



**MINUTES: 2nd MEETING OF THE CONTRACTS DISCLOSURE COMMITTEE
HELD ON 15TH APRIL 2021**

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: UGEITI Secretariat

Attendance List.

No.	NAMES	DESIGNATION
1.	Mr. Robert Tugume.	Chairperson (Government)
2.	Mr. Clovice Bright Irumba.	Member (Government)
3.	Ms. Winfred Ngabiirwe.	Member (Civil Society)
4.	Mr. Obad Noah.	Member (Industry)
5.	Ms. Sandra Mwesigye.	Proxy for Ms. Yuping Song (Industry)

Absent with Apologies.

1. Dr. Tom Buringuriza. (Industry)
2. Mr. Onesmus Mugenyi. (Civil Society)
3. Mr. David Sebagala. (Government)

Secretariat Staff Present.

1. Ms. Gloria Mugambe- Head of Secretariat.
2. Mr. Kanakulya Edwin Kavuma- Compliance Officer. (**Secretary** for the Committee).
3. Mr. Edgar Mutungi- Finance Officer

The Agenda was Adopted as Follows:


1. Opening Prayer.
2. Remarks from the Chairperson.
3. Review and adoption of Minutes of the previous meeting.
4. Presentation on Uganda's Mining sector in regard to contract / license disclosure.
5. Discussion on the Committee's engagement with the Industry Constituency on Contract Disclosure.
6. Discussion on the recommended form of contract disclosure and what it would entail including examples of best practice with reference from other countries e.g. Zambia and Ghana.
7. Way forward.

MIN 1.0	REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON
1.1	The meeting commenced at 10:23 am with the Chairperson requesting a member, Ms. Winfred Ngabiirwe, to open up the meeting with a word of prayer.
1.2	The Chairperson presented some highlights on the recent oil and gas agreements signed on 11 th April, 2021 between the stakeholders and the host governments. Going forward to list them as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Shareholding Agreement. 2. The Tariff and Transportation Agreement. 3. Host Government Agreement between Uganda and EACOP (East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline).
1.3	He mentioned that the Host Government Agreement between The Republic of Tanzania and EACOP Ltd was not signed and a request was made to have the process expedited. Furthermore, that a civil society institution made a complaint on the secrecy of the process.
1.4	He emphasized that the completion of this process unlocked further infrastructure development of the project and arriving at the Final Investment Decisions (FIDs) was a process to which this signing was a component.
1.5	He noted that on 13 th April, 2021 the new Mining and Mineral Bill was passed to parliament but is yet to be considered.
1.6	The Chairperson then let the members know that he had communicated with Mr. Tom Ayebare, a staff member of the Petroleum Authority of Uganda, to assist with the development of a Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) on Contract Disclosure.
MIN 2.0	REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
2.1	The draft Minutes were reviewed and adopted by the meeting.
MIN 3.0	PRESENTATION ON UGANDA'S MINING SECTOR IN REGARD TO CONTRACT / LICENSE DISCLOSURE
3.1	The presentation was postponed to the next meeting since the member was engaged in field activities.
MIN 4.0	DISCUSSION ON THE COMMITTEE'S ENGAGEMENT WITH THE INDUSTRY CONSTITUENCY ON CONTRACT DISCLOSURE
4.1	The Head of the Secretariat started the discussion by highlighting the date of next MSG meeting of 29 th April 2021 and the need to schedule a date for this Industry engagement in order to return with for the MSG meeting.

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4.2	A member of the Industry Constituency on the Committee was requested to coordinate with the other Industry members in order to confirm their availability along with their respective Heads of the Institutions for the engagement on Contract Disclosure.
4.3	The members agreed to have invitation letters sent to Heads of the respective Institutions that make up the Industry Constituency of the MSG.
4.4	The member from the Industry Constituency informed the meeting that EACOP was a registered legal entity operating in the sector and therefore we should consider adding it to the MSG in the future.
4.5	<p>Furthermore, the members agreed to the Agenda for the engagement meeting between the Heads of the Industry Institutions represented on the MSG and the Committee on Contract Disclosure as shown below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introductions 2. Discussion on Contract Disclosure in regards to the mandatory disclosure starting January 2021. 3. Way Forward.
MIN 5.0	DISCUSSION ON THE RECOMMENDED FORM OF CONTRACT DISCLOSURE AND WHAT IT WOULD ENTAIL
5.1	A member from PAU opened the discussion by requesting to have the presentation on the Status of Contract Disclosure in the Mining Sector to include the issues on contracts from the Mining Sector and any hinderances henceforth. This would inform this future discussions and decisions.
5.2	<p>In order to consider the best form of contract disclosure and what it entails the committee requested to be informed by the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Cost Benefit Analysis of Contract Disclosure in Uganda. 2. A presentation on Status of Contract Disclosure in the Mining Sector by the member from DGSM.
5.3	Further discussions on contract disclosure in this regard were forwarded pending the above.
MIN 6.0	WAY FORWARD
6.1	<p>The meeting agreed to the following next steps as the way forward:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DGSM to make their presentation to the Committee. (Including the nature

- of contracts and licenses in mining i.e., is it the case that the mining license is the single document issued to a company / individual and there is no underlying contract.)
2. The Industry member representative to consult constituency on earliest availability for meeting and inform Secretariat by COB Friday 16th April 2021.
 3. Chairperson to inform committee on readiness of the Cost Benefit Analysis (within a week).
 4. Secretariat prepares Benchmarking Analysis on examples of how other countries are disclosing contracts.
 5. The committee to consolidate its recommended form of contract disclosure for presentation to the MSG.
 6. The CSO member to present on categories of information recommended for contract disclosure by the next meeting.

Chairperson:  _____

Secretary:  _____

Date: 22/04/2021 _____