

OPEN EXTRACTIVE – EVIDENCE OF OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP (OGP) COMMITMENT IMPLEMENTATION

Commitment	Activity	Verifiable Indicators	Means of verification
<p>A</p>	<p>Review and update existing Open Data Policy and orient all relevant government agencies towards open data by default</p>	<p>The Sierra Leone Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative Multi-Stakeholder Group (SLEITI MSG) believes it has fulfilled this commitment. SLEITI has published data related to the production of the 2019 SLEITI report in an excel format. The file can be accessed here: 2019 SLEITI Report Excel Files.</p> <p>Also, the annual SLEITI Summary data templates were published here. The MCAS and the Online repository were also created by the National Minerals Agency (NMA). These platforms are responsible for the processing of mineral rights applications; the issuance and administration of licenses and permits; the maintenance of cadastral records, registers and maps; and the receipt and safe-keeping of reports.</p> <p>Sierra Leone is also a member of the Resourcecontracts.org open data platforms which holds information related to the sector including licenses and contracts. Furthermore, NMA’s Mines Monitoring portal which can be accessed here, seeks to promote transparency and accountability in the governance of the sector. The portal is also available on the SLEITI platform here.</p>	<p>Web link</p>
<p>B</p>	<p>Systematically disclose All oil, gas and mining licenses and contracts in the area of exploration and production, on a publicly accessible government website/portal in both human and machine-</p>	<p>The MSG believes that is has made significant progress in publishing all mining licenses and contracts. The National Minerals Agency (NMA) has issued licenses on the MCAS and on the Online repository available here: SL Mining Cadastre Office and Online repository.</p>	<p>Web link</p>

	readable formats	<p>Mining Lease Agreement for Marampa Mines, Kingho Mining and Kingho Rail & Port are now published on the NMA website here: Active mining agreements.</p> <p>A list of all active contracts and licenses are publicly available on the NMA website here: Active mining agreements.</p>	
C	Develop an appropriate and comprehensive legal framework to mandate beneficial ownership reporting (by companies) and disclosure (by government and companies)	<p>The MSG believe Sierra Leone has fulfilled this commitment by the enactment of the Mines and Minerals Development Act (2022) (Section 156) which contains the legal basis for all extractive companies to disclose their beneficial owners.</p> <p>Going forward, this would provide the legal grounds for extractive companies to report their beneficial owners.</p> <p>The on-going review of the Corporate Affairs Commission’s Companies Act (2009) also now makes provision for mandatory disclosure of beneficial owners for all oil, gas and mining companies in the private and public sector. This will cover existing companies renewing their applications and new applicants.</p>	Mines and Minerals Development Act (2022) – Section 156
D	Government agencies commence efforts to develop template or policy/legal provisions to systematically disclose up-to-date information e.g. government revenue data, subnational revenues in the extractives sector.	<p>The MSG will continue its engagements with the National Minerals Agency (NMA) and Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources to develop templates and policy which fully discloses up to date allocations into the Diamond Area Community Development Fund (DACDF) account and disbursements to chiefdoms and districts.</p> <p>The MSG would appreciate OGP’s support in putting pressure on the relevant institutions in order to fulfill this commitment.</p>	No progress
E	Redrafting and passage of the SLEITI Bill into law	The MSG has made significant progress in sharing the draft with various stakeholders including the EITI International Secretariat for their input/comments. The SLEITI	Draft Bill - Attached

		<p>Secretariat has compiled the comments and presented them to the MSG who will review the draft 5th October 2023 before it is sent to Law Officers department.</p> <p>The draft Bill is attached as a separate document.</p>	
F	Passage of the New Mines and Minerals Development Bill	<p>The MSG has fulfilled this commitment. The Bill was enacted in August 2022 which is now the Mines and Minerals Development Act (2022)</p>	Mines and Minerals Development Act (2022)