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## PROGRESSIVE UPDATES ON CORRECTIVE ACTIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING VALIDATION

Workshop No: 03/2020  
Date: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Venue: MRA Meeting Room  
Start Time: 2:00 – 3:00pm

Attendees: MRA [Arnold Lakamanga & Louie Kawale] and the PNGEITI National Secretariat Team [Christopher Tabel, Oliver Maingu, & Sarita Peai]

Scribe: Sarita Peai

Chairing: Christopher Tabel, Deputy Head of National Secretariat

### *Minutes*

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#### Discussion items:

Mr. Christopher Tabel formally opened meeting with the introductory and opening remarks and then the main agenda for discussion followed suit.

#### 1. Progressive Updates on the corrective actions

##### i. MRA Updates

MRA is responsible to implement requirement #'s 2.2, License Allocation, 2.3, License Register, 3.3 Production data, & 3.3 Export data. Mr. Lakamanga said that MRA has fulfilled most of the items listed under the corrective action matrix after the first validation. MRA is currently updating data into the current reporting template for the 2019 report. MRA mentioned that it is waiting for IA to forward the updated template to incorporate the data it has been collating.

MRA is currently working on reconciling royalties with levies from the mining companies.

The National Secretariat indicated that most of the corrective actions had being implemented since the last validation in 2018 and needed to update the corrective action matrix accordingly.

With regard to the questioned raised by IRC, the NS asked MRA if it's responsible for collecting the 5% withholding tax from royalties and MRA clarified that it does not collect that component

and that the royalties are paid directly to the beneficiaries, that is; from the developer to the landowners/beneficiaries, hence IRC should liaise with the extractive companies to collect the tax component. MRA only receives royalty levies from the mining companies.

National Secretariat asked MRA to ascertain ways forward to disclose extractive contracts online/ on the website. MRA responded that State Solicitor is the custodian of the contracts and should be involved in this part of the corrective action and seek their endorsement to disclose this information on MRA website.

**Resolution:**

- *MRA to work closely with IA on the reporting templates*
- *IRC to liaise with extracting companies to collect the 5% withholding tax components on the royalty payments*
- *IA to send the portal link to all MRA to access and update the reporting template and*

With no other businesses for discussion, Mr. Tabel thanked the MRA team for their participation and the meeting was closed at 2:00pm.



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Deputy Head of Secretariat  
**Mr. Christopher Tabel**



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**PNGEITI Validation Technical Working Group – Meeting #3**

**Theme: Validation Preparedness**  
**Venue: MRA Office**  
**Date : 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020**  
**Time : 2:00–3:00pm**

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