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PAPUA NEW GUINEA GOVERNMENT  
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL



Decision No: 90/2013

Special Meeting No: 06/2013

Subject: SIGN UP REQUIREMENTS FOR EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES  
TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

On 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013, Council:

1. noted the content of Policy Submission No. NG 17/2012;
2. approved that PNG will sign up to the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) implementation process;
3. approved to authorise the Treasurer, on behalf of the Government, to make an unequivocal public statement of the Government's intention to sign up to the EITI implementation process (attached);
4. approved to appoint the Treasurer as the lead Government Minister in the implementation of EITI in the country;
5. endorsed the establishment of an EITI National Secretariat to be housed within the Department of Treasury at the inception stage and later separated as an independent established agency;
6. approved to authorise the Treasurer to endorse the appointment of an interim National Coordinator for the National Secretariat from the Department of Treasury;
7. approved that the Interim National Coordinator will be acting in that position until a permanent National Coordinator is appointed by the Treasurer through a Multi Stakeholder Group (MSG);

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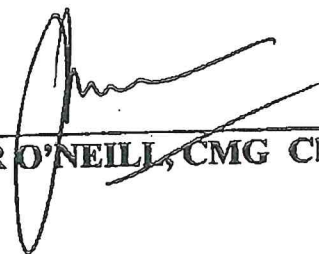
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8. approved to commit the Government to work with the companies in the extractive industry and civil society organizations in the implementation of EITI;
9. approved the establishment of an MSG which will comprise of representatives from the Government agencies, extractive industry participating companies and civil society organizations; and
10. approved the commencement of the MSG's development of a fully costed EITI work plan in consultation with key stakeholders.

I Certify the above to be a correct record of the  
Decisions reached by the National Executive Council

  
PETER O'NEILL, CMG Chairman

  
ILAGI VEALI, MPS Acting Secretary, NEC

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2013

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26 March 2014

Honourable Patrick Pruaitch  
Treasurer  
Papua New Guinea

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA DESIGNATED AS EITI CANDIDATE COUNTRY

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Honourable Treasurer,

I am pleased to inform you that the EITI Board, during its meeting on 19 March 2014 in Oslo, Norway, designated Papua New Guinea as an EITI Candidate country. The Board has asked me to congratulate you and your government for your sustained commitment to, and support of, the process leading up to the Candidature application. I encourage you to continue this support, so that the EITI process in Papua New Guinea can come to its full potential as a tool to improve the management of natural resources, increase accountability, and help in ensuring that the Papua New Guinea's natural resource wealth benefits all its citizens.

The decision of the EITI Board reads as follows:

*The EITI Board admits Papua New Guinea as an EITI Candidate country on 19 March 2014. In accordance with the EITI Standard and associated transitional arrangements, Papua New Guinea is required to publish its first EITI Report within two years of becoming a Candidate (by 19 March 2016). If the EITI Report is not published by this deadline, Papua New Guinea will be suspended. Validation will commence within three years of becoming a Candidate (by 19 March 2017). In accordance with Requirement 1.6c, the MSG is required to publish an annual activity report for 2014 by 1 July 2015.*

We encourage your country to make wide use of the EITI process and the data that it provides to ensure that now, more than ever, build trust between the government, extractive companies and civil society, and minimize corruption. The International Secretariat together with the World Bank and other partners stand ready to support your government in this effort.

Yours sincerely,



Rt Hon Clare Short  
Chair  
Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative

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Members of the PNG EITI Multi-Stakeholder Group