the scope and the Secretary to appoint new members. A Non-Federal Entity, a non-governmental organization, such as a 501(c)(3) allows the two non-governmental sectors (industry and civil society) to come together to create a committee or group, and then seek participation by the federal government in that entity; or the federal government could use a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement to ask a separate, “third-party” entity to convene and/or operate the MSG as a non-Federal entity. In this case, there does not appear to be enough certainty around the mechanism and the authority for creation, thus drawing into question the legitimacy of such a group. Additionally, creating a 501(c)(3) would require an investment of time and money that does not support expediency and sustainability. A non-federal entity would require recognition by the Federal government to bestow decision-making authority and most likely, any changes in federal rules or regulations proposed by the MSG would trigger FACA requirements. Finally, a new FACA Committee could be convened by either the Department of the Interior or the Office of President. Because a FACA Committee only provides advice to the federal government, and the federal government appoints its members, there is concern that a FACA might not meet the

EITI expectation of collaboration, sector self-selection, and responsibility for implementing EITI.

After careful consideration of input from the public at large and stakeholders, the FACA committee option provides the legitimacy, expediency, and sustainability required to ensure the successful implementation of USEITI. In 2012, with assurances from the government, the FACA committee should be able to fulfill the initial functions of an MSG, to develop a fully-costed work plan to design and implement the USEITI framework and obtain EITI compliance, within the spirit and framework of the EITI requirements. The Government noted at the time, that making a decision to set-up the initial U.S. MSG as a FACA did not mean the U.S. MSG would remain so as USEITI implementation moved forward. The MSG, as part of its deliberations, could decide to seek legislation or another option to reform the USEITI MSG.

2017 CHALLENGES TO IMPLEMENTING EITI REQUIREMENTS

The USEITI primary challenges for 2017 are: corporate income tax reporting (Congressionally disapproved Dodd-Frank §1504 regulations required a resource extraction issuer to disclose taxes); project-level reporting (Congressionally disapproved Dodd-Frank §1504 regulations defined project as operational activities that are governed by a single contract, license, lease, concession, or similar legal agreement, which form the basis for payment liabilities with a government); mainstreaming reporting requirements; and beneficial owner disclosure (of the corporate entity(ies) that bid for, operate or invest in extractive assets). Unlike other implementing countries, company reporting in the U.S. is entirely voluntary.

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The EITI Standard states that the MSG is required to agree on the level of disaggregation for publishing data, that EITI data must be presented by individual company, government entity, and revenue stream, and requires that reporting at project level. The standard does not provide a specific definition of “project,” but states it should be consistent with the SEC rules and European Union laws. Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act requires extractive industries companies registered with the SEC to separately disclose information about payments to governments around the world in an interactive data format.

Options for Implementing the 2016 EITI Standard:

1) In 2017, the United States seeks adapted implementation of the company reporting requirements required under the 2010 Dodd Frank Act until such time as the Securities Exchange Commission promulgates regulations under the Act. The request for adapted implementation,

made to the EITI International Board, acknowledges the Congressional disapproval of the Dodd Frank §1504 SEC Regulations. The Board will consider this option in light of MSG support and decide whether to approve adapted implementation. This option requires USEITI MSG support and there is no change to the USEITI MSG Federal Advisory Committee structure or the governance of domestic implementation. The Department of State continues to coordinate U.S. participation in the global effort as a supporting country.

2) The United States requests the EITI International Board to approve an implementation ‘pause’ for one year combined with a one-year extension to the April 1, 2018, timeframe for initiating validation. We would argue that the ‘pause’ and extension would allow the new Administration time to place senior leadership critical to decision making in all the key Agencies (i.e., DOI, State, Treasury). This option requires the USEITI MSG support and there is no change to the USEITI MSG Federal Advisory Committee or the governance of domestic implementation. The Department of State continues to coordinate U.S. participation in the global effort as a supporting country.

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4) The lead for domestic implementation of the EITI Standard shifts to the White House, National Security Council, with Interior, Treasury and the SEC partnering in implementation. The USEITI MSG is reformulated in a streamlined fashion, incorporating option 3 above. The Department of State continues to coordinate U.S. participation in the global effort as a supporting country.

5) The U.S. government unilaterally decides to no longer participate and withdraws as an implementing country. The Department of State continues to coordinate U.S. participation in the global effort as a supporting country.

RECOMMENDATION:

Despite current setbacks there is a path forward for: U.S. commitment to EITI; implementing EITI with the expectation of achieving compliance; and sustaining our role in the global Open Government Partnership.

We recommend Option 4 as the most feasible path forward to achieve compliance with the Standard. It will be necessary to have full support from State, Treasury, SEC and the National Security Council to implement this option. Interior has lead domestic implementation to date yet only has jurisdiction with respect to governance associated with natural resource extraction on federal and Indian Lands and associated non-tax revenue management. In light of the April 3, 2017, Federal Register notice of the Secretary of the Interior establishing and seeking

nominations for the Royalty Policy Committee (RPC or Committee) there may be a path forward for the streamlined MSG approach. The Committee will advise on current and emerging issues related to the determination of fair market value, and the collection of revenue from energy and mineral resources on Federal and Indian lands. The Committee also will advise on the potential impacts of proposed policies and regulations related to revenue collection from such development, including whether a need exists for regulatory reform. We believe the purpose of the Committee aligns with principles of EITI that address the valuable role of stakeholders in seeking solutions to issues in the area of natural resource extraction and revenue management. A streamlined USEITI MSG can be a significant source of support to the RPC in their discussions and deliberations

In addition to Option 4 above, we also recommend institutionalizing appropriate EITI requirements within the Office of Natural Resources Revenue. The path forward parallels the Department's commitment to reforming revenue management and royalty collections. We recognize that public understanding of government revenues and expenditures over time informs public debate and informs choice of appropriate and realistic options for sustainable energy development. Maintaining the USEITI data portal and integrating even more government revenue data and information is vital to support public policy and is fundamental to the Royalty Policy Committee discussions and deliberations. We also remain committed to encouraging high standards of transparency and accountability to the public for our mission and in our everyday operations.

We also welcome the idea of mainstreamed EITI non-tax revenue disclosures in lieu of company reporting and Independent Administrator reconciliation. The rationale for the 2016 refinement to the Standard is that extractive industry transparency should not be confined to EITI reports and expensive reconciliation exercises, but become an integral part of how governments manage their sector. Rather than simply relying on the EITI reporting mechanism to bring about transparency, governments implementing the EITI could to a greater extent make the information required by the EITI Standard available through government and corporate reporting systems such as databases, websites, annual reports, portals etc. The Department, as managed by ONRR, has robust audit and assurances practices in place to demonstrate accountability for the revenues paid and received for our country's oil, gas, and mineral resources. ONRR is now further integrating how we manage data and the EITI Standard by disclosing for the first time project-level reporting. In the 2017 USEITI Annual Report, ONRR will disclose in addition to the unilateral disclosure of revenues by revenue stream, commodity and company the ONRR and Office of Surface Mining revenue streams by parent company and by State. USEITI has already demonstrated global leadership and through the data portal, an effective means of providing transparency around the governance of extractive industries revenue management and ensuring improved public awareness. Mainstreaming government data will continue to demonstrate leadership in transparency.

Mr. Fredrik Reinfeldt
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Chair Reinfeldt,

The Department of the Interior, which leads U.S. implementation of the EITI Standard, began in the fall of 2011 an aggressive timeline to establish a multi-stakeholder group (MSG); achieve Candidate Country status in March 2014; and ultimately begin the validation process by April 1, 2018. The U.S. has made significant progress meeting individual requirements of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). Key successes to date include publishing the 2015 and 2016 USEITI Annual Reports on an open source, open code interactive web-based data portal (<https://useiti.doi.gov>). On this portal, the Department of the Interior unilaterally disclosed 2013, 2014, and 2015 revenues by company, commodity, and revenue type as well as production data across all commodities. The portal is the new global standard in revenue governance transparency.

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Respectfully,

Greg Gould
Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue and
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From: "Wilson, Judith" <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 24 2017 08:55:08 GMT-0600 (MDT)
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To: "Wilson, Judith" <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>
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Sent: Mon Jul 24 2017 08:58:59 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
Subject: Re: EITI

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From: "Wilson, Judith" <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 24 2017 09:01:11 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Gould, Greg" <greg.gould@onrr.gov>
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CC: "Wilson, Judith" <judith.wilson@onrr.gov>, "(b) (6)"
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SUBJECT: USEITI – Options for Implementing the 2016 Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Standard

DATE: May 11, 2017

ISSUE

The Department of the Interior, which leads U.S. implementation of the EITI Standard, began in the fall of 2011 an aggressive timeline to establish a multi-stakeholder group (MSG); achieve Candidate Country status in March 2014; and ultimately begin the validation process by April 1, 2018. However, despite having met or exceeded 22 of 26 individual elements of the Standard (8 of the 9 requirements), at the conclusion of the validation process, the USEITI will not be found in compliance with the EITI Standard and is thus likely to be suspended from the initiative. This paper presents options for avoiding such an outcome, improving our management of the USEITI process, and maintaining DOI's commitment to transparent, collaborative and participatory government.

BACKGROUND

Prior to DOI taking the lead in 2011 to implement EITI in the United States, the Department of State (State) strongly supported EITI and coordinated U.S. participation in the global effort as a supporting country. Since EITI's inception in 2002, State has played a key role in shaping the EITI into the global standard for revenue transparency. Through its representation of the United State as a supporting country on the EITI Board and participation in the Finance and Governance and Oversight Committees, State works to clarify, interpret, and promote the rules of the EITI Standard, including by helping to draft guidance documents on how to assess country compliance. U.S. leadership has played a crucial role in the endorsement of the EITI by the G-7, the G-20, and the United Nations Security Council.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has provided significant support to EITI both at the multilateral level and through direct bilateral support for implementation through USAID Missions around the world. USAID has provided over \$30 million in assistance for EITI implementation, peer exchange, and research.

Domestic implementation of EITI is subject to existing laws and regulations. For example, the Trade Secrets Act and the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (FOGRMA) of 1982, prohibit the Federal government from releasing company pricing information and Federal employees are subject to criminal penalties if they violate these laws. Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) provides that tax returns and tax return information are confidential and prohibited from disclosure, unless an exception identified in the IRC is

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INTRODUCTION

The Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, or EITI, is a voluntary, global effort designed to strengthen accountability and public trust for the revenues paid and received for a country's oil, gas, and mineral resources. EITI brings together a coalition of government, companies, and civil society, or Multi-stakeholder Groups (MSG's), to strengthen government and company systems, inform public debate, and promote understanding.

The U.S. government successfully completed the initial requirements to join EITI as a candidate country when the EITI International Board accepted our candidacy application in March 2014. Key successes to date include publishing the 2015 and 2016 USEITI Annual Reports on an open source, open code interactive web-based data portal (<https://useiti.doi.gov>). On this portal, the Department of the Interior unilaterally disclosed 2013, 2014, and 2015 revenues by company, commodity, and revenue type as well as production data across all commodities. The portal is the new global standard in revenue governance transparency.

In 2016, the Department of the Interior (the lead federal agency) entered a new phase in implementing EITI. The EITI International Board revised the EITI Standard in February 2016, to include requirements for disclosure of beneficial owners of extractive companies and to provide the opportunity to "mainstream" revenue data by governments and companies in lieu of an independent reconciliation of reported revenues. The work of the USEITI MSG (39 members and alternates from federal, state, and tribal governments, civil society and industry) is to ensure that the USEITI framework is tailored to U.S. laws, regulations, and culture, and that it is implementable by government and industry.

The USEITI primary challenges for compliance are: corporate income tax reporting; project-level reporting and beneficial owner disclosure of the corporate entity(ies) that bid for, operate or invest in extractive assets. Unlike other implementing countries, company reporting in the United States is entirely voluntary. Despite current setbacks there is a path forward for U.S. commitment to EITI -- implementing with the expectation of achieving compliance and sustaining our role in the global Open Government Partnership. The path forward parallels the Department's commitment to reforming revenue management and royalty collections. This memorandum addresses considerations of this phase of USEITI implementation and provides options to resolve implementing challenges in successfully achieving compliance with the EITI standard.

I. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION

Implementing EITI will continue to improve government revenue transparency in the United States and continue to serve as an example internationally. The primary areas of consideration for 2017 and leading to the validation on April 1, 2018, are multi-agency involvement, governance of the USEITI multi-stakeholder group, institutionalizing the principles of EITI in

the Department of the Interior and mainstreaming government data. In order to recommend appropriate options for a government position, this paper takes into account the U.S. legal context, legal constraints, feasibility, and the international EITI requirements.

MULTI-AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

In July 2012, the Department of the Interior established the USEITI Sub-Interagency Policy Committee (Sub-IPC) to discuss the status of implementation of the EITI Standard and make decisions requiring interagency input. The Sub-IPC consisted of the following agencies: Office of Management and Budget (OMB); National Security Council (NSC); and Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP); as well as the Departments of State, Treasury, and Energy. The Sub-IPC was led by the National Security Council. The National Security Council, Securities Exchange Commission, Treasury Department and Department of the Interior are all critical to the ultimate success of the U.S. implementation of the EITI Standard.

On June 27, 2016 the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issued a final rule, Disclosure of Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers, implementing section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Pub. L. No. 111-203, July 21, 2010), which required certain companies to report to the SEC their payments related to extractive industries activities. The payments that issuers were to report under the rule included taxes, royalties, fees, production entitlements, bonuses, social responsibility payments (if required by law or contract), dividends, payments for infrastructure improvements. In July 2016, the SEC issued an order recognizing the resource extraction payment disclosure requirements of the European Union, Canada and the U.S. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative as substantially similar to the requirements of Rule 13q-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The SEC requirements were both broader and narrower than EITI requirements. EITI does not require reporting of payments for social responsibility, infrastructure improvements or dividends, but does require reporting of fines or payments, which are not within in the scope of Dodd-Frank or the SEC rule. Congress disapproved the SEC regulations in February 2017; however, the Act still requires the SEC to promulgate regulations to implement section 1504 of the Act.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is the primary Government body in charge of managing all tax payments, including payment of corporate income tax, which falls under the purview of USEITI. In the United States there are two key sources of publicly available information about federal income taxes for the extractive industries: the government and the filings of companies that are publicly listed. As mandated by the Revenue Act of 1916, the IRS publishes statistics related to “the operations of the internal revenue laws” as they affect individuals, corporations, and various other entities. The IRS Statistics of Income (SOI) program is responsible for executing this function by collecting, processing, and presenting this data, and then sharing information about how the tax system works with other government agencies and the general public.

The Department of the Treasury, in May 2016, issued a customer due diligence rule (CDD Rule), which streamlines and clarifies several components of customer due diligence under the Bank Secrecy Act to promote consistency and added a key new requirement for U.S. financial institutions to know the real people who own, control, and profit from companies (the “beneficial

owners”)—and verify their identities. U.S. law requires all legal entities that open a U.S. bank account or have a Federal or State tax filing requirement obtain an EIN for tax administration purposes. Further, an entity is required to obtain an EIN if it has employees, or is required to file any documents including tax returns, with the IRS. An EIN (also known as a taxpayer identification number) is also required, under the Banking Secrecy Act, to open a bank account. Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires any person or group that acquires more than five percent “beneficial ownership” of public company equity securities to disclose its position within 10 days of crossing the threshold. There is no institutional framework for public disclosure of beneficial ownership disclosure information in the United States as required by the EITI Standard. There is, however, a substantial and growing framework for the collection of beneficial ownership information from both public and private companies operating in the U.S.

The Department of the Interior maintains the primary role in the U.S. Government for the governance of energy and non-energy mineral resources. Several different Bureaus within the Department of the Interior collect non-tax payments depending on the type of payment, the location of exploration and production, and the type of resource being extracted. These include: Interior’s Office of Natural Resources Revenue, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement. The Office of Natural Resources Revenue manages and ensures full payment of revenues owed for the development of the nation’s energy and natural resources on the Outer Continental Shelf and onshore Federal and Indian lands.

MULTISTAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT

In 2012, the Department of the Interior conducted a series of stakeholder engagements to ascertain the optimal course for USEITI multi-stakeholder committee management. The options included a Federal Operating Committee, an existing FACA Committee, Non-Federal Entity and a New FACA Committee.

Federal Operating Committees are established by Congress through legislation. An operating committee is established to perform primarily ‘operational as opposed to ‘advisory’ functions. While providing legitimacy and decision-making authority, this legislative option does not allow for expediency. An Existing FACA Committee would require the Charter to address the scope and the Secretary to appoint new members. A Non-Federal Entity, a non-governmental organization, such as a 501(c)(3) allows the two non-governmental sectors (industry and civil society) to come together to create a committee or group, and then seek participation by the federal government in that entity; or the federal government could use a contract, grant, or cooperative agreement to ask a separate, “third-party” entity to convene and/or operate the MSG as a non-Federal entity. In this case, there does not appear to be enough certainty around the mechanism and the authority for creation, thus drawing into question the legitimacy of such a group. Additionally, creating a 501(c)(3) would require an investment of time and money that does not support expediency and sustainability. A non-federal entity would require recognition by the Federal government to bestow decision-making authority and most likely, any changes in federal rules or regulations proposed by the MSG would trigger FACA requirements. Finally, a new FACA Committee could be convened by either the Department of the Interior or the Office of President. Because a FACA Committee only provides advice to the federal government, and the federal government appoints its members, there is concern that a FACA might not meet the

EITI expectation of collaboration, sector self-selection, and responsibility for implementing EITI.

After careful consideration of input from the public at large and stakeholders, the FACA committee option provides the legitimacy, expediency, and sustainability required to ensure the successful implementation of USEITI. In 2012, with assurances from the government, the FACA committee should be able to fulfill the initial functions of an MSG, to develop a fully-costed work plan to design and implement the USEITI framework and obtain EITI compliance, within the spirit and framework of the EITI requirements. The Government noted at the time, that making a decision to set-up the initial U.S. MSG as a FACA did not mean the U.S. MSG would remain so as USEITI implementation moved forward. The MSG, as part of its deliberations, could decide to seek legislation or another option to reform the USEITI MSG.

2017 CHALLENGES TO IMPLEMENTING EITI REQUIREMENTS

The USEITI primary challenges for 2017 are: corporate income tax reporting (Congressionally disapproved Dodd-Frank §1504 regulations required a resource extraction issuer to disclose taxes); project-level reporting (Congressionally disapproved Dodd-Frank §1504 regulations defined project as operational activities that are governed by a single contract, license, lease, concession, or similar legal agreement, which form the basis for payment liabilities with a government); mainstreaming reporting requirements; and beneficial owner disclosure (of the corporate entity(ies) that bid for, operate or invest in extractive assets). Unlike other implementing countries, company reporting in the U.S. is entirely voluntary.

The EITI Standard requires reporting on “profits taxes,” or taxes on income, where material. Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) provides that tax returns and tax return information are confidential and prohibited from disclosure, unless an exception identified in the IRC is applicable. The MSG requested companies to voluntarily report the sum of all federal corporate income tax payments and encouraged reconciliation. For the 2015 USEITI Report, 12 out of 41 applicable companies reported \$190 million in corporate income taxes and in the 2016 USEITI Report, 12 out of 38 applicable companies reported -\$308 million in corporate income taxes.

The EITI Standard states that the MSG is required to agree on the level of disaggregation for publishing data, that EITI data must be presented by individual company, government entity, and revenue stream, and requires that reporting at project level. The standard does not provide a specific definition of “project,” but states it should be consistent with the SEC rules and European Union laws. Section 1504 of the Dodd-Frank Act requires extractive industries companies registered with the SEC to separately disclose information about payments to governments around the world in an interactive data format.

Options for Implementing the 2016 EITI Standard:

1) In 2017, the United States seeks adapted implementation of the company reporting requirements required under the 2010 Dodd Frank Act until such time as the Securities Exchange Commission promulgates regulations under the Act. The request for adapted implementation,

made to the EITI International Board, acknowledges the Congressional disapproval of the Dodd Frank §1504 SEC Regulations. The Board will consider this option in light of MSG support and decide whether to approve adapted implementation. This option requires USEITI MSG support and there is no change to the USEITI MSG Federal Advisory Committee structure or the governance of domestic implementation. The Department of State continues to coordinate U.S. participation in the global effort as a supporting country.

2) The United States requests the EITI International Board to approve an implementation ‘pause’ for one year combined with a one-year extension to the April 1, 2018, timeframe for initiating validation. We would argue that the “pause” and extension would allow the new Administration time to place senior leadership critical to decision making in all the key Agencies (i.e., DOI, State, Treasury). This option requires the USEITI MSG support and there is no change to the USEITI MSG Federal Advisory Committee or the governance of domestic implementation. The Department of State continues to coordinate U.S. participation in the global effort as a supporting country.

3) The USEITI MSG is reformulated in a streamlined fashion. The MSG remains a FACA committee that advises the Secretary of the Interior and also remains consistent with the EITI principles of governance. Having demonstrated significant accomplishments over the past five years and relying on the willingness of many dedicated members of the MSG to continue to volunteer their time, this option would reduce the burden of participation on all sectors. This option requires USEITI MSG support. The Department of State continues to coordinate U.S. participation in the global effort as a supporting country.

4) The lead for domestic implementation of the EITI Standard shifts to the White House, National Security Council, with Interior, Treasury and the SEC partnering in implementation. The USEITI MSG is reformulated in a streamlined fashion, incorporating option 3 above. The Department of State continues to coordinate U.S. participation in the global effort as a supporting country.

5) The U.S. government unilaterally decides to no longer participate and withdraws as an implementing country. The Department of State continues to coordinate U.S. participation in the global effort as a supporting country.

RECOMMENDATION:

Despite current setbacks there is a path forward for: U.S. commitment to EITI; implementing EITI with the expectation of achieving compliance; and sustaining our role in the global Open Government Partnership.

We recommend Option 4 as the most feasible path forward to achieve compliance with the Standard. It will be necessary to have full support from State, Treasury, SEC and the National Security Council to implement this option. Interior has lead domestic implementation to date yet only has jurisdiction with respect to governance associated with natural resource extraction on federal and Indian Lands and associated non-tax revenue management. In light of the April 3, 2017, Federal Register notice of the Secretary of the Interior establishing and seeking

nominations for the Royalty Policy Committee (RPC or Committee) there may be a path forward for the streamlined MSG approach. The Committee will advise on current and emerging issues related to the determination of fair market value, and the collection of revenue from energy and mineral resources on Federal and Indian lands. The Committee also will advise on the potential impacts of proposed policies and regulations related to revenue collection from such development, including whether a need exists for regulatory reform. We believe the purpose of the Committee aligns with principles of EITI that address the valuable role of stakeholders in seeking solutions to issues in the area of natural resource extraction and revenue management. A streamlined USEITI MSG can be a significant source of support to the RPC in their discussions and deliberations

In addition to Option 4 above, we also recommend institutionalizing appropriate EITI requirements within the Office of Natural Resources Revenue. The path forward parallels the Department's commitment to reforming revenue management and royalty collections. We recognize that public understanding of government revenues and expenditures over time informs public debate and informs choice of appropriate and realistic options for sustainable energy development. Maintaining the USEITI data portal and integrating even more government revenue data and information is vital to support public policy and is fundamental to the Royalty Policy Committee discussions and deliberations. We also remain committed to encouraging high standards of transparency and accountability to the public for our mission and in our everyday operations.

We also welcome the idea of mainstreamed EITI non-tax revenue disclosures in lieu of company reporting and Independent Administrator reconciliation. The rationale for the 2016 refinement to the Standard is that extractive industry transparency should not be confined to EITI reports and expensive reconciliation exercises, but become an integral part of how governments manage their sector. Rather than simply relying on the EITI reporting mechanism to bring about transparency, governments implementing the EITI could to a greater extent make the information required by the EITI Standard available through government and corporate reporting systems such as databases, websites, annual reports, portals etc. The Department, as managed by ONRR, has robust audit and assurances practices in place to demonstrate accountability for the revenues paid and received for our country's oil, gas, and mineral resources. ONRR is now further integrating how we manage data and the EITI Standard by disclosing for the first time project-level reporting. In the 2017 USEITI Annual Report, ONRR will disclose in addition to the unilateral disclosure of revenues by revenue stream, commodity and company the ONRR and Office of Surface Mining revenue streams by parent company and by State. USEITI has already demonstrated global leadership and through the data portal, an effective means of providing transparency around the governance of extractive industries revenue management and ensuring improved public awareness. Mainstreaming government data will continue to demonstrate leadership in transparency.

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Chair Reinfeldt,

The Department of the Interior, which leads U.S. implementation of the EITI Standard, began in the fall of 2011 an aggressive timeline to establish a multi-stakeholder group (MSG); achieve Candidate Country status in March 2014; and ultimately begin the validation process by April 1, 2018. The U.S. has made significant progress meeting individual requirements of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). Key successes to date include publishing the 2015 and 2016 USEITI Annual Reports on an open source, open code interactive web-based data portal (<https://useiti.doi.gov>). On this portal, the Department of the Interior unilaterally disclosed 2013, 2014, and 2015 revenues by company, commodity, and revenue type as well as production data across all commodities. The portal is the new global standard in revenue governance transparency.

Domestic implementation of EITI must account for the U.S. legal context, legal constraints and feasibility. Effective immediately the USEITI withdraws as an Implementing Country from the EITI. The Department of the Interior maintains the primary role in the U.S. Government for the governance of energy and non-energy mineral resources. The Office of Natural Resources Revenue within the Department of the Interior ensures full payment, disbursement and verification of non-tax revenues owed for the development of the nation's energy and natural resources on the Outer Continental Shelf and onshore Federal and Indian lands. Despite current setbacks there is a path forward for the Department of the Interior institutionalizing fundamental principles of EITI that parallel the Department's commitment to reforming revenue management and royalty collections.

Respectfully,

Greg Gould
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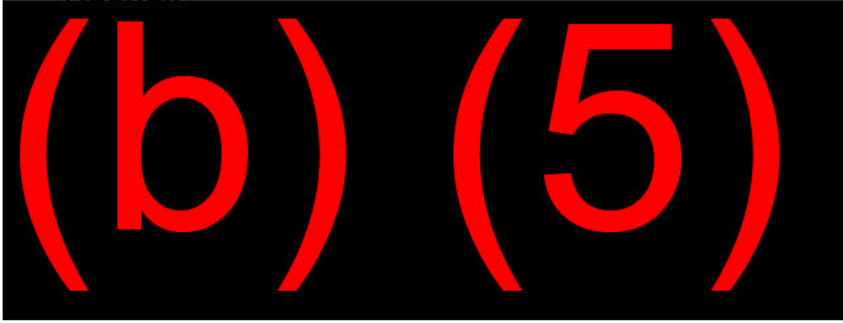
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Thanks Jim, the new DOI date is the week of Nov 6th.

Greg

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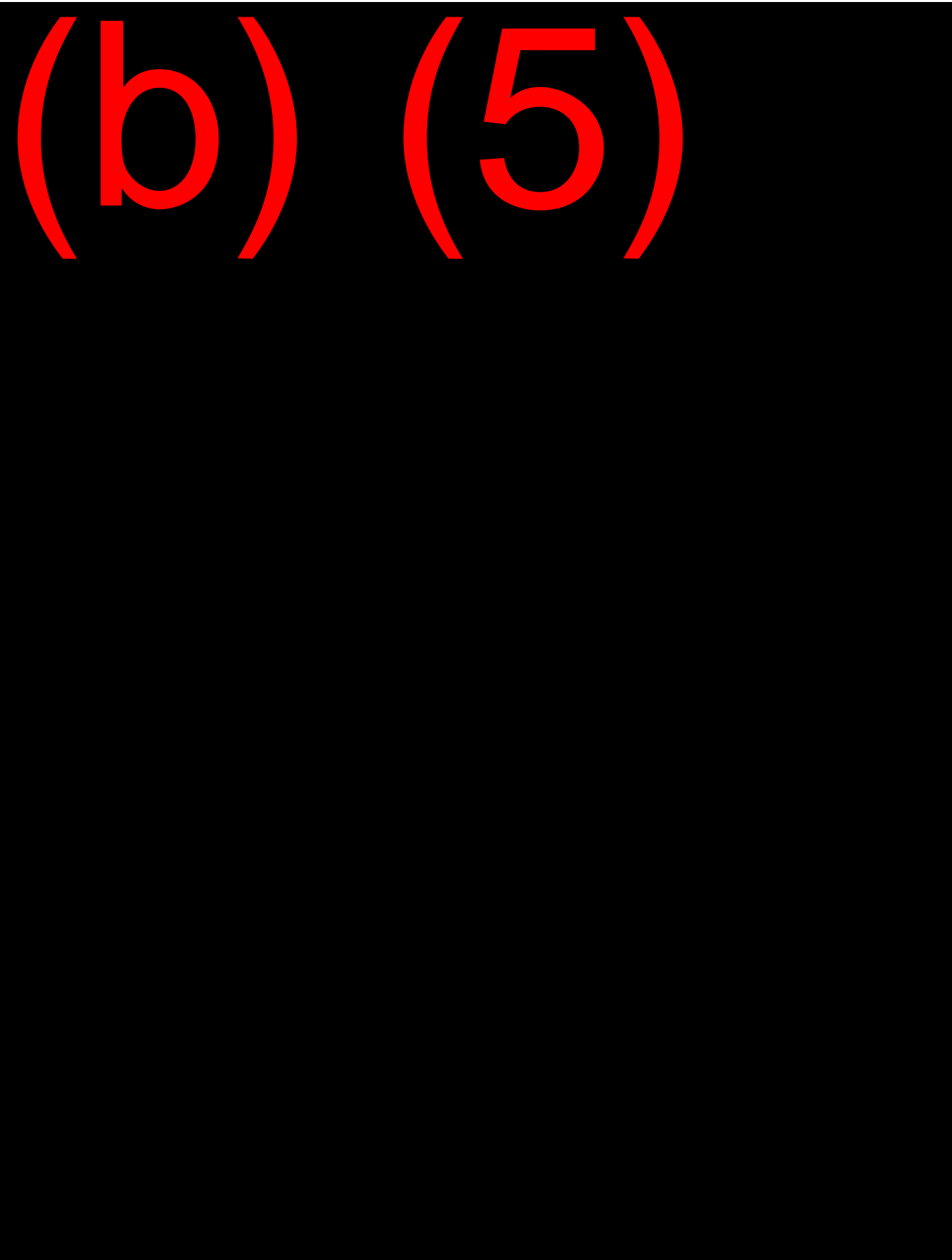
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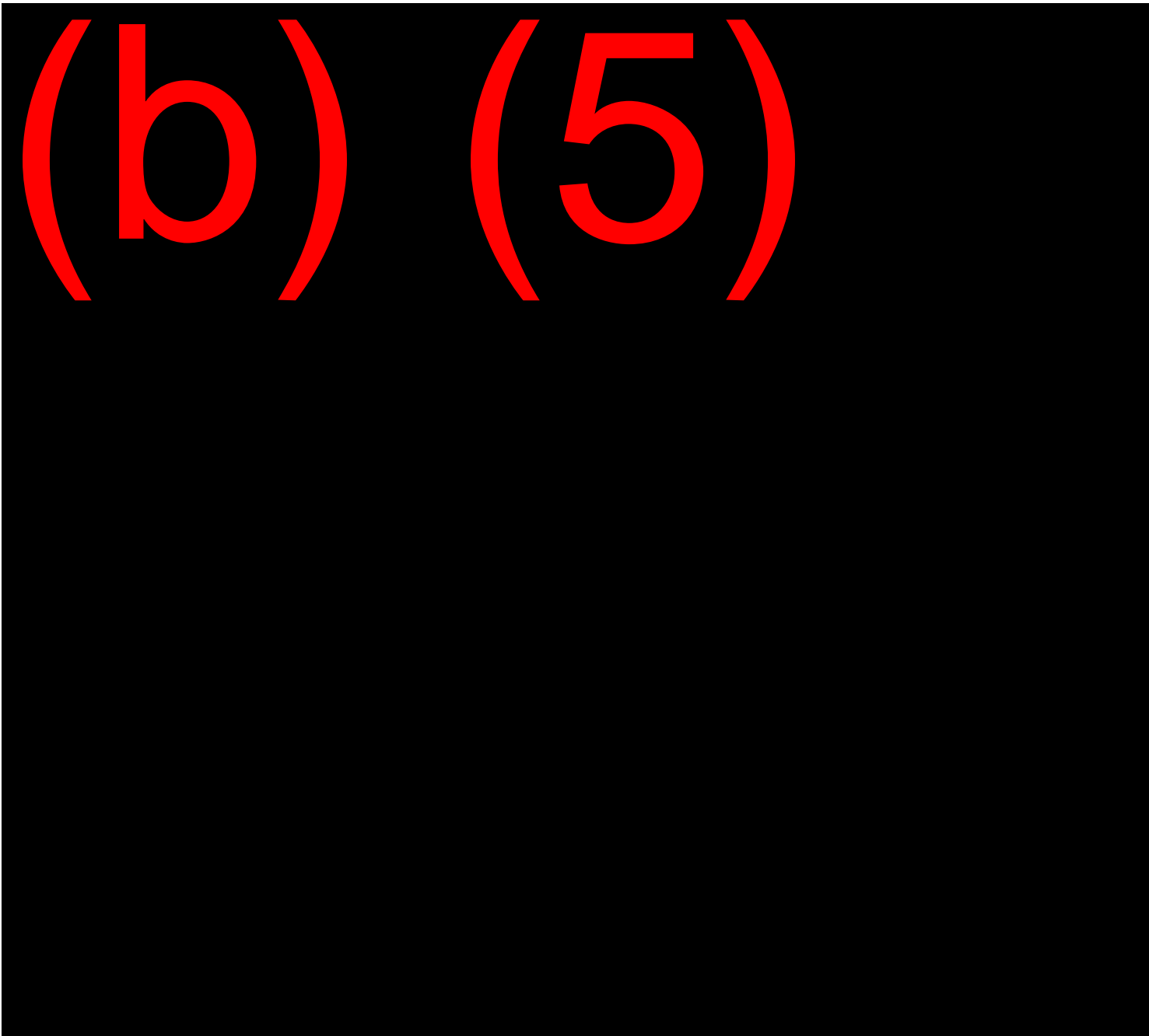
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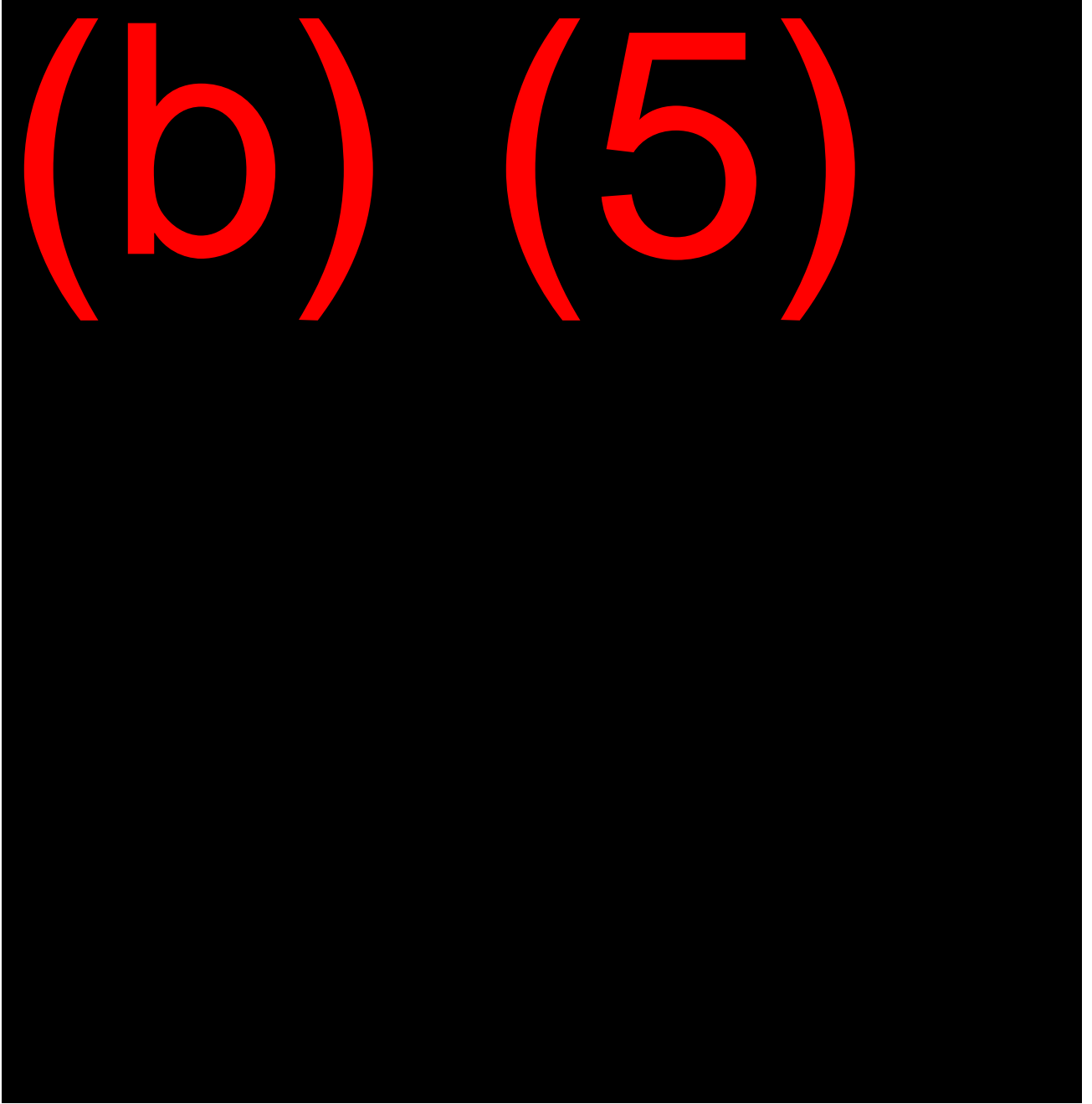
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Thanks for the updated summary. At this point I'm holding (b) (5)

Please keep me posted on next steps.

Thanks,

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A quick note to concur with (b) (6) edits and with ENR's requests (b) (5)

I am happy to resend the inputs I've already shared regarding the latter.

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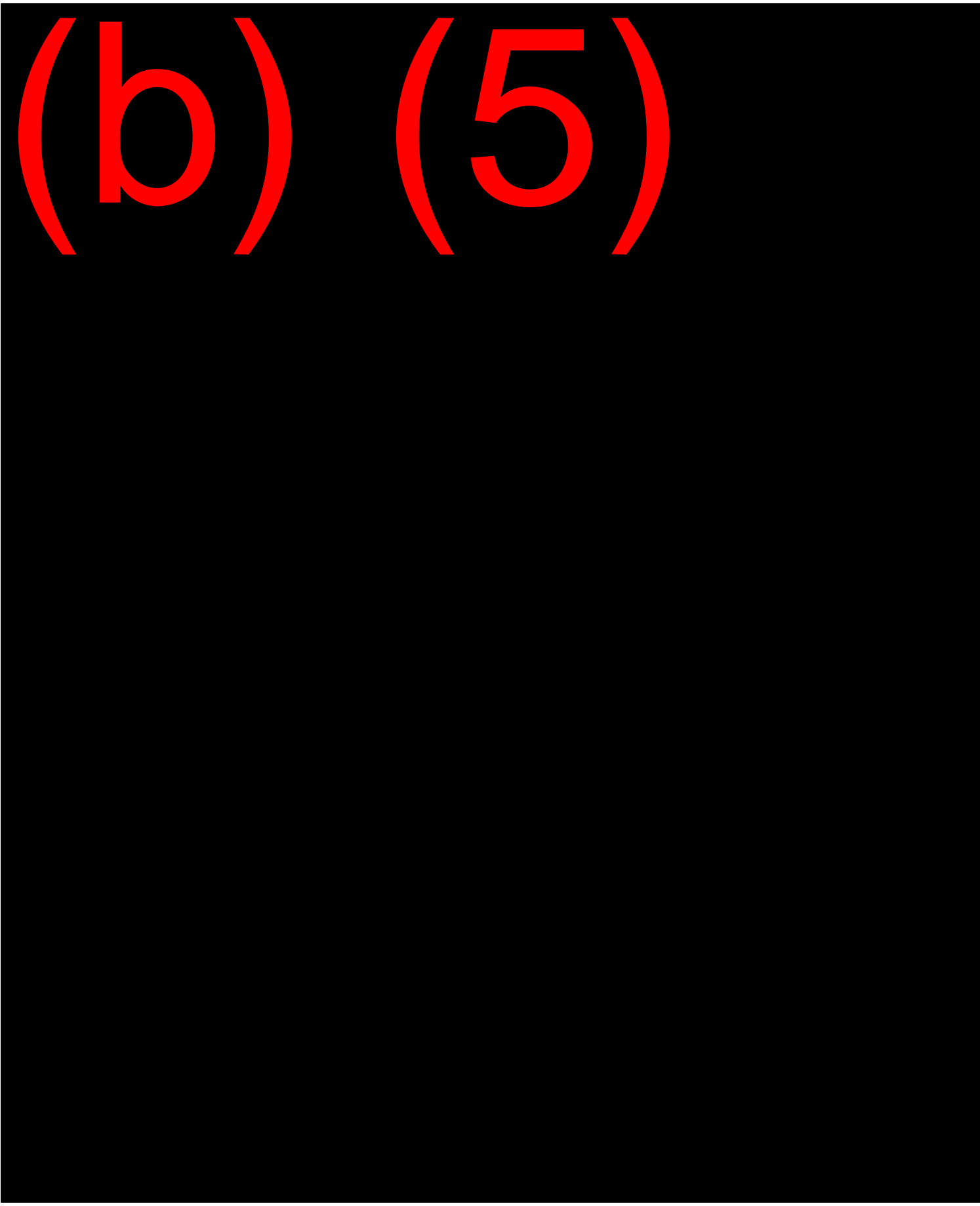
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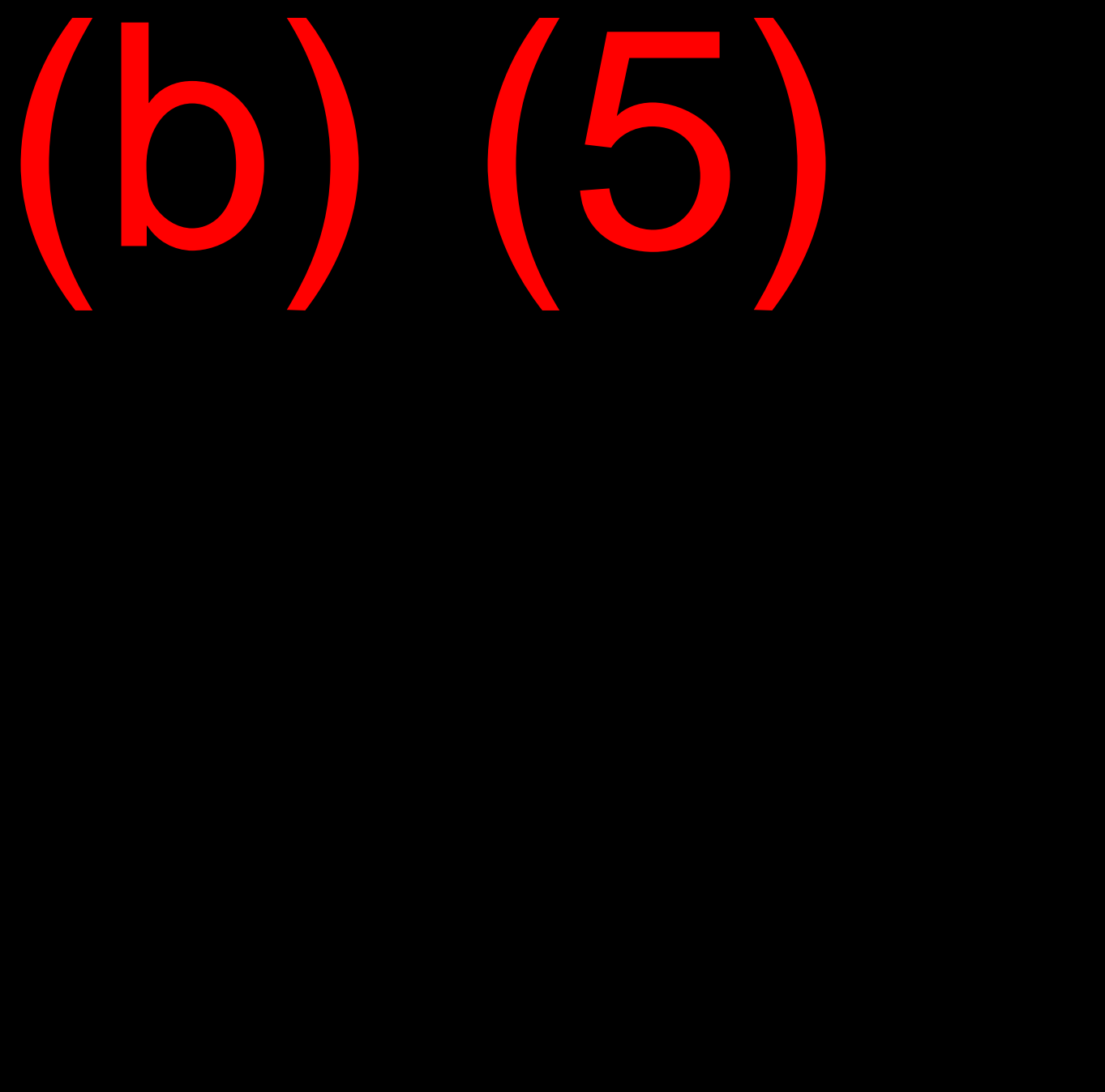
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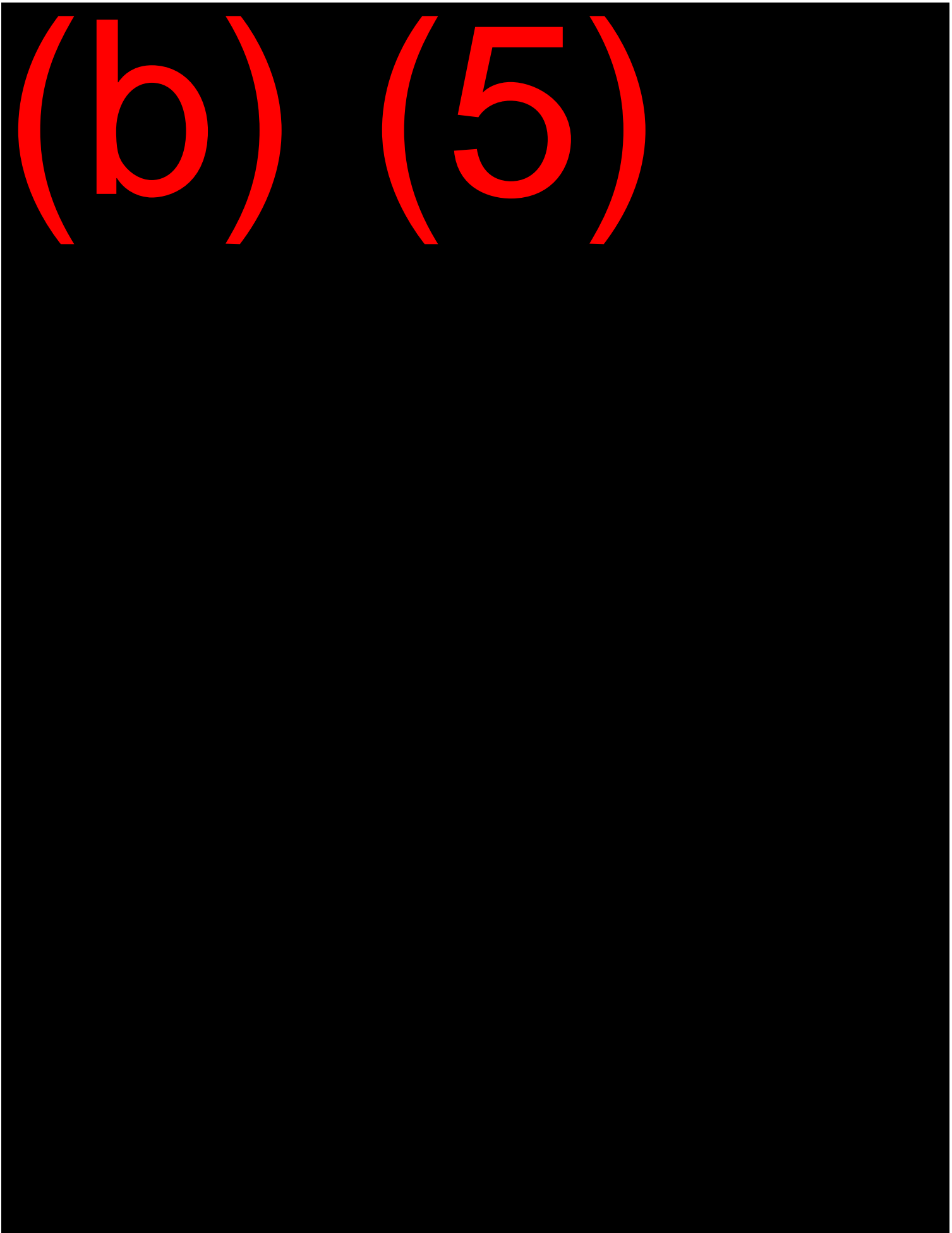
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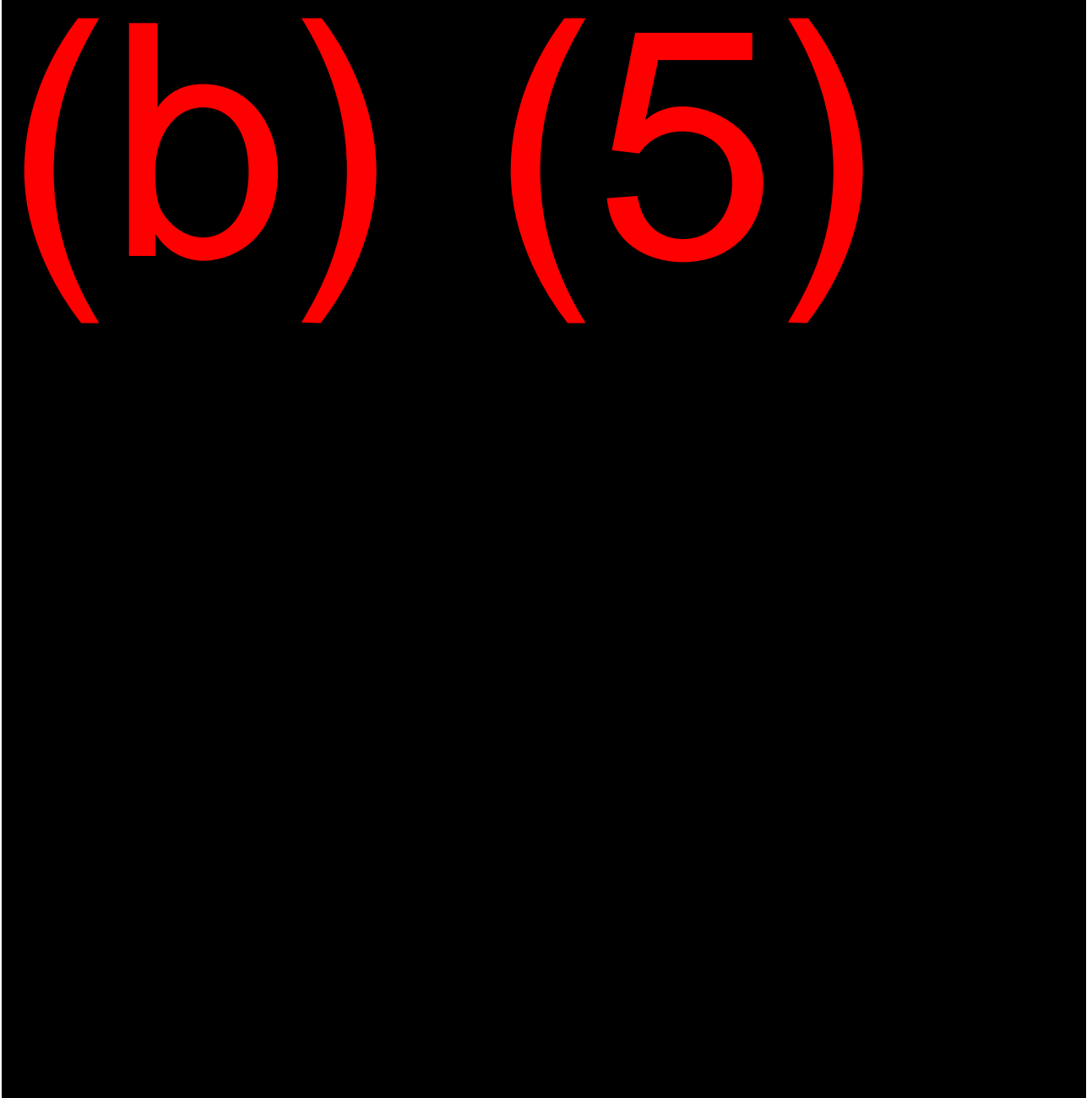
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Briefly, the 2016 Standard uses 34 indicators across seven broad areas: MSG oversight, licenses and contracts, monitoring production, revenue collection, revenue allocation, socio-economic contribution, and outcomes and impact. The Standard provides four possible assessments for a country's overall progress:

- Satisfactory: gold star, you did everything right [you're compliant and will be evaluated again in 3-5 years]
- Meaningful: good job, you've got a few areas for improvement but your intent is obvious [the Board will impose corrective actions that you must complete in 12-18 months]
- Inadequate: significant requirements are not being met [you're suspended and the Board will impose corrective actions that you must complete in 12-18 months]
- No progress: you're not making any discernible effort to comply [you're delisted, i.e. thrown out of EITI implementation entirely]

Thirteen countries have been validated against the 2016 Standard:

- Three scored INADEQUATE and were suspended with corrective actions – Tajikistan, Solomon Islands, and Kyrgyz Republic
- Ten scored MEANINGFUL and were given corrective actions – Azerbaijan (which later withdrew under threat of suspension for civil society violations), Mongolia, Nigeria, Peru, Timor-Leste, Ghana, Mauritania, Sao Tome and Principe, Liberia, and Mali.

Countries are often suspended for short periods of time for technical violations, e.g. missing a reporting deadline. At least nine countries have been suspended at some point since 2011. The Board will probably suspend Ethiopia next month for missing a reporting deadline. Only two countries have been fully delisted – Gabon and Equatorial Guinea, for repeated reporting violations.

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Jim and Tess,

Just to follow up on (b) (6) email, and per your request at last week's subPCC, attached please find a summary document on country membership and participation in EITI. This includes some of the information (b) (6) has already provided. It also includes a general background on both supporting and implementing EITI countries, details the current status of each country (including when validation is expected), and lists which countries have been suspended, delisted and withdrawn. The document also summarizes the United States' participation in EITI both as an implementing and supporting country.

Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Country Summary

A. General background on EITI and United States' engagement in the initiative

1. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) membership: EITI – established in 2003 – is a voluntary, global partnership between governments, extractive industry companies, and civil society designed to promote the open and accountable management of oil, gas and mineral resources. There are currently 52 Implementing Countries (see below), including six countries currently in suspended (must take corrective actions to remain members) status. In addition to implementing countries, there are 15 current Supporting Countries who provide leadership and financial support to the initiative, but who do not necessarily implement EITI. 2017 Supporting Countries include:

- Australia (has announced intention to join as an Implementing Country)
- Belgium
- Canada
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany (also an Implementing Country)
- Italy
- Japan
- Norway (also an Implementing Country)
- Spain
- Sweden
- The Netherlands
- The United Kingdom (also an Implementing Country)
- The United States (also an Implementing Country, see below)

2. Country implementation of EITI. Countries wishing to join EITI apply for candidacy status. If accepted, they remain candidates until they undergo validation. Validation is the process under which every EITI member country is routinely assessed against the EITI Standard, including reviewing progress against EITI Requirements and making recommendations for improvements. EITI candidate countries are required to commence the first validation within two and a half years of becoming an EITI candidate. EITI countries are required to be re-validated every three years.

3. The United States as an EITI Supporting Country: The United States is an EITI Supporting Country, and has maintained strong, high-level commitment to EITI since inception (2003), both through the State Department and USAID. The State Department/ENR holds the EITI Supporting Country Board seat for the United States. In this role the State Department provides critical U.S. leadership on the governance, financial management, and strategic direction of the global initiative. USAID has complemented this international leadership by providing significant support and funding to EITI implementation. Between FY 2006 and FY 2016, based on a clear Congressional directive, USAID has supported over \$32 million worth of EITI implementation, peer exchange and research around the world, including \$13.5 million in multilateral support for the World Bank-managed EITI Single Donor

Trust Fund, and nearly \$17 million in bilateral support through USAID missions¹. USAID is currently in the procurement stage of a planned grant to provide direct funding to the EITI Secretariat from the FY17 EITI Congressional directive.

4. The United States as an EITI Implementing Country: The United States began the process of joining EITI in 2012 as an Implementing Country as part of the first U.S. Open Government Partnership (OGP) National Action Plan. The EITI-required U.S. Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) was formed in December 2012, and in December 2013, after significant MSG engagement with stakeholders across the country, the U.S. submitted an application to the EITI International Board. The Board officially accepted the United States EITI as an Implementing Country (candidate status) in March 2014, and USEITI was established under the U.S. Department of the Interior.

B. Summary of EITI implementation standards and country statuses

1. Validation and status categories: Country validation results in one of the following designations: satisfactory progress, meaningful progress, inadequate progress, or no progress (see below). Countries achieving satisfactory progress pass validation. Countries achieving meaningful progress are deemed candidate countries and are requested to take corrective actions prior to the next validation. Countries achieving inadequate progress – or countries who fail to achieve satisfactory progress on EITI’s four core requirements (government engagement, company engagement, civil society engagement, or timely EITI reporting) – are suspended. Countries achieving no progress are delisted. Details on the specific categories are as follow:

- Satisfactory progress: All aspects of each requirement have been implemented and the broader objectives of the requirements have been fulfilled.
- Meaningful progress: Significant aspects of each requirement have been implemented and the broader objectives of the requirements are being fulfilled. A country will be given a timeline to meet the outstanding requirements. If it does not meet the deadline, it might be suspended.
- Inadequate progress: Significant aspects of each requirement have been not been implemented and the broader objectives of the requirements are far from being fulfilled. A country will be suspended and given a timeline to meet the outstanding requirements before being delisted.
- No progress: All or nearly all aspects of each requirement remain outstanding and the broader objectives of the requirements are not fulfilled. A country is deemed to have made no progress and is delisted.

2. Current country statuses: To date, only 13 countries have been assessed against the 2016 EITI Standard and undergone validation. There are currently four countries in suspended status due to not meeting the EITI Standard (Ethiopia, Kyrgyz Republic, Solomon Islands and Tajikistan), including not reporting on time. Two additional countries - Central African Republic and Yemen – are currently in suspended status due to internal conflict. Most countries - including the United States - have yet to be assessed against the Standard. The EITI Secretariat has an ambitious program of upcoming validations through 2019. The United States is currently set to commence validation on April 1, 2018. Current members, their statuses, and scheduled validations are as follows:

¹ See Annex 1 for a listing of USAID’s bilateral mission support for EITI implementation.

Current Members and Status (52, as of September 2017)²:

- Afghanistan (Validation underway)
- Albania (Validation underway)
- Armenia (Validation scheduled for 2019)
- Burkina Faso (Validation underway)
- Cameroon (Validation underway)
- Central African Republic (Suspended due to political instability)
- Chad (Validation scheduled for 2018)
- Colombia (Validation scheduled for 2018)
- Côte d'Ivoire (Validation underway)
- Democratic Republic of Congo (Validation scheduled for 2018)
- Dominican Republic (Validation scheduled for 2019)
- Ethiopia (Suspended)
- Germany (Validation scheduled for 2019)
- Ghana (Validated under 2016 Standard: Meaningful Progress)
- Guatemala (Validation scheduled for 2018)
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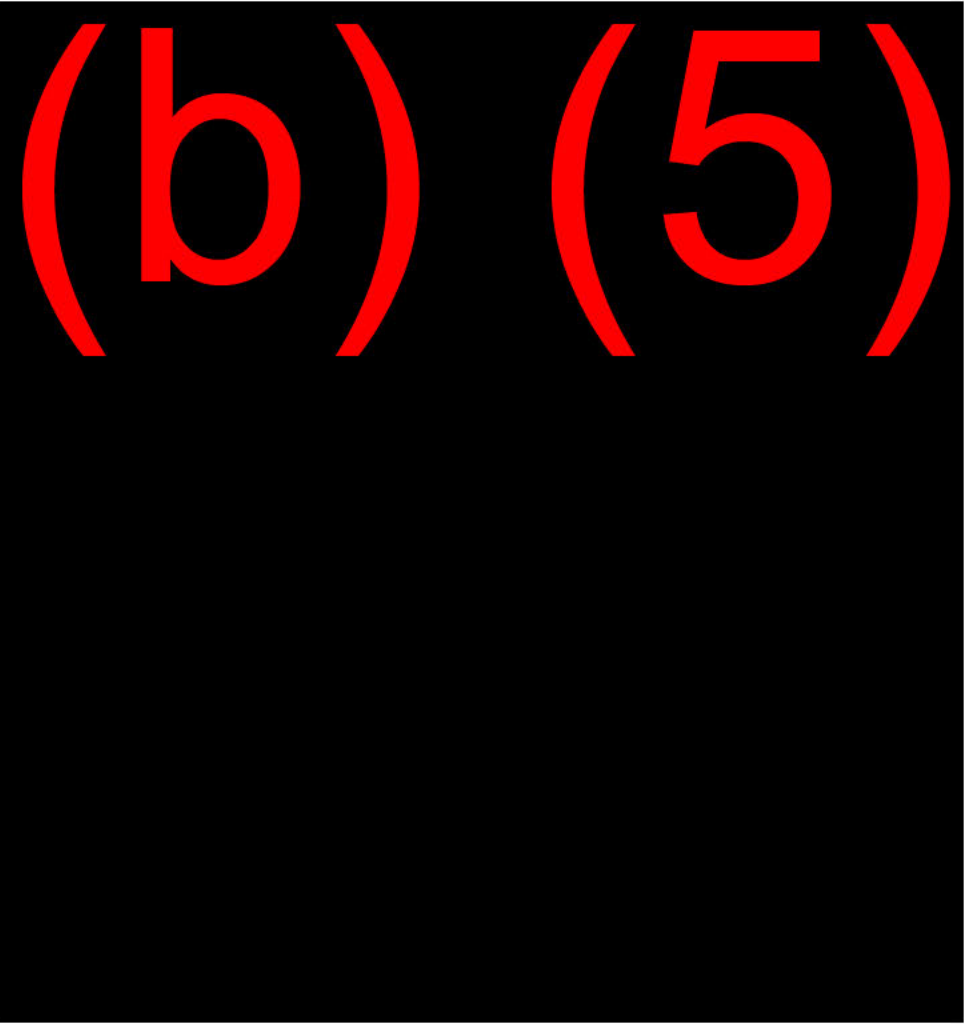
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Briefly, the 2016 Standard uses 34 indicators across seven broad areas: MSG oversight, licenses and contracts, monitoring production, revenue collection, revenue allocation, socio-economic contribution, and outcomes and impact. The Standard provides four possible assessments for a country's overall progress:

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Thirteen countries have been validated against the 2016 Standard:

- Three scored INADEQUATE and were suspended with corrective actions – Tajikistan, Solomon Islands, and Kyrgyz Republic
- Ten scored MEANINGFUL and were given corrective actions – Azerbaijan (which later withdrew under threat of suspension for civil society violations), Mongolia, Nigeria, Peru, Timor-Leste, Ghana, Mauritania, Sao Tome and Principe, Liberia, and Mali.

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Jim and Tess,

Just to follow up on (b) (6) email, and per your request at last week's subPCC, attached please find a summary document on country membership and participation in EITI. This includes some of the information (b) (6) has already provided. It also includes a general background on both supporting and implementing EITI countries, details the current status of each country (including when validation is expected), and lists which countries have been suspended, delisted and withdrawn. The document also summarizes the United States' participation in EITI both as an implementing and supporting country.

Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Country Summary

A. General background on EITI and United States' engagement in the initiative

1. Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) membership: EITI – established in 2003 – is a voluntary, global partnership between governments, extractive industry companies, and civil society designed to promote the open and accountable management of oil, gas and mineral resources. There are currently 52 Implementing Countries (see below), including six countries currently in suspended (must take corrective actions to remain members) status. In addition to implementing countries, there are 15 current Supporting Countries who provide leadership and financial support to the initiative, but who do not necessarily implement EITI. 2017 Supporting Countries include:

- Australia (has announced intention to join as an Implementing Country)
- Belgium
- Canada
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany (also an Implementing Country)
- Italy
- Japan
- Norway (also an Implementing Country)
- Spain
- Sweden
- The Netherlands
- The United Kingdom (also an Implementing Country)
- The United States (also an Implementing Country, see below)

2. Country implementation of EITI. Countries wishing to join EITI apply for candidacy status. If accepted, they remain candidates until they undergo validation. Validation is the process under which every EITI member country is routinely assessed against the EITI Standard, including reviewing progress against EITI Requirements and making recommendations for improvements. EITI candidate countries are required to commence the first validation within two and a half years of becoming an EITI candidate. EITI countries are required to be re-validated every three years.

3. The United States as an EITI Supporting Country: The United States is an EITI Supporting Country, and has maintained strong, high-level commitment to EITI since inception (2003), both through the State Department and USAID. The State Department/ENR holds the EITI Supporting Country Board seat for the United States. In this role the State Department provides critical U.S. leadership on the governance, financial management, and strategic direction of the global initiative. USAID has complemented this international leadership by providing significant support and funding to EITI implementation. Between FY 2006 and FY 2016, based on a clear Congressional directive, USAID has supported over \$32 million worth of EITI implementation, peer exchange and research around the world, including \$13.5 million in multilateral support for the World Bank-managed EITI Single Donor

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B. Summary of EITI implementation standards and country statuses

1. Validation and status categories: Country validation results in one of the following designations: satisfactory progress, meaningful progress, inadequate progress, or no progress (see below). Countries achieving satisfactory progress pass validation. Countries achieving meaningful progress are deemed candidate countries and are requested to take corrective actions prior to the next validation. Countries achieving inadequate progress – or countries who fail to achieve satisfactory progress on EITI’s four core requirements (government engagement, company engagement, civil society engagement, or timely EITI reporting) – are suspended. Countries achieving no progress are delisted. Details on the specific categories are as follow:

- Satisfactory progress: All aspects of each requirement have been implemented and the broader objectives of the requirements have been fulfilled.
- Meaningful progress: Significant aspects of each requirement have been implemented and the broader objectives of the requirements are being fulfilled. A country will be given a timeline to meet the outstanding requirements. If it does not meet the deadline, it might be suspended.
- Inadequate progress: Significant aspects of each requirement have been not been implemented and the broader objectives of the requirements are far from being fulfilled. A country will be suspended and given a timeline to meet the outstanding requirements before being delisted.
- No progress: All or nearly all aspects of each requirement remain outstanding and the broader objectives of the requirements are not fulfilled. A country is deemed to have made no progress and is delisted.

2. Current country statuses: To date, only 13 countries have been assessed against the 2016 EITI Standard and undergone validation. There are currently four countries in suspended status due to not meeting the EITI Standard (Ethiopia, Kyrgyz Republic, Solomon Islands and Tajikistan), including not reporting on time. Two additional countries - Central African Republic and Yemen – are currently in suspended status due to internal conflict. Most countries - including the United States - have yet to be assessed against the Standard. The EITI Secretariat has an ambitious program of upcoming validations through 2019. The United States is currently set to commence validation on April 1, 2018. Current members, their statuses, and scheduled validations are as follows:

¹ See Annex 1 for a listing of USAID’s bilateral mission support for EITI implementation.

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Dear Board members,

After ten years at Ruseløkkveien, I am pleased to announce that the International Secretariat moved into new offices in the centre of Oslo on 4 September. It is now located in the Oslo House of Innovation (OHOI) on Skippergata 22. The postal address is EITI Secretariat, Postboks 340 Sentrum, 0101 Oslo. I had the pleasure to briefly visit last week at the end of the staff's annual strategy retreat.

The premises at OHOI in Skippergata 22 is a couple of stops away on the public transport from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Norad. The building houses a community of start-ups and non-profits and a café on the ground floor. It has common meeting and conference rooms.

The Secretariat looks forward to hosting us there in February and welcomes any visitors in the meantime. I recommend that you take them up on the offer!

1 Summary of decisions

I can confirm that, having received no objections, Simone Niven, Group Executive, Corporate Relations at Rio Tinto has replaced Laurel Green on the EITI Board. The updated Board list attached.

In addition, having received no objections, Ethiopia was suspended due the delay in publishing its 2014/15 EITI Report. The government and MSG have been informed of this decision.

2 Board changes – for decision

The country constituency has nominated Rhona Birchall of the UK (DFID) to take up the alternate board seat to Bent Graff of Denmark. **Unless [Leah Krogsund](#) hears otherwise by 19 September, we will consider the nomination agreed.**

3 38th EITI Board Meeting – for decision

Please find attached draft Board agenda for the 38th Board meeting in Manila. Please let know [Jonas](#) know by 19 September if you are comfortable with the proposed agenda.

4 39th EITI Board Meeting – for decision

I propose that the 39th EITI Board Meeting is held in Oslo on 13-14 February 2018. **Unless [Sam](#) hears otherwise by 19 September, we will consider these dates confirmed.** I have asked the Secretariat to propose dates for the second and third meeting in 2018 ahead of the Manila meeting.

5 Field visit after the Board meeting in Manila – for information

The Philippine MSG is organising a field visit for Board members and observers on 27 October in Puerto Princesa, Palawan. Palawan hosts three large-scale metallic mining operations as well as the Malampaya project which is the largest oil and gas project in the country. The objective of the field visit is to gather extractives stakeholders in Palawan to discuss experiences and challenges in governing the oil and mining sector in the province. It will provide an opportunity for Board members to learn more about the impact that the EITI is having on these discussions. The event format will be a **town hall meeting** where stakeholders from government, industry and CSOs in Palawan will deliver short presentations to stimulate plenary discussion on the following topics:

- Natural resource governance in Palawan: a SWOT assessment by the Provincial Office
- The mining sector within the Palawan ecosystem
- How the offshore can shore up the local economy: government shares in the proceeds of Palawan oil and gas projects
- Royalties for Indigenous Peoples
- The role of CSOs in natural resource governance and local development in Palawan

The forum is scheduled from 14:00-17:00. You may refer to the attached concept note prepared by PHEITI for further details.

Those who wish to join the visit should notify [Shemshat Kasimova](#) by **Friday 22 September**. Participants are expected to book their flights directly. Below are the flight options. Please let Shem know the flight numbers once tickets are confirmed.

Travel between Manila (MNL) and Puerto Princesa (PPS):

Flight number 5J 643 (Operated by Cebu Pacific), departure Friday 27 Oct 1125, arrival 1255

Travel between Puerto Princesa (PPS) and Manila (MNL):

Flight number PR2788 (Operated by PAL Express), departure Friday 27 Oct 2000, arrival 2105

Flight number 5J 646 (Operated by Cebu Pacific), departure Friday 27 Oct 1855, arrival 2020

6 Postponement of Afghanistan Validation – for decision

The Validation Committee recommends to the Board that Afghanistan's Validation is postponed for four months due to exceptional circumstances. **Unless [Sam Bartlett](#) hears otherwise by 19 September, we will consider this agreed.** This follows a deadly attack on employees of the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum on 24 July 2017 alongside a number of recent security incidents in Kabul. The proposed decision would set a new start date for Afghanistan's Validation of 1 November 2017, taking into account progress at that date. Additional information is provided in the paper attached.

7 EITI Beneficial Ownership Transparency Conference – update

Preparations for the first EITI Beneficial Ownership Transparency Conference "Opening up ownership – sharing practice, building systems" on 23-24 October 2017 are well underway. President Joko Widodo is set to welcome participants on the first day of the Conference, followed by a high-level opening plenary lead by our stakeholders in the region and more globally and continued with in-depth discussions in various workshops throughout the two days of the Conference.

The Secretariat is working closely with our implementing countries to ensure accurate representation of relevant government agencies that are working on beneficial ownership transparency in their respective countries in the nearest future. Please let [Shemshat Kasimova](#) know if you plan on attending the Conference.

We remind the Board that this Conference aims to bring our countries together to discuss the challenges they have been facing to-date and share examples and lessons learnt. The Conference will be limited to 300 people from EITI implementing countries.

8 Access to EITI internal website

To access the internal sections of the website, you will need to be logged in. Please find the login details below.

Username: Board
Password: secmuy832T

Best wishes,



Fredrik Reinfeldt
EITI Chair

Draft Agenda

Wednesday 25 October 2017

- 10:00** **38-1 Welcome by the Chair and adoption of the agenda**
Board Paper 38-1-A Draft agenda
Board Paper 38-1-B Board meeting participant list
- 10:10** **32-2 Report from the Secretariat**
Board Paper 38-2-A Implementation Progress Report
Board Paper 38-2-B Outreach Progress Report
- 11:10** **38-3 Report from the World Bank**
- 11:30** **Coffee break**
- 11:50** **38-4 Report from the Implementation Committee**
Board Paper 38-4-A Limited engagement policy
Board Paper 38-4-B Mainstreaming report
Board Paper 38-4-C Norway mainstreaming application
- 13:00** **Lunch**
- 14:00** **38-5 Report from the Outreach and Candidature Committee**
Board Paper 38-5-A Candidature application: Guyana
Board Paper 38-5-B Candidature application: Mexico
- 15:00** **38-6 Report from the Validation Committee**
Board Paper 38-6-A Validation: Mozambique
Board Paper 38-6-B Validation: Honduras
Board Paper 38-6-C Validation: Tanzania
Board Paper 38-6-C Validation: Iraq
Board Paper 38-6-C Validation: Niger
- 16:30** **Session ends**

Thursday 26 October 2017

10:00	38-6 Report from the Validation Committee continues
10:45	38-7 Report from the Governance Committee <i>Board Paper 38-7-A Grievance mechanisms</i> <i>Board Paper 38-7-B MSG governance in implementing countries</i>
11:45	38-8 Report from the Finance Committee <i>Board Paper 38-8 Draft Q3 Financial Update</i>
12:15	Lunch
13:15	38-9 2018 EITI Work plan <i>Board Paper 38-9 Draft 2018 EITI Work plan</i>
14:00	38-10 Next Board meeting
14:10	Any other business
14:15	38-11 Head of Secretariat – closed session
15:00	Close

Summary of actions from previous Board meetings

Note: In Berlin, the Board agreed to include, in future Board agendas, a summary of action points agreed at previous meetings and details on their current status. In Lima, the Board agreed the update should list all actions from the previous meeting and action items from earlier meetings that were not yet complete.

Agenda item	Action	Status
Action items from the 37th Board Meeting, 23-24 May 2017, Oslo, Norway		
36-4-A	The Implementation Committee to continue working on clarifying ambiguities in the EITI Requirements related to the scope of beneficial ownership reporting as highlighted in Board Paper 36-4-A, with the view of presenting a recommendation to the Board.	Completed
36-4-B	In line with the approach outlined in the proposal, the Implementation Committee to review current project level reporting practices by implementing countries with a view to developing recommendations for revising requirement 4.7, reviewing considerations related to the payments to be covered by the requirement, and developing guidance on the implementation of the requirement and a transition schedule for Validation.	Ongoing
36-4-C	The Chair to write to the MSG Chair announcing the Board's decision about Afghanistan's extension request.	Complete
36-4-D	The Chair to write to the MSG Chair announcing the Board's decision about Myanmar's extension request.	Complete
36-5-A	The Chair to write to the Government of Azerbaijan to inform them of the Board's decision, emphasising progress made.	Complete
36-5-B	The Chair to write to the government announcing the Board's decision about Ghana's Validation.	Complete
36-5-C	The Chair to write to the government announcing the Board's decision about Kyrgyz Republic's Validation.	Complete
36-5-D	The Validation Committee to prepare a final paper on Liberia's Validation for decision, to be processed by circular.	
36-5-E	The Chair to write to the government announcing the Board's decision about Mauritania's Validation.	Complete
36-5-F	The Chair to write to the government announcing the Board's decision about São Tomé and Príncipe's Validation.	Complete
36-5-G	The Chair to write to the government announcing the Board's decision about the Validation of Solomon Islands.	Complete
36-5-H	The Chair to write to the government announcing the Board's decision about Tajikistan's Validation.	Complete
36-6	The Chair to write to the Government of Armenia to inform them of the Board's decision.	Complete
36-8	The Governance & Oversight Committee to return to the Board with recommendations based on the Board self-assessment and constituency consultation.	Complete
36-8	The Governance and Oversight Committee to consider any recommendations to the Board from the self-assessment and the Board's discussion.	Complete
Incomplete action items from previous Board meetings		
Action items from the 35th Board Meeting, 25-26 October 2016, Astana, Kazakhstan		

35-2-A	The Rapid Response Committee to closely monitor the situation in Ethiopia and report back to the Board as needed.	In progress
35-2-B	Board members to continue contributing to outreach efforts where appropriate, in Mexico.	Ongoing
35-4-A	The Board to discuss any instances of non-compliance with the 1 January 2017 deadline for producing beneficial ownership roadmaps at its 36th meeting.	Completed
35-4-C	The International Secretariat to implement the mainstreaming action plan as part of the 2017 workplan.	Ongoing
35-4-E	The Implementation Committee to present a recommendation to the Board on options for implementing project-level reporting under the EITI Standard	Completed
35-4-G	The International Secretariat to undertake the initial assessment for Niger's Validation, starting from 1 November 2016.	Ongoing
35-9-B	Work would begin on a light review of potential funding from foundations.	Ongoing
35-9-B	Supporting countries to finalise discussions on a common position on the EITI funding review, ahead of the 36th Board meeting.	Ongoing
35-8	The Board to review the wording on proxies in greater detail before making any decision to include this in the Board manual.	Ongoing
Action items from the 34th Board meeting, 1-2 June 2016, Oslo, Norway		
34-2	The Implementation Committee to consider whether sustained instability and violence like that currently experienced by Yemen may affect the status of countries after a certain point.	In progress
AOB	The International Secretariat will aim to send Committee papers at least five days ahead of Committee meetings.	Ongoing
AOB	The Board to consider holding a Board retreat in the first half of 2017.	In progress
Action items from the 32nd Board Meeting, 23 February 2016, Lima, Peru		
32-4	Recommendation to the new Board to undertake a review of the nominations procedures for each constituency.	Ongoing
32-5-A	New Board to consider review of constituency guidelines.	In progress
32-5-B	Validation to examine whether the MSG and government had taken all measures under their control to ensure all companies reported.	Ongoing
Action items from the 31th Board Meeting, 9-10 December 2015, Kiev, Ukraine		
31-2-A	The Board recommends that the new Board considers the issue of company participation in US.	In progress
31-8-B	The Secretariat to establish a technical working group to develop EITI data standards for consideration by the EITI Board.	Pending
31-9	African implementing countries to continue outreach within the region.	Ongoing
Actions from the 30th Board Meeting, 21-22 October, Berne, Switzerland		
30-2-A	The Implementation Committee to discuss the suspension of CAR in more detail.	In progress
30-2-A	The company constituency to consider the challenge and implications of certain EITI Supporting Companies not reporting in implementing countries like Colombia and the US.	Pending
30-2-B	The Implementation Committee to consider the issue of EITI reporting in territories affected by conflict and potential implications under international law.	Pending
30-3	The World Bank to circulate the EGPS work plan and budget to the Board, including minutes of the first EGPS meeting on Thursday 22 October.	Pending
30-3	Board members to assist the World Bank in encouraging donors to contribute to the EGPS.	Ongoing
Action items from the 29th Board Meeting, 14-15 April 2015, Brazzaville, Republic of Congo		

29-2-A	The Secretariat to inform through Board circular when correspondence for the Board is received and to upload documents to the internal website.	Ongoing
29-3-B	The Validation Committee to be informed of any Validation extension requests.	Ongoing
29-4	Future Board papers to include a paper from the World Bank.	Ongoing
Actions items from the 27th Board Meeting, 1-2 July 2014, Mexico City		
27-3	The Rapid Response Committee to assess the situation in PNG.	Not completed. Redundant.
27-8	Governance Committee to consider recommending a policy on Committee attendance.	In progress
Actions items from the 25th Board Meeting, 16-17 October 2013, Abidjan		
25-3	Further consideration should be given by the Governance Committee to how to manage potential conflicts of interest in that the Secretariat both coaches and supports candidate countries and carries out Secretariat Reviews.	In progress
Actions items from the 24th Board Meeting, 24 May 2013, Sydney		
24-5	Committees to consider drafting work plans to be presented to the Board.	Ongoing
Action items from the 18th Board Meeting, 25 October 2011, Jakarta		
18-4	The Secretariat to sketch next steps towards a firmer UN commitment to the EITI.	Ongoing

Decisions taken via Board circulars after the 36th Board meeting, 8-9 March 2017, Bogota, Colombia.		
BC 230	05.04.2017	36 th Board meeting minutes are approved as of 12 April 2017.
BC 230	05.04.2017	Ruslan Baimishev, Director of Subsoil Use Department Ministry for Investments and Development, representing Kazakhstan is to succeed Bazarbay Nurabaev as Olga Bielkova's alternate.
BC 230	05.04.2017	Carlos Andres Cante, Deputy Minister of Mines representing Colombia is to succeed Maria Isabel Ulloa as Victor Hart's alternate.
BC 231	25.04.2017	Adam Smith International (ASI) is confirmed as the Independent Validator for the 2017 Validations.



38th EITI Board Meeting | October 2017, Manila
HOST COUNTRY FIELD VISIT

***Extracting Value in Transparency at the Local Level:
A Glimpse of Extractives Governance in the Province of Palawan***

27 October 2017, Friday
2:00/3:00PM – 5:00PM
Provincial Capitol, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

CONCEPT NOTE

On the western border of the Philippines, in the Southern Tagalog region, one province stands out as an embodiment of Filipino pride. Renowned for its rich biocultural diversity, it has been the receptacle of titles that avow its national and international significance as well as its appeal as a subject of study.

The country's largest province in terms of total area of jurisdiction, the province of Palawan has been called "the cradle of Philippine civilization" after the discovery of the famed *Tabon Man* and "the last frontier of the Philippines" for its unique ecosystem, not to mention "World Best Island" for several straight years, among other accolades it has received as a tourist destination.

Yet behind or beyond the labels lies an even more remarkable picture of community dynamics and local governance within a place so blessed with an abundance of natural resources. In the evidently critical area of extractives, particularly in mining,¹ Palawan has been a locus of conflict and debate, with concomitant efforts on the part of its various stakeholders to address the issues and move their shared patrimony forward in sustainable development.

Several facets of extractives governance in Palawan are worth mentioning:

PH-EITI participation. An industry representative in the PH-EITI MSG is President and CEO of a mining company that has operations in Bataraza, Palawan. A CSO representative in the MSG is Director of the Center for Strategic Policy and Governance of the Palawan State University. Further, the provincial government of Palawan and three of its municipalities that host large-scale metallic mining operations have participated in the PH-EITI Reports.² Two of the three major metallic mining companies in the area have likewise participated.³

Incidentally, one of the mining companies operating in Palawan has been selected as the Philippines' bet for the first ASEAN Mineral Awards (AMA) for the Recognition of Best Practices in Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Mineral Development (*Best Practices in Mineral Mining* category). The AMA is a project of

¹ Mineral resources that can be found in Palawan include nickel, chromites, copper, iron, pyrite, sulphur, guano and rock phosphates, mercury, gold manganese, oil, marble, silica, and limestone. There is a marked and well-publicized anti-mining sentiment in the province.

² Municipalities of Bataraza, Narra, and Sofronio Española

³ Rio Tuba Nickel Mining Corporation and Citinickel Mines and Development Corporation. The third company, Berong Nickel Corporation, has committed to participate in the 4th PH-EITI Report, having been unable to do so for the past reports due to transition in company ownership.

the Special Task Force under the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Minerals (ASOMM).

Functioning multipartite regulation of mining. Palawan has an operational *Provincial Mining Regulatory Board* headed by the Regional Director of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau and composed of representatives of the Office of the Governor, the Chamber of Mines of the Philippines, the Association of Sand and Gravel Permittees of Aborlan, and Haribon Palawan (a CSO).

Activist civil society organizations. Palawan has a strong and vibrant civil society movement, counting among its leading organizations the Environmental Legal Action Center (ELAC) and the Palawan NGO Network, Inc. (PNNI), who have consistently been present in discourse about the environment, especially in the province.

Engaged Indigenous Peoples (IP) sector. Among the more organized and progressive IPs affected by extractive activities, the indigenous cultural communities of Palawan have actively engaged legal processes involved in mining within ancestral domains, such as the free, prior and informed (FPIC) process. Together with diligent leadership at the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Regional Office, Palawan IPs agreed the first mandatory *Community Royalty Development Plan* (CRDP) on record at the NCIP.

Special governance structure. Further testament to the exceptional nature and attributes of Palawan is the adoption of a special law, Republic Act No. 7611, or the *Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan Act*, creating administrative machinery to implement the SEP through the establishment of, among others, environmentally critical areas network (ECAN), environmental monitoring and evaluation system (EMES), and the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), for the purpose of preserving and enhancing the environment and natural resources while pursuing the socio-economic development goals of Palawan.

Mining is a major industry in the region. While mining (including quarrying) contributed a relatively insignificant value of 1.1% to the national economy in 2015 per official data of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), the industry took top spot in terms of Gross Regional Domestic Product (GRDP) and gross value added (GVA), particularly in Region IV-B (MIMAROPA) where Palawan belongs. For MIMAROPA, mining accounted for **20.4%** of the total GRDP (followed by Agriculture and Forestry at 17.2%) and for **31%** of the total GVA by industrial origin for 2015. PSA data also show that mining has consistently led over other industries/sectors in terms of GRDP in the region since year 2010. (Reference: <http://region4b.mgb.gov.ph/14-articles/119-mining-sector-of-mimaropa-tops-grdp-in-2015>)

Majority of the Philippine oil and gas industry is within Palawan jurisdiction. More than half of Petroleum Service Contracts (SC) in the Philippines are in offshore Palawan, including SC6 (Octon and Bonita), SC14 (Nido, Matinloc, and Galoc), and SC38 (Malampaya). The Malampaya project is said to be the largest single investment in the country, which was expected to generate around \$8 billion to \$10 billion for the government.

As a visit to an actual mine site in Palawan (or elsewhere in the country, for that matter) would require considerable travel and logistical arrangements, the PH-EITI, led by the Department

of Finance, proposes to take the EITI International audience a little closer to the ground, to a provincial forum where guests can hear from and interact with key players and stakeholders in the governance of extractives in a nationally-significant and extraordinary local setting.

OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES

The Field Visit will be to an afternoon forum that will gather extractives stakeholders in Palawan and share and showcase local knowledge and experiences in governing the sector in the province. The Office of the Governor will receive and host the international guests and local participants in the Provincial Capitol in Puerto Princesa City.



The objectives of the Field Visit include:

1. To share and showcase local knowledge and experiences in governing the extractives sector in Palawan;
2. To present the role and impact that EITI and transparency in general have had in/on natural resource governance at the subnational level in the Philippines;
3. To have a multi-stakeholder gathering and forum to exchange updates and learning on and explore prospects in enhancing transparency and openness in the governance of extractives and natural resources in general at the country level.

FORMAT AND PROGRAM

The event format will be a **town hall meeting** where leaders in extractives governance in the province will deliver short (20-minute) presentations to stimulate plenary discussion on the following topics/issues, circumscribed by the stated theme and objectives of the Field Visit:

- Natural resource governance in Palawan: a SWOT assessment (Provincial Office, PCSD)
- Thriving in the final frontier: the mining sector within the Palawan ecosystem (MGB, Industry)
- How the offshore can shore up the local economy: government shares in the proceeds

- of Palawan oil and gas projects (Industry)
- Empowered Indigenous Peoples: charting the future of the ancestral domains of Palawan (NCIP, IP)
- The enduring and evolving role of CSOs in natural resource governance and local development in Palawan (CSO)

PARTICIPANTS

The following will be invited to participate in the Field Visit:

- Members of the EITI International Board and International Secretariat
- Members of the PH-EITI MSG, particularly those working in the area
- Key officials from the following government agencies/offices:
 - Office of the Governor of Palawan and other offices of the provincial government (Local Treasurer, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer, etc.)
 - Office of the Mayors and other relevant offices of concerned cities/municipalities in Palawan
 - Host barangays
 - National Commission on Indigenous Peoples – Region IV-B (MIMAROPA) and Palawan Provincial Office
 - Bureau of Local Government Finance – Region IV-B
 - Palawan Provincial Mining Regulatory Board
 - Palawan Council for Sustainable Development
- Heads and representatives of leading non-government organizations in the area, including local Indigenous Peoples' organizations and members of the academe
- Heads and officers of mining companies operating within Palawan jurisdiction
- Local media

TRAVEL BETWEEN MANILA (MNL) AND PUERTO PRINCESA (PPS)

NOTE: The flight options provided assume that the Board members return to Manila on the same day.

Manila (MNL) to Puerto Princesa (PPS)

Flight number PR2785 Operated by PAL Express 13:10 - 14:25 [1h 15m]	Flight number 5J 643 Operated by Cebu Pacific 1125 - 1255 [1h 30m]
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PPS to MNL

Flight number PR2788 Operated by PAL Express 20:00 - 21:05 [1h 15m]	Flight number 5J 646 Operated by Cebu Pacific 1855 - 2020 [1h 25m]
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VALIDATION COMMITTEE**8 September 2017**

Postponement of Validation – Afghanistan

For decision

For discussion

For information

Summary:

The Validation Committee recommends to the Board that Afghanistan's Validation is postponed for four months due to exceptional circumstances following a deadly attack on employees of the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum on 24 July 2017 alongside a number of recent security incidents in Kabul. This decision would set a new start date for Afghanistan's Validation from 1 July to 1 November 2017, taking into account progress at that date.

POSTPONEMENT OF VALIDATION: AFGHANISTAN

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Supporting documentation

None

Has the EITI competence for any proposed actions been considered?

The EITI Articles of Association (Article 12.1 subsections ix and x) mandate the EITI Board to establish its procedures regarding the Validation process.

Financial implications of any actions

There are no financial implications of this request for the EITI International Management, other than the administrative processing. There are no costs expected outside the budget in the agreed workplan.

Document history

Submitted to the Validation Committee	28 July 2017
Discussed by the Validation Committee	
Approval by the Validation Committee	
Submitted to the EITI Board (BC XXX)	

1. Recommendation

The Validation Committee makes the following recommendation to the Board:

The EITI International Board extends its condolences to the Government of Afghanistan following the deadly attack on employees of the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum on 24 July 2017 alongside a number of other recent security incidents in Kabul. In recognition of the exceptional circumstances following these attacks, the Board postpones Afghanistan's Validation for four months. The Validation will commence on 1 November 2017, taking into account progress at that date.

2. Summary

The EITI Standard requires that countries' progress in complying with each of the EITI Requirements be assessed through Validation (EITI Standard, requirement 8.3). Afghanistan's first Validation under the EITI Standard began on 1 July 2017 (<https://eiti.org/document/validation-schedule-decisions>).

On 24 July, 18 staff members of the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum (MoMP) were killed by a car-bomb that detonated next to their vehicle.¹ The Minister of Mines and Petroleum, Nargis Nehan, is the EITI Champion and the MoMP leads on EITI implementation together with the Ministry of Finance (MoF). The explosion coincided with the MSG's internal deadline for collection of data as part of the initial assessment. This work has now been put on hold. The MSG has not been able to meet since the attack, which is the latest of a number of deadly attacks in the capital. One of the deadliest attacks in years, an attack on the German Embassy on 31 May, left at least 150 people dead and over 300 wounded.²

The International Secretariat is in regular touch with the AEITI national secretariat and can confirm that all secretariat members and MSG members are safe although naturally affected by the attacks. Under these circumstances, the International Secretariat recommends that the Validation Committee recommends to the EITI Board that Afghanistan Validation be postponed for four months to give MoMP staff and other stakeholders time to recover from these incidents. This would also allow sufficient time for the International Secretariat to prepare for the country visit, which requires considerable planning to address security risks.

3. Background

3.1 Validation

The EITI Standard requires that implementing countries regularly undergo Validation (EITI Standard, Requirement 8). At its meeting in Astana in October 2016, the EITI Board decided that Afghanistan's Validation should commence on 1 July 2017. Afghanistan did not send an extension request before this deadline and on 4 July the MSG was informed that Validation had commenced. An internal deadline for the MSG to prepare documentation to facilitate the International Secretariat's data gathering and stakeholder consultations was proposed for the week of 24 July, while a tentative date for the International Secretariat's mission to Kabul was set for the first week of October.

3.2 Progress against the Standard

Afghanistan was admitted as an EITI Candidate in February 2010 and has since published five EITI reports covering 8 fiscal years (2008-2015). The latest report, covering 2014 and 2015, was published in April 2017 and showed that Afghanistan had earned USD 42 million in 2015, up from USD 27 million in 2014.³ The last two reports are qualitatively different from previous reports, enabling stakeholders to use the process as a diagnostics tool to a higher degree than before. In 2017

¹ See <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/24/world/asia/kabul-explosion-afghanistan.html> and <http://www.hurriyetdailynews.com/at-least-24-people-killed-in-kabul-car-bombing-afghan-ministry.aspx?pageID=238&nID=115890&NewsCatID=352>.

² See <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/06/06/world/asia/kabul-bombing-death-toll-increases.html>.

³ <https://eiti.org/news/second-wind-for-afghanistans-mining-sector>.

Afghanistan's MSG has also published a [BO roadmap](#) and an [open data policy](#).

President Ashraf Ghani has repeatedly expressed strong commitment to the EITI and to beneficial ownership disclosure.⁴ The nomination of his long-trusted advisor Nargis Nehan as Minister of Mines and Petroleum in April 2017 was generally regarded by observers as a sign that the Government of Afghanistan would prioritise addressing the governance of the sector. President Ghani has also named Minister Nehan EITI Champion, succeeding former Minister of Finance, Omar Zakhilwal.

A pre-Validation self-assessment exercise carried out by the MSG in May 2017 with support from the International Secretariat, identified a significant number of areas where additional work would be necessary to demonstrate satisfactory progress against the EITI Standard. Priority areas requiring particular attention as identified by the MSG include production values, transportation revenues, social expenditures and export data, among others. The findings of the self-assessment were actively used by partners in the development of milestones and commitments as part of the mutual accountability framework agreed to between the Government of Afghanistan and international partners in June 2017.

3.3 Attack of 24 July and broader context

On 24 July, a suicide bomb in West Kabul killed 38 people and wounded dozens more. Among the deceased were 18 MoMP staff members who were commuting to work in a Ministry bus. Besides the significant loss of life, the attack is said to have taken an important toll on the capacity of the MoMP. In a country where there is a strong demand for skilled workers, the loss of 15 experienced staff will no doubt have repercussions for the work of the Ministry.

The attack was the latest in the so-called warm-weather offensive that the Taliban launches annually during the spring and summer months. As an illustration of the situation, in the seven days preceding the car bomb the Taliban attacked eight district centres, captured two cities, stormed a district hospital, killed 32 members of the local police in Tagab district, rammed three vehicles laden with explosives into government security outposts in Helmand province and abducted 60 villagers in Kandahar province, killing at least seven.⁵ The attack took place while Kabul was in high alert due to the one-year anniversary of an attack by Islamic State against members of the Shi'a minority Hazaras which led to the deaths of 84 people. According to the UN, more than 1,662 civilians have been killed in the first half of 2017 and more than 3,500 have been injured.⁶ Concomitantly, the political crisis continues to escalate. A conflict between President Ghani and his First Vice President Abdul Rashid Dostum following allegations that the latter abducted and raped a political opponent has opened a new, destabilising front within the government.⁷ General Dostum, an ethnic Uzbek warlord barred from entering the United States due to allegations of human rights violations, has been exiled to Turkey where he recently created a new political alliance of Afghan minority groups in opposition

⁴ <https://eiti.org/news/president-ghani-puts-mining-reform-at-heart-of-governments-anticorruption-efforts>.

⁵ See <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jul/24/afghanistan-dozens-dead-kabul-bombing-politicians> and <https://www.voanews.com/a/taliban-kidnaps-sixty-kills-seven-southern-afghanistan/3955058.html>.

⁶ <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/07/condemns-jump-afghan-civilian-deaths-170717085257088.html>.

⁷ See <https://www.rferl.org/a/afghanistan-dostum-failed-homecoming-political-crisis-ghani/28623447.html>, https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/political-storm-brews-in-afghanistan-as-officials-from-ethnic-minorities-break-with-president-call-for-reforms-and-protests/2017/07/01/ab9419ea-5e6f-11e7-aa69-3964a7d55207_story.html?utm_term=.91f0324183eb and <http://thediomat.com/2017/07/kabuls-dostum-problem/>.

against President Ghani. This is in addition to the political paralysis that observers say has plagued the National Unity Government following the power-sharing agreement between President Ghani and Chief Executive Officer Abdullah Abdullah after the elections of 2014.⁸ Support for the government is said to have hit a new low following a particularly deadly attack against the German Embassy on 31 May that led to the deaths of more than 150 people and was followed by rare public protests against the government.⁹

Natural resources are an important element underpinning the violence and political crisis. A recent study by the United States Institute of Peace found “industrial-scale looting” of Afghanistan’s mineral resources which “has occurred not through surreptitious smuggling but openly, in significant mining operations”. According to the authors, “the current political and security climate favours continued and even further increased looting, which strengthens and further entrenches warlords, corrupts the government, partly funds the Taliban and reportedly [Islamic State] and fuels both local conflicts and the wider insurgency”¹⁰. The study echoes the findings in Global Witness’ 2016 report, “War in the Treasury of the People”, according to which “the Taliban and other armed groups are earning up to 20 million dollars per year from Afghanistan’s lapis mines”.¹¹ To put this into perspective, this is slightly less than the total revenues that Afghanistan received from the whole extractive sector in 2014 (USD 27 million), according to the latest AEITI Report.

4. Conclusion

Afghan stakeholders are no strangers to political instability or conflict, and the Government of Afghanistan has demonstrated commendable commitment to implementation under particularly difficult circumstances. Against this background, the suicide attack of 24 June was a particularly serious event that has had tragic consequences for the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum and its staff. The Secretariat’s assessment is that it will be difficult to make progress on Validation at this time. Accordingly, the International Secretariat recommends that the Validation Committee recommends to the Board a four-month postponement of Validation. The new date for the commencement of Afghanistan’s Validation would be 1 November 2017, taking into account progress at that date.

⁸ https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/divisions-within-afghanistans-government-reach-a-new-crisis-point/2016/11/15/4b18bc70-aa87-11e6-8f19-21a1c65d2043_story.html?tid=a_inl&utm_term=.719b51f7e66a.

⁹ <https://apnews.com/fad5e3352ca04edb9d11c8f4ce804e25/Authorities:-Several-demonstrators-killed-in-Kabul-protest>.

¹⁰ Byrd, William and Javed Noorani (2017), *Industrial-Scale Looting of Afghanistan’s Mineral Resources*, United States Institute of Peace, <https://www.usip.org/publications/2017/05/industrial-scale-looting-afghanistans-mineral-resources>.

¹¹ Global Witness (2016), *War in the Treasury of the People; Afghanistan, Lapis Lazuli and the battle for mineral wealth*, <https://www.globalwitness.org/en/reports/war-treasury-people-afghanistan-lapis-lazuli-and-battle-mineral-wealth/>.

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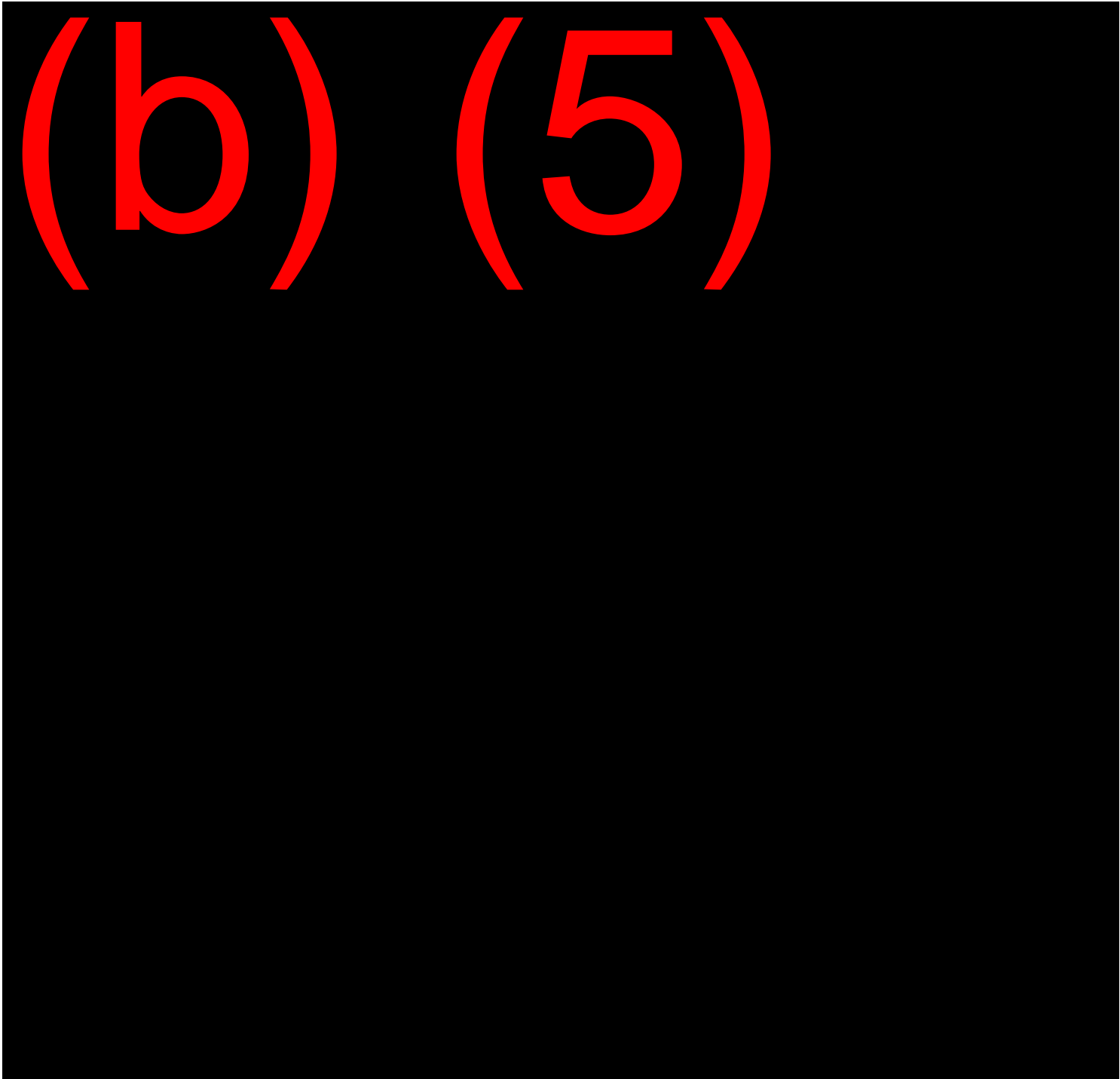
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