



Solomon Islands Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative

1. General assessment of year's performance

Generally, Solomon Islands Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (SIEITI) progressed slowly towards the EITI Standard in 2013. The SIEITI made the following progress during 2013:

- The Solomon Islands Government (SIG) allocated funding to implement the SIEITI and made public statements committing Solomon Islands to meet the EITI Standard.
- The Solomon Islands Prime Minister, Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo attended the EITI 6th Global Conference in Sydney and made public statements committing Solomon Islands to meet the EITI Standard.
- Five positions were approved by the SIEITI Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG, also known as the Solomon Islands Extractive Industries National Stakeholder Group) to be advertised to establish the SIEITI National Secretariat
- The World Bank agreed to grant funding to SIEITI.

Due to a lack of funding, it was not possible to progress a number of SIEITI activities in 2013. Given the lack of funding and that Solomon Islands had limited experience with the EITI Standard, resources were focused on building knowledge about the frameworks necessary to implement the EITI in Solomon Islands.

2. Assessment of performance set out in targets and activities in the work plan

The MSG made a work plan for 2013 but activities were not implemented due to the delay of funds and associated resource constraint. As a result, most activities were delayed until 2014 to coincide with the commencement of funding and this caused work plan timeframes to be compressed into 2014.

3. Assessment of performance against EITI requirements

As with the work plan, progress against some EITI requirements was slow while little progress was seen against others. The key factors that contributed to little progress was the lack of funding and thus few resources available to mobilise.

The table below summarises the MSG's progress against each EITI Requirement in 2013.

EITI Requirements	Progress
1. Effective oversight by the multi-stakeholder group	The MSG was formed in 2012 and meetings were held when required during 2013. The MSG maintained a budget and work plan which included actions to address legal barriers to SIEITI.
2. Timely publication of EITI Reports	Progress was delayed to 2014 due to funding constraints.
3. EITI Reports that include contextual information about the extractive industries	Progress was delayed to 2014 due to funding constraints.
4. The Production of comprehensive EITI Reports that include full government disclosure of extractive industry revenues, and disclosure of all materials payments to government by oil, gas and mining companies.	Progress was delayed to 2014 due to funding constraints.



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5. A credible assurance process applying international standards	Progress was delayed to 2014 due to funding constraints.
6. EITI Reports that are comprehensible, actively promoted, publicly accessible and contributed to public debate	Progress was delayed to 2014 due to funding constraints.
7. The multi-stakeholder group to take steps to act on lessons learned and review that outcomes and impact of EITI implementation.	Not applicable at this time due to delayed implementation.

4. Overview of the multi-stakeholder group's responses to the recommendations from reconciliation and Validation, if applicable

Not yet applicable to SIEITI

5. Any specific strengths or weaknesses identified in the EITI process

Delays in the implementation of SIEITI provided little opportunity to identify strengths or weaknesses in the EITI process. There was some consideration of expanding the scope of SIEITI to capture the forestry sector in the EITI Report but this was not realised during 2013.

Some of the key strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats include:

Strengths:

- Government Commitment
- Multi-Stakeholders team work
- Support from World Bank

Weakness

- Delay of funds
- No dedicated personnel to coordinate the program

Opportunities

- Reduces corruption in the mining sector because of the high level of transparency

Threat

- Future funding to run the Office is not certain.

6. Total costs of implementation?

The work plan estimates the total cost for implementing SIEITI at approximately US\$740,000 and this was allocated predominately across 2013. However, very little of this funding was secured so only nominal expenditure from SIG funds was possible during 2013.

7. Any additional comments

No additional comments.



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8. Has this activity report been discussed beyond the MSG?

This report has been discussed within the SIEITI MSG.

9. Details of membership of the MSG during the period

The MSG members of the SIEITI are listed in the table below:

A. Government Representatives				
1	Harry Kuma	EITI National Coordinator (Under Secretary, MoFT)	Ministry of Finance & Treasury	(Now McKinnie Dentana)
2	Dr. Philip Tagini	Special Secretary to Prime Minister	Office of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	(Now delegated)
3	Krista Tatapu	Principal Tenement Officer	Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification	
4	Raynick Aquilla	Chief Manager	Central Bank of Solomon Islands	
B. Mining Company Representatives				
1	Ellson Habu	Community Affairs	Caldera Minerals	(Now represents Gold Ridge)
2	Mark Edward	Head of Operation (SI)	Axiom Company Ltd	(Now delegated)
3	Yon Toshi Ochi	Managing Director	SMM Solomon Limited	(Now delegated)
4	Baoro Koraua	National Agent	Bluewater Metals (Solomon Islands) Ltd	
5	Reginald Douglas	Director	Solomon Bauxite	
6	Dutchy Boer	Manager	Solomon Alluvial Mining Ltd	
7	Slamet Sugiharto	Pacific Porphyry SI Ltd	Country Manager	(Company since finished operations in 2013)
8	Gregory Young	Contact person	SI Chamber of Mines Working Group	
C. Civil Society Representatives				
1	Bob Pollard		SI Transparency International	(Now delegated)
2	Mary Bollen	Chair Lady	Guadalcanal Province Council of Women	
3	Mere Levo	Representative	Northern Fauro Resource Owners	
4	Timothy Lafuia	Chairman	Development Services Exchange	(Now delegated)

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