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Daniel Rolpagarea
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National Capital District.

Dear Mr. Rolpagarea,

SUBJECT: INVITATIONS TO THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG) MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EITI COMMISSION BILL REVIEW.

Referring to the above subject, I wish to invite an appropriate officer from your Department to join our Technical Working Group (TWG) members to review the proposed Extractive Industries Transparency Commission Bill. As you may be aware already, the Commission Bill was submitted to the State Solicitors Office towards the end of 2019 for final check on its legal correctness before it was presented to the National Executive Council (NEC) for consideration and approval. The State Solicitors Office came back to the PNGEITI National Secretariat with some queries and raised some concerns on certain sections of the draft Bill early this year. With the onset of COVID-19 pandemic and disruptions to work programs early this year, we could not facilitate in addressing those areas referred to by State Solicitors Office.

Hence, with the relaxation of COVID-19 measures in the country, we would like to start addressing these queries/concerns by way of reconvening the TWG discussions before the end of this year. We intend to finalize the Bill for re-submission to the State Solicitors Office in early 2021.

In this regard, a workshop will be held in Mount Hagen, Western Highlands Province next month. The **PNGEITI National Secretariat will absorb costs for one participant only from your office covering airfares and accommodation.** We will greatly appreciate if your Department could meet the **cost of your officer's travelling allowance and other associated costs.** We also inform that **you are most welcome to nominate additional participants to this workshop, however the cost of the additional participant will have to be met by your Department.**

The proposed date is as follows: Fly In Tuesday 08th December, workshop 09th -10th December and Fly out Friday 11th December 2020.

Please confirm your participation as soon as possible with the PNGEITI National Secretariat to facilitate logistics accordingly. See also attached the detailed program along with additional documents for your perusal.

For more information regarding this, please contact Ms. Sarita Peai – Policy and Technical Officer on 313 3726 or email Sarita_Peai@treasury.gov.pg . Your participation will be very much appreciated to progress this legislation on the proposed establishment of the EITI Commission.

Yours sincerely,



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Head of National Secretariat