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# 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## 1.1 Background

The Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification's Mines Division conducted local-level stakeholder engagement in Guadalcanal, Isabel, Renbel and Choiseul Provinces from 14 May to 26 May 2019.

The goals of the consultation were to:

- (1) Inform communities that the National Minerals Policy has been endorsed by Cabinet and seek any feedback on its implementation;
- (2) Gather input into the Draft Mining Bill and advise local stakeholders of the process to submit formal feedback; and
- (3) Seek input into the merits of and the design for Solomon Islands Minerals Advisory Centre.

## 1.2 Emergent themes

The emergent themes expressed by stakeholders in the consultation meetings were:

### 1.2.1 National Minerals Policy

- a. Stakeholders expressed satisfaction that the NMP has been launched;
- b. There was general support for the inclusive vision in the NMP;
- c. The importance of ensuring that the Draft Mining Bill is consistent with the NMP was mentioned by some stakeholders; and
- d. Some stakeholders expressed concerns that MMERE may not have the capacity to implement the NMP.

### 1.2.2 Draft Mining Policy

- a. A common request across meetings was more time to submit formal feedback on the Draft Mining Bill;
- b. Landowners also expressed concern that government 'continues to allow' mining knowing that there are still 'grey areas' in the current law that require review;
- c. Many stakeholders requested that royalty rates are increased, and a number of stakeholders suggested different royalty rates for different minerals;
- d. Some stakeholders, particularly on Rennell Island, requested specific provisions for bauxite;
- e. Other stakeholders envisioned an increased role for Provincial Governments, and questioned whether there any conflicts between the Draft Mining Bill and Provincial laws and regulations;
- f. Maintaining the integrity of the Minerals Board was seen as key for good governance, and some stakeholders requested more landowner and provincial representation on the board;

- g. The importance of Mines Inspectors in maintaining good social and environmental performance was emphasised by many stakeholders;
- h. Some landowners requested enhanced provisions for landowner business participation;
- i. Other stakeholders stated that Community Development Agreements should be mandated to ensure that all companies are active participants;
- j. One female community member stated that the inclusion of women on Rennell Island needs to involve other avenues beyond landowner identification, as land on the island is patrilineal;
- k. It was suggested that the Draft Mining Bill should include provisions that mining companies must respect local culture and practices;
- l. A view was expressed that the conditions of mining tenements should not take the place of the mining agreement;
- m. Many stakeholders expressed the need to strengthen environmental management in the sector;
- n. A number of stakeholders stated that the method of how payments will be made from the special fund should be clearly outlined in the Draft Mining Bill or the regulations;
- o. A number of impacted communities expressed the view that the Draft Mining Bill should include greater rights for non-landowners;
- p. Transparency was a theme throughout different parts of the regulatory process, from landowner identification to agreements, and mineral exports to compensation; and
- q. Some stakeholders expressed concerns about potential political interference in the implementation of any new Act.

### 1.2.3 Solomon Islands Minerals Advisory Centre

- a. Overwhelming support was expressed for SIMAC from all stakeholder groups in all provinces visited;
- b. Stakeholders expressed support for naming the centre the 'Solomon Islands Minerals Advisory Centre';
- c. The importance of SIMAC being independent of MMERE and mining companies was also a common theme across meetings;
- d. Some of the ways that landowners and impacted communities anticipated using SIMAC were to strengthen their understanding of 'what a good deal looks like'; to support the agreement making process; to plan for livelihood investments; and to help local people better manage the impact of mining operations on the environment.
- e. It was also suggested that SIMAC could be used to bring landowners together to learn from each other and share their experiences; and
- f. Stakeholders expressed the strong view that SIMAC should be provided for in the Draft Mining Bill.

## 1.3 Key actions

The key actions arising from the consultation are:

No	Name	Who	When	Status
1	Discuss outcomes of consultation with Mining Director and PS	Consultation team	1 June 2019	Complete
2	Present outcomes of meeting to Taskforce	Ishmael Khegrasopa and Tim Grice	26 June 2019	Complete
3	Meet with Legal Drafter to provide feedback on the Draft Mining Bill	Consultation team	26 June 2019	Complete
5	Develop an Standard Operating Procedure for the local-level stakeholder engagement	Tim Grice	26 June 2019	Complete
5	Produce a video report on SIMAC from the trip	Tim Grice	26 June 2019	Complete

## 1.4 Key learnings

Key learnings from the community consultation include:

- I. Sending awareness information prior to consultation wherever possible helps stakeholders more effectively engage with the consultation process;
- II. It is useful to have an MC who is not the key content presenter;
- III. A rapid team debrief and planning meeting each day is very useful; and
- IV. Social inclusion requires the team to proactively seek opportunities to include under-represented or marginalised groups;
- V. There is a need to standardise MMERE's stakeholder engagement process to capture and institutionalise good practices.

## 2 BACKGROUND

### 2.1 Background to the stakeholder engagement

#### 2.1.1 The National Minerals Policy

The Solomon Islands National Minerals Policy 2017 – 2021 (**NMP**) was endorsed by Cabinet on March 2, 2017 and publicly launched on June 9, 2017.

Implementation of the NMP by the Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification's (**MMERE**) Mines Division requires a significant program of work. Through the assistance of the World Bank with the Solomon Islands Mining Governance Project, together with the Solomon Islands Government's Mines Sector Institutional Strengthening Program, this work is underway.

The SIMGov program's main objectives are to revise the current mining law, strengthen the capacity of MMERE to implement the revised governance and legislative framework for the minerals sector, and enhance community engagement with affected communities.

#### 2.1.2 The Draft Mining Bill

The first main SIMGov activity is the major legislative changes required to implement the NMP. This includes the repeal and replacement of the current mining law of 1990 (the Mines and Minerals (Amendment) Act 2014 (No. 6 of 2014)). To help achieve this pivotal mining reform mandate, three individual international legal consultants with a specialisation in mining legislation and familiarity with Solomon Islands were engaged. To date the collaborative work of these three consultants has enabled the development of a Consultation Draft Mining Bill which is currently under review by MMERE.

#### 2.1.3 Strengthening Regulatory Capacity

The second main SIMGov activity that relates also to the implementation of the NMP is strengthening the regulatory capacity of MMERE. It was identified that there are three priority areas that require attention to enhance the regulatory capacity of the Ministry: (1) upgrading of the existing mineral tenement information management system, (2) development of mining inspection processes including training, and (3) a review of the MMERE institutional structure and development of a plan for human resourcing needs, staff development and training.

#### 2.1.4 Community Engagement Project

The third main SIMGov activity that relates to the implementation of the NMP is to strengthen community engagement with affected communities. The community engagement project involves a program of activities to inform and engage with the community regarding the NMP, regulatory reform, and development of the mining sector including establishment of an independent centre that will support landowners and communities impacted by mining projects (currently known as Solomon Islands Minerals

Advisory Centre (**SIMAC**). The project also includes the development of a Standard Operating Procedure for local-level stakeholder engagement.

## 2.2 Purpose of the stakeholder engagement

The stakeholder engagement conducted in Guadalcanal, Isabel, Renbel and Choiseul provinces from 14 May to 26 May 2019 was based around the National Minerals Policy, the Draft Mining Bill and the Solomon Islands Minerals Advisory Centre.

The specific goals of the consultation were to:

- (1) Inform communities that the National Minerals Policy has been endorsed by Cabinet and seek any feedback on its implementation;
- (2) Gather input into the Draft Mining Bill and advise local stakeholders of the process to submit formal feedback; and
- (3) Seek input into the merits of and the design for Solomon Islands Minerals Advisory Centre.

## 3 METHODOLOGY

### 3.1 Engagement team

Name	Position	Role(s)	Provinces Attended
Augustine Rota	Chief Mines Inspector	Presenter	Guadalcanal
Ishmael Khegrasopa	Principal Economic Geologist	Coordinator & Master of Ceremony	Guadalcanal Honiara Isabel Rennell Bellona Choiseul
Elmeleck Vamuke	Senior Economic Geologist	Secretary, Rapporteur & Presenter	Guadalcanal Honiara Isabel Rennell Bellona Choiseul
Elizabeth Belapitu	Senior Mines Inspector	Secretary, Rapporteur & Presenter	Guadalcanal Honiara Isabel Rennell Bellona Choiseul
Dr Tim Grice	Consultant	HR Advisor SIMAC Facilitator Community Engagement Facilitator	Guadalcanal Isabel Rennell Bellona Choiseul

## 3.2 Selection of provinces and locations

### 3.2.1 Selection of provinces

The Mines Division coordinated all stakeholder meetings, with input from The Director of Mines and the Permanent Secretary. It was agreed during meetings amongst the coordinating Mines staff, Director of Mines and Permanent Secretary that due to the cost of consulting all nine Provinces, only four Provinces would be consulted on the National Minerals Policy, Mining Bill and Solomon Islands Mineral Advisory Centre: Guadalcanal, Isabel, Rennell Bellona and Choiseul. Guadalcanal, Isabel and Rennell Bellona were chosen as they host the largest active and prospective mining projects. Choiseul Province was chosen due to the recent revoking of Solomon Bauxite Limited's prospecting licence by the Environmental Advisory Committee. The intention of conducting stakeholder consultation in Wagina was not to attempt to influence stakeholder perceptions about any particular project, but rather to inform stakeholders about the NMP, Draft Mining Bill and SIMAC.

### 3.2.2 Selection of stakeholders

Since most national stakeholders in the four designated provinces were scattered in various localities, there was a need to rationalise which stakeholders would be consulted within the available three days in each province. Based on guidance from the Director of Mines and Permanent Secretary, the consultation program focused on the stakeholders who are most affected by planned or current mining activities in the four provinces.

The following locations were selected for the consultation project (see Annex A for a summary of meetings held):

Province	Location	Reason selected	Stakeholders consulted
<b>Guadalcanal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gold Ridge Mining Limited (GRML) Camp and Accommodation Site</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>One of the largest provinces hosting many prospecting, mining and quarry activities</li><li>Gold Ridge Mine is the first significant national mining development project</li><li>Landowners have 10% equity interest in Gold Ridge Mining Limited</li><li>Many communities affected by the Gold Ridge Mine who are eligible for a Community</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Kolobisi Tailing Dam Association members</li><li>Metapona Downstream Associations</li><li>GRCLC members</li><li>Chiefs and Trustees</li><li>Few Gold Ridge Mine Employees</li><li>Women groups</li><li>Youth groups</li><li>Marginalised or disadvantaged groups</li></ul>

		Development Agreement	
<b>Honiara</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guadalcanal Provincial Head Office, Ritaeleven Building, Kukum Highway</li> <li>SolFish Limited seafront meeting building</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capital city of Solomon Islands</li> <li>Guadalcanal Province Head Office for Premier and Executive</li> <li>In east Honiara there are head offices and operations of quarry companies including river extraction sites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landowners representatives</li> <li>Impacted communities</li> <li>SI Cement Company Representative</li> <li>EMCO operation representative</li> <li>Solfish Limited representatives</li> <li>Women groups</li> <li>Youth groups</li> <li>Marginalised or disadvantaged groups</li> </ul>
<b>Isabel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Buala Provincial Capital Town</li> <li>Sepi village</li> <li>Talise village</li> <li>Axiom Mining Camp on San Jorge Island</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Second largest province hosting many prospecting, nickel mining, and quarry activities mainly for infrastructure developments</li> <li>San Jorge Nickel Mine is second significant national mining development project</li> <li>Landowners with 20% equity interest in Axiom Mining Company</li> <li>Many communities affected by the Isabel Nickel Mining Project who are eligible to participate in a Community Development Agreement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial premier</li> <li>Few members of the provincial assembly</li> <li>Provincial secretary</li> <li>Village chiefs, elders and church representatives</li> <li>Landowners</li> <li>Impacted communities</li> <li>Axiom human resource manager</li> <li>Few villagers including women</li> <li>Women groups</li> <li>Youth groups</li> <li>Marginalised or disadvantaged groups</li> </ul>
<b>Rennell Bellona</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tigoga Provincial Capital Town</li> <li>Lavagu village</li> <li>BMSI Mining Camps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Third province hosting bauxite mining and quarry activities mainly for road developments and related mining infrastructures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landowners</li> <li>Impacted communities</li> <li>BMC camp manager and technical employees</li> <li>Provincial secretary</li> <li>Women groups</li> <li>Youth groups</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West Rennell Bauxite Mine is the third significant national mining development project</li> <li>• Significant environmental issues around rehabilitation and the loading of bauxite onto the barge</li> <li>• Many communities affected by the West Rennell Bauxite Mining Project who are eligible to participate in a Community Development Agreement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marginalised or disadvantaged groups</li> </ul>
<b>Choiseul</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sivai village</li> <li>• Nikumarroro</li> <li>• Kukitin &amp; Arariki</li> <li>• Wagina seaweed farm island</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fourth Province hosting many prospecting, nickel mining, and quarry activities mainly for infrastructure developments</li> <li>• Wagina Bauxite Mining is third significant national mining development project but yet to start mine developments though 25 year mining lease was granted already</li> <li>• Many communities affected will be affected by the Wagina Bauxite Mining Project including upcoming Siruka Nickel Mining Project in which eligible for Community Development Agreement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Village chief including church elders</li> <li>• Landowners including women</li> <li>• Impacted communities</li> <li>• Community and church elders</li> <li>• Community women group including youths and children</li> <li>• Community elders and chief</li> <li>• Women group including youths</li> <li>• Ward member rep from the provincial assembly</li> <li>• Village elders</li> <li>• Women group including youths and children</li> <li>• Women groups</li> <li>• Youth groups</li> <li>• Marginalised or disadvantaged groups</li> </ul>

### 3.2.3 Pre-engagement and entry

Provincial consultation program schedules were developed for each of the provinces. With allocation of three days consultation to each of the four designated provinces, a total of thirteen days with confirmed dates and times were included in the program.

Upon confirmation of provincial consultation dates and times, all identified stakeholders in the four Provinces were contacted. It was decided that provincial consultations must reach the Provincial Executive of the four Provinces, landowners, mining affected communities, mining companies, quarry companies, and interested organisations and individuals.

In order to contact stakeholders and arrange meetings, the first approach was to contact a focal person for each group. The focal point for each stakeholder was generally a person in a leadership or coordinating role, such as the Provincial Executive through the Provincial Secretary; Landowners through the Chairman; Mining affected communities through the Chairman; Companies through either Managing Directors or General Managers; and interested organisations through key directors. Where possible, formal letters were emailed to stakeholders advising of the purpose of the consultation and suggested times and locations for meetings.

Where practical, mining companies were asked to make arrangements to advise landowners and impacted communities of the requested meetings. All of the invitation letters were signed off by the coordinating Mines staff and emailed to focal persons are in email contact. Where focal persons did not have access to email, phone calls were made to convey relevant information. Follow-up phone calls were also made to discuss meeting arrangements.

In addition, a service message through the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation was drawn up by the coordinating Mines Staff (see Annex B). The intention of this service message was to inform the entire Solomon Islands nation including all stakeholders in all the Provinces that consultations on the National Minerals Policy, Mining Bill and Solomon Islands Minerals Advisory Centre was happening in the four Provinces. This service message was broadcasted every evening for a period of thirteen days.

## 3.3 Awareness materials

Awareness materials for the trip included the following:

- a. A pamphlet summarising the NMP, the Draft Mining Bill and SIMAC that was specifically prepared for the trip (see Figure 1 and Figure 2);
- b. Hard copies of the NMP and the Draft Mining Bill; and
- c. A powerpoint presentation summarising the NMP, the Draft Mining Bill and SIMAC that was specifically prepared for the trip.



Figure 1. Front side of awareness pamphlet.

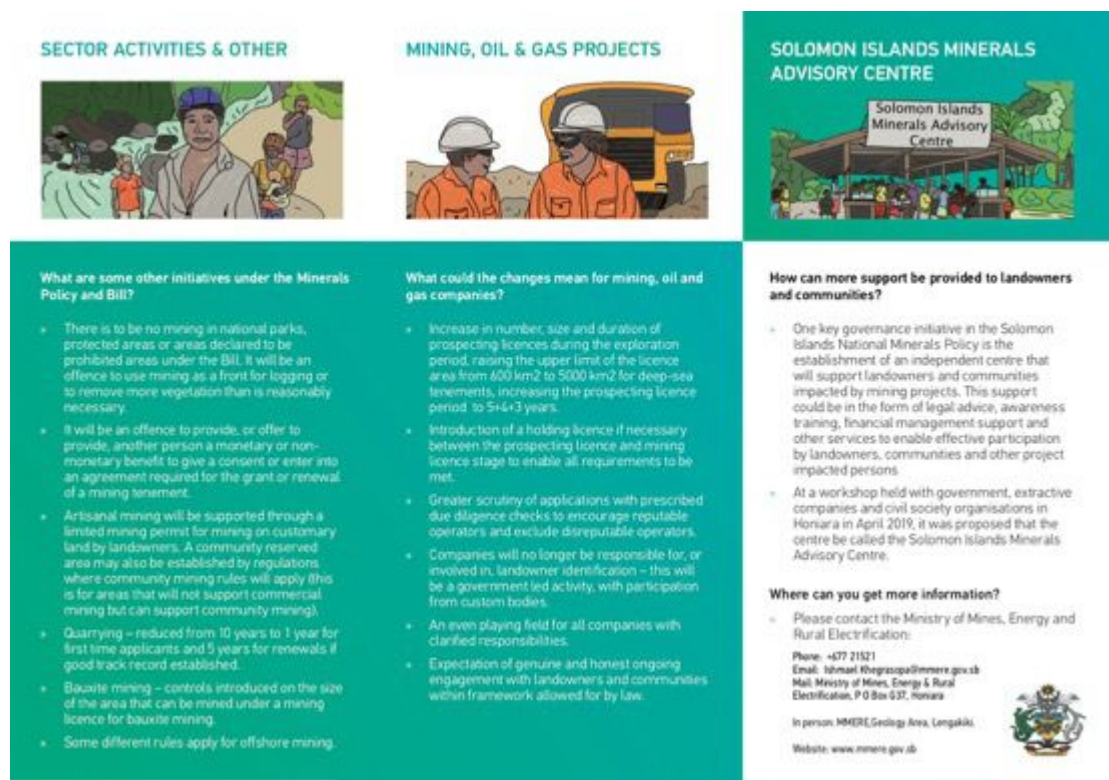


Figure 2. Back side of awareness pamphlet.

### 3.4 Meeting process

Each meeting was chaired by a Master of Ceremonies (**MC**) from the Mines division. Following the welcome to stakeholders, the MC gave an overview of the purpose of the consultation, explained the meeting schedule for the province, and introduced the consultation team.

Next, information pamphlets were handed out to meeting attendees, together with copies of the NMP and the Draft Mining Bill.

The team then presented the information on the pamphlet in pijin English, with a focus on the NMP, the Draft Mining Bill and SIMAC. Practical examples were given to illustrate key points. MMERE team members presented the information on the NMP and the SimGov consultant (Dr Tim Grice) presented the information on SIMAC.

In each meeting, emphasis was put on gender inclusion as a ‘cross-cutting’ theme across the NMP, the Draft Mining Bill and SIMAC. In addition, Elizabeth Belapitu also spoke on the topic of gender and inclusion.

Following the presentation of information, an open dialogue was facilitated by the MC. This included questions and answers and general discussion with stakeholders.

Meeting minutes were taken at each meeting (see Annex C).

## 4 KEY THEMES

Emergent themes expressed by stakeholders in the consultation meetings include:

### 4.1 Minerals Policy

No	Stakeholder Feedback	Description
1	Stakeholders expressed satisfaction that the NMP has been launched and were happy to be informed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Generally positive about the NMP and happy to receive a copy.</li><li>• It was important that the MMERE team returned to the communities where consultation was originally conducted when the NMP was being formulated.</li></ul>
2	There was general support for the inclusive vision in the NMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stakeholder support for the NMP Vision: “The mineral resources of Solomon Islands will be developed, for the benefit of all the people of our country, in a way that respects the different cultures, interests, and relationships that make up this diverse community”.</li></ul>
3	The importance of ensuring that	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Important to make sure that the Draft Bill is consistent with the NMP.</li></ul>

	the Draft Mining Bill is consistent with the NMP was mentioned by some stakeholders	
4	Some stakeholders expressed concerns that MMERE may not have the capacity to implement the NMP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is there capacity to implement the NMP?</li> </ul>

## 4.2 Draft Mining Bill

No	Stakeholder Feedback	Description
1	A common request across meetings was more time to submit formal feedback on the Draft Mining Bill.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was a general request to allow time for provincial stakeholders to submit feedback on the Draft Mining Bill.</li> <li>Some stakeholders requested that the Taskforce conducts a 3<sup>rd</sup> review of the Draft Mining Bill and include the relevant feedbacks and recommendations obtained from the provincial consultation.</li> </ul>
2	Landowners are concerned about the fact that government continues to allow mining knowing that there are still 'grey areas' in the current law that needs to be reviewed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landowners are concerned about the fact that government continues to allow mining knowing that there are still 'grey areas' in the current law that needs to be reviewed.</li> <li>Some concern was expressed regarding the potentially long time that it might take for the Draft Mining Bill to go before Parliament. On Rennell Island, landowners were concerned about the timing of legislative changes given that (in their Ward and/or their view) most of the bauxite deposits in west Rennell have already been mined.</li> </ul>
3	Many stakeholders requested that royalty rates are increased, and a number of stakeholders suggested different royalty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Many stakeholders across the different meetings expressed a desire to increase royalty rates. For instance, some suggestions included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase royalty rate from 3% to 10% (for Government, Province &amp; Landowners) and the remaining 90% for the company.</li> <li>Increase royalty percentage as such; Landowners (50%), Government (40%) and Province (10%) or</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	rates for different minerals.	<p>increase from 5% to 10% based on revenue not royalty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was also a request to establish different royalty rates for different mineral types. For instance, it was requested that the Draft Mining Bill provide provisions to increase the royalty rate from 5% to 10% for unprocessed and extracted mineral resources; semi-processed minerals (like gold concentrates) for royalty rate of 5%; and processed minerals 3%.</li> </ul>
4	Some stakeholders, particularly on Rennell Island, requested specific provisions for bauxite.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Another theme of the consultations (particularly on Rennell Island) was to have specific provisions for bauxite, or even a dedicated Bill for bauxite. The concern was that bauxite mines do not require as much capital investment or technical knowledge as, for instance, a gold mine. Therefore, it was stated, the share of royalties and the return to the developer should be rebalanced.</li> <li>A related concern was that the bauxite price is controlled by the company through an opaque process that no one seems to understand. It was suggested that a fixed price should be included in the Draft Mining Bill if possible.</li> <li>There was another comment that the current royalty rate adopted by BMC for bauxite mining, 6.5%, should be included in the Draft Mining Bill instead of 5%.</li> <li>And finally, a recommendation was made that the bill should also provide for minerals that are above 6 feet or even included in the regulation.</li> </ul>
5	Some stakeholders envisioned an increased role for provinces, and questioned whether there any conflicts between the Draft Mining Bill and Provincial laws and regulations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was some discussion around how to increase the role and capacity of provinces in the regulation of the sector. For instance, it was suggested that a mapping office is located in the province to help landowners have clear identification of the boundaries for each tenement area.</li> <li>There was also discussion in one meeting around how to transfer powers from the Provincial Premier to Ward Members in areas where mining activity is located. On the same note it was also suggested that the Draft Mining Bill must state what powers the provincial members have with regards to CDAs, access agreements and negotiations.</li> <li>A related theme in one of the meetings was whether the Draft Mining Bill would affect other national legislation and provincial regulations relating to environmental management, business licenses and the Land and Titles Act.</li> </ul>
6	Maintaining the integrity of the Minerals Board was seen as key for good governance, and some stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board membership for Province: Is it Member of Provincial Assembly or Premier and where does Provincial Secretary responsibilities fit in during Board meetings?</li> <li>A provincial representative to be part of the minerals board instead of a provincial secretary, since he/she will be appointed by the provincial board to be independent thus avoids political interference.</li> </ul>

	requested more landowner and provincial representation on the board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board membership for Landowners: Is it eligible solely for landowners? How about representative of affected communities so that they also have a voice?</li> </ul>
7	The importance of the role of Mines Inspectors in maintaining good social and environmental performance was emphasised by many stakeholders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mines inspectors to have authorised powers to inspect mining and prospecting activities to ensure companies are operating within the framework of the law—must be provided for in the Draft Mining Bill.</li> <li>Landowners emphasised on the need for mines inspection and monitoring of mining operations in Rennell to be effective in ensuring that inspectors have power to give stop notices to companies who breached the operational, environmental, health and safety standards set out in the law and access agreements.</li> </ul>
8	Some landowners requested enhanced provisions for landowner business participation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is there a provision in the Draft Mining Bill to strengthen local content / landowner business participation? Also, to enable landowners to engage in small scale mining operations.</li> </ul>
9	Some stakeholders stated that Community Development Agreements to be mandated to ensure that all companies are active participants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With the current issue that some companies do not want to sign a CDA, some landowners expressed the view that mining companies should be mandated to sign a CDA with landowners and impacted communities and that CDAs must be beneficial to both landowners and non-landowners in that impacted community.</li> <li>The Draft Mining Bill should include or state how many councils are to be formed for each impacted community for the purpose of the CDA. A limit of number of councils needs to be included in the Draft Mining Bill so that it is more efficient for companies when dealing with CDAs.</li> </ul>
10	The inclusion of women on Rennell Island needs to involve other avenues beyond landowner identification, as land on the island is patrilineal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A comment from a women representative during one meeting concerned the inclusion of women in landowner identification and the CDA, saying that such a provision is not applicable for Rennell due to the patrilineal system where men are considered landowners and superior to women in terms of decision-making. Thus a suggestion was made to also include in the Draft Mining Bill any other opportunities or avenues where women can be involved for their benefit apart from making decisions related to landowner identification and signing of access agreements.</li> </ul>
11	The Draft Mining Bill should include provisions that mining companies must	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include in the Draft Mining Bill that companies must respect the culture and beliefs of local peoples and also to adhere to other Acts such as the Labour and Employment Act and NPF Act.</li> </ul>

	respect local culture and practices.	
<b>12</b>	The conditions of mining tenements should not take the place of the mining agreement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is an issue with this statement, “The conditions of mining tenements take the place of the mining agreement”. Landowners think it’s not relevant to put this in the Draft Mining Bill or otherwise can there be a clarification on why it’s been included in the bill?</li> <li>• Issue of West Rennell land registration has become a confusion to most landowners, and it was claimed that the government gives land for mining without consent of landowners. Can a provision be included in the Draft Mining Bill to address such issue?</li> <li>• The bill must make sure that landowner’s identification process is effective and accurate.</li> </ul>
<b>13</b>	Many stakeholders expressed the need to strengthen environmental management in the sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Companies should be mandated to conduct proper mine rehabilitation.</li> <li>• Suggested that there must be a provision to mandate ministry of environment and mines to conduct effective consultation with the landowners and affected communities within a mining tenement area before the company and landowners sign any access agreements.</li> </ul>
<b>14</b>	The method of how payments will be made from the special fund should be clearly outlined in the Draft Mining Bill or the regulations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Method of how payments will be made from the special fund to be outlined in the regulation as suggested by landowners.</li> <li>• Another suggestion is that government should have a certain fund in which it purposely for the affected people or communities to help sustain their livelihood in the event where mining operation has ceased.</li> </ul>
<b>15</b>	A number of impacted communities expressed the view that the Draft Mining Bill should include greater rights for non-landowners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A comment raised during some stakeholder meetings was that more is required for those who are not landowners but will likely be impacted by mining in the signing of any agreement before the mine operates. If there is already provisions for impacted communities in the Draft Mining Bill then they are happy, but if not then it needs to be included in the bill.</li> <li>• Include in the bill that CDA must specify priority benefits such as clinics, schools, employment opportunities and recreational centres so that companies are mandated to meet these agreements, as these investments will benefit all people in the community.</li> </ul>
<b>16</b>	Transparency was a theme throughout different parts of the regulatory process, from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include in the bill that companies should not provide false reports or agreements and ministry of mines is mandated to check the accuracy and verification of documents.</li> <li>• Landowners also suggested that it would be good if companies also provide a quarterly report on how much mineral has been</li> </ul>

	landowner identification to agreements, and mineral exports to compensation.	<p>exported and what is the profit prior to after processing and refinery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People of Wagina want to see a transparency especially in terms of signing of agreements by the Commissioner of Lands to allow mining operations on the island. They suggested to include in the Draft Mining Bill that if there is any agreement with landowners and company, at least a representative from each communities in Wagina must be involved to witness what is being signed since they are the once who will most likely to be affected despite the fact that they are just re-settlers on the island.</li> <li>• Signing of agreements between companies and landowners has become an issue. Thus landowners wanted a provision in the Draft Mining Bill that says, for any agreements a responsible officer from mines must firstly provide a clear explanation to landowners so that there is transparency before they sign any agreements.</li> </ul>
17	Some stakeholders expressed concerns about potential political interference in the implementation of any new Act.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landowners are concerned on how this bill is going to be implemented effectively once it has become an act, since political interference is a major challenge.</li> </ul>

### 4.3 Solomon Islands Minerals Advisory Centre

No	Stakeholder Feedback	Description
1	Unanimous support for SIMAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overwhelming support was expressed for SIMAC from all stakeholder groups in all provinces visited.</li> </ul>
2	Support for the centre to be called SIMAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholders expressed support for naming the centre the 'Solomon Islands Minerals Advisory Centre'.</li> </ul>
3	Important for SIMAC to be independent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The view was expressed by stakeholders that it is very important for SIMAC to be independent of MMERE and mining companies.</li> </ul>
4	Functions of SIMAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some of the ways that landowners and impacted communities anticipated using SIMAC were to strengthen their understanding of 'what a good deal looks like'; to support the agreement making process; to plan for livelihood investments; and to help local</li> </ul>

		people better manage the impact of mining operations on the environment.
5	Landowner-to-landowner learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SIMAC could also be used to bring landowners together to learn from each other and share their experiences.</li> </ul>
6	SIMAC must be included in the Draft Mining Bill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stakeholders expressed the strong view that SIMAC should be included in the Draft Mining Bill.</li> </ul>

## 4.4 Wagina

A number of specific issues relating to mining on Wagina were raised in stakeholder meetings in Wagina:

No	Stakeholder Feedback	Description
1	Wagina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>People of Wagina want to see more transparency especially in terms of signing of agreements by the Commissioner of Lands to allow for any mining operations on the island. A suggested inclusion in the Draft Mining Bill was that, if there is any agreement between landowners and a mining company, impacted communities from Wagina must also be involved to witness what is being signed since they are the ones who will be affected “despite the fact that they are just re-settlers on the island”.</li> <li>Wagina communities expressed their need for the government to consider their livelihood which is at stake if mining operates on the island were to proceed. Communities stated that their daily life depends on the land and sea, thus they made a request that if mining will occur in the future then the government must include in the Draft Mining Bill a provision for the case of Wagina people who would all be impacted by mining. This would include participation in any CDA.</li> <li>Some stakeholders also expressed that there should be a provision in the Draft Mining Bill for the surrounding marine ecosystem in Wagina, that companies must be mandated to provide an EIA, EIS and EMP before any grant of a mining license because people are concerned on the environmental impact that mining activities might have especially on the sea weed farming and sea cucumbers which is their main sources of income and livelihood.</li> <li>A significant comment from one of the women representatives during a meeting was then impact that mining will have on the livelihood of the people in Wagina. The point raised was that since people from Wagina were resettled they are not landowners; thus can there be a provision in the Draft Mining Bill that will mandate the government and company to provide rights and opportunities for Wagina people in the agreements especially in the CDA.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Another suggestion from Wagina was that the government must set aside a separate fund account to be used in case of a force majeure event, operation failure (oil spill) or in the event where the company fails to carry out its mine closure and rehabilitation plans. This has already been captured in clause (62) of the bill but they suggest to specify with details for the case of Wagina.</li> <li>• They want the Draft Mining Bill to address land use after mining, hence to state out clearly that after mining has stopped or moved out, the land must be given back to the people for use to continue sustain their livelihood even though it belongs to the government because in their case they are not landowners they are just re-settlers.</li> <li>• The people of Wagina requested that if possible an independent team should visit them to give them an overview of what is mining and how it is going to benefit the country and what's the importance of mining even though it was known to be an extractive industry. To give both men and women including youths a fair understanding on this industry to avoid misunderstanding and disputes in the near future. Can this be provided for in the Draft Mining Bill as a mandatory awareness program for islands where minerals are identified for profitable mining operations?</li> <li>• To include in the Draft Mining Bill if there is a need for the people of Wagina to be resettled to a different location prior to mining, the process must be spelled out in the Bill and it must be conducted by MMERE along with the support from company.</li> <li>• To include in the Draft Mining Bill that the whole of Wagina be considered as impacted communities and must be involved in any CDA despite they are not landowners.</li> <li>• To include in the Draft Mining Bill that priority CDA benefits for impacted communities such as education, health services, employment opportunities and recreation centres must be addressed in the bill so that companies are mandated to comply.</li> <li>• A special requirement to be included in the Draft Mining Bill for mining in Wagina, that any company must have experience in sustainable mining in small islands setting before applying for ML because as known the size of land is small with marine ecosystem just around the island it is more fragile and prone to mining impact once operations commence thus people are hoping for their voice to be including in the bill.</li> </ul>
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## 5 KEY ACTIONS

The following key actions have been agreed:

No	Name	Who	When	Status
1	Discuss outcomes of consultation with Mining Director and PS	Consultation team	1 June 2019	Complete

2	Present outcomes of meeting to Taskforce	Ishmael Khegrasopa and Tim Grice	26 June 2019	Complete
3	Meet with Legal Drafter to provide feedback on the Draft Mining Bill	Consultation team	26 June 2019	Complete
5	Develop an Standard Operating Procedure for the local-level stakeholder engagement	Tim Grice	26 June 2019	Complete
5	Produce a video report on SIMAC from the trip	Tim Grice	26 June 2019	Complete

## 6 KEY LEARNINGS

Key learnings from the community consultation include:

No	Name	Description
1	Sending awareness information prior to consultation wherever possible helps stakeholders more effectively engage with the consultation process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It would have been ideal to send the NMP and Draft Mining Bill to stakeholders prior to the awareness trip. This would have allowed stakeholders time to review both documents prior to the meeting.</li> <li>Given that these documents were only distributed during the meetings, stakeholders were advised that they could contact the Ministry any during their stay in the village, via phone, or provide a formal submission on the Draft Mining Bill.</li> </ul>
2	It is useful to have an MC who is not the key content presenter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was useful to have an MC who was not the key presenter of information. This allowed the MC to monitor the process of each meeting, including the time that was being taken for particular topics, as well as to try to facilitate inclusion of different kinds of people and groups in the discussions.</li> </ul>
3	Social inclusion requires the team to proactively seek opportunities to include under-represented or marginalised groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For some meetings it was difficult to promote participation of women and other groups. The consultation team was very intentional in the way that the key social inclusion messages that are found in the NMP and the Draft Mining Bill. Nonetheless, it was difficult to be confident that all groups within a particular community were (a) invited to meetings and (b) felt comfortable speaking during or after the meeting.</li> <li>One strategy that could be considered would be to hold separate meetings with, for instance, women's groups. Some attempts were made to do this during the consultation, but these meetings did not eventuate.</li> <li>Conducting a rapid community profiling exercise (as recommended in the Local-Level Engagement Stakeholder Engagement Procedure) would also help to identify the groups in communities</li> </ul>

		who may find it difficult to participate in mainstream consultation activities, and the specific strategies that could be used to appropriately engage these groups.
<b>4</b>	A rapid team debrief and planning meeting each day is very useful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The practice of having a rapid team debrief and planning session for each day worked well on this trip (when it was done). This daily session is now formalised in the Local-Level Stakeholder Engagement Standard Operating Procedure.</li> </ul>
<b>5</b>	There is a need to standardise MMERE's stakeholder engagement process to capture and institutionalise good practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The learnings from this trip have been captured in the "MMERE Local-Level Stakeholder Engagement Standard Operating Procedure".</li> </ul>

## 7 ANNEX A: SUMMARY OF MEETINGS HELD

Date	Time	Appointment with	Venue	Stakeholders	Inclusion Comments
Guadalcanal	14/5/19	GRML/GRCLC/KTDA/MDA	GRML Office	xxxx	x
	14/5/19	Video and interview coverage	GRML Office	Dr Tim Grice	Mining materials
	14/5/19	Fast visit of the mining operations	Gold Ridge mine	Dr Fiona Martin	Company
	14/5/19	Win Win/GLLA/KLA	Win Win Office	Dan Shi	Company & Landowners
	14/5/19	Fast visit of the mining operations	Mamasa to Turarana Mine	Dan Shi	Company
	15/5/19	Guadalcanal Provincial Government	G Province Office	Provincial Secretary	Province
	15/5/19	Quarry Companies & Landowners	Honiara	All Managing Directors	Company & Landowners
	15/5/19	Video and interview coverage	Company Office	Dr Tim Grice	Mining materials
Isabel	17/5/19	Buala, Isabel Provincial Government	Isabel Province Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provincial premier</li> <li>Few members of the provincial assembly</li> <li>Provincial secretary</li> <li>MMERE team (Elizabeth B, Elmelek V, Ishmael K)</li> <li>World Bank consultants (Dr. Tim Grice &amp; Mark Walker)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One female participant</li> <li>No presence of youth representative from the province</li> <li>Majority of attendees are male</li> </ul>
	18/5/19	Sepi, Community Landowners	Sepi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Village chiefs, elders and church representatives</li> <li>Landowners</li> <li>Axiom human resource manager</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Few women participants but were not interactive during discussion</li> <li>Few youths were present but no interactive</li> </ul>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Few villagers including women</li> <li>• MMERE team (Elizabeth B, Elmelek V, Ishmael K)</li> <li>• World Bank consultants (Dr. Tim Grice &amp; Mark Walker)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• during meeting</li> <li>• Majority of attendees are male who dominated most of the discussions and Q&amp;A sessions</li> </ul>
	18/5/19	Video and interview coverage	Lavagu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landowners</li> <li>• BMC camp manager and technical employees</li> <li>• MMERE team (Elizabeth B, Elmelek V, Ishmael K, Hefford P)</li> <li>• World Bank consultants (Dr. Tim Grice &amp; Mark Walker)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two female participants in this meeting but were not actually interacting during the discussions</li> <li>• Few youths from the Lavagu community were also present during the meeting</li> <li>• Majority of attendees are male, who dominate the discussion session</li> </ul>
	18/5/19	Talise Community Landowners	Talise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• xxxxx</li> <li>• xxxxx</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• xxxxx</li> <li>• xxxxx</li> </ul>
	18/5/19	Fast visit of San Jorge Mine	Axiom mining Camp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• xxxxx</li> <li>• xxxxx</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• xxxxx</li> <li>• xxxxx</li> </ul>
Renbel			Tigoa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provincial secretary</li> <li>- Landowners</li> <li>- BMC manager and technical employees</li> <li>- MMERE team (Elizabeth B, Elmelek V, Ishmael K)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One female participant during this meeting who is also very interactive during the discussions</li> <li>- Few youths were present</li> </ul>

Choiseul				World Bank consultants (Dr. Tim Grice)	- Majority of attendees are male who mainly dominate the discussions
	20/5/19	Visit to grounded vessel	Sivai	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Village chief including church elders</li> <li>- Landowners including few women</li> <li>- MMERE team (Elizabeth B, Elmelek V, Ishmael K)</li> <li>- World Bank consultants (Dr. Tim Grice)</li> <li>- Project manager (Baoro K)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A good number of women participants</li> <li>- Few youths and children from the village present</li> <li>- Attendants in this meeting is more gender equal</li> </ul>
	24/5/19	Wagina Community Landowners  Wagina Village 1 28 7.4.3 Wagina Village 2 30 7.4.4 Wagina Seaweed Farm Island 32	Wagina settlement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community and church elders</li> <li>- Community women group including youths and children</li> <li>- MMERE team (Elizabeth B, Elmelek V, Ishmael K)</li> <li>- World Bank consultants (Dr. Tim Grice)</li> <li>- Project manager (Baoro K)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good number of women participants</li> <li>- Few youths from the village also present</li> <li>- Attendants more gender equality based and was very interactive</li> </ul>
	24/5/19	Wagina Community Landowners	Wagina settlement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community elders and chief</li> <li>- Women group including youths</li> <li>- Ward member rep from the provincial assembly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A good number of women participants with very constructive comments and feedbacks</li> <li>- Good number of youths were present</li> </ul>

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MMERE team (Elizabeth B, Elmelek V, Ishmael K)</li> <li>- World Bank consultants (Dr. Tim Grice)</li> <li>- Project manager (Baoro K)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting is gender equality based with very inclusive discussions</li> </ul>
	24/5/19	Wagina seaweed farm island	Wagina settlement	Village elders Women group including youths and children MMERE team (Elizabeth B, Elmelek V, Ishmael K) World Bank consultants (Dr. Tim Grice) Project manager (Baoro K)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A good number of women participants</li> <li>- Few youths from the island were also present</li> <li>- Meeting based on gender equality with most of the discussions dominated by men</li> </ul>

## 8 ANNEX B: SERVICE MESSAGE

### **INVITATION TO ATTEND PROVINCIAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE NATIONAL MINERALS POLICY, MINING BILL AND SOLOMON ISLANDS MINERALS ADVISORY CENTRE (SIMAC)**

Further to the general invitation issued by the Ministry of Mines, Energy, and Rural Electrification to do national stakeholders consultations on the National Minerals Policy, Mining Bill in which currently out for consultation and Solomon Islands Minerals Advisory Centre (SIMAC). The Ministry is now planning to travel to the Guadalcanal Province, Choiseul Province, Isabel Province, and Rennell Bellona Province to consult with the Provincial Governments and public in these areas.

Public consultation meetings will be held:

- in Gold Ridge Mine at Gold Ridge Mining Limited (GRML) Office, on the whole day of Tuesday 14 May 2019; and
- in Turarana Mine at Turarana Community, on the whole day of Wednesday 15 May 2019; and
- in San Jorge Mine at Sepi Community and Talise Community, the whole day of Saturday 18 May 2019; and
- in West Rennell Bauxite Mine at Lavagu Community, Tahanuku Community and Tigoa Station, the whole day of Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 May 2019; and
- in Siva Community, the whole day of Friday 24 May 2019; and
- in Wagina at Kukitin Community, the whole day of Saturday 25 May 2019

The purpose of the public consultation is for us to provide you with information about what the National Minerals Policy, Mining Bill and Solomon Islands Minerals Advisory Centre says, give the you an opportunity to ask questions, and for us to receive feedback so that we can continue to improve the National Minerals Policy, Mining Bill and Solomon Islands Minerals Advisory Centre (SIMAC).

Invitation letters should already be received by the Companies, Landowners, Communities, Provincial Governments, and Civil Society Organizations which will provide more information about the time and venue of the meetings. Anyone with questions about the consultation meetings is encouraged to contact either your Provincial Secretary or the Ministry on phone 21521 or Mr Ishmael Khegrasopa, Principal Economic Geologist, on mobile 7712295. We encourage all persons with an interest in the mining sector living in or near these areas to attend.


Yours faithfully

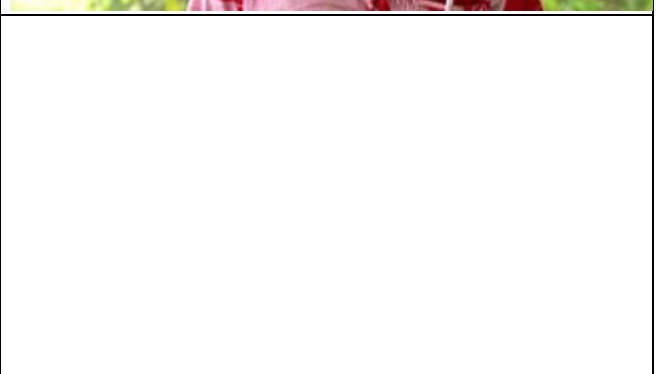
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**Director of Mines**

## 9 ANNEX C: MEETING MINUTES



### 9.1 Central Guadalcanal

#### 9.1.1 Location 1

NMP, MINING BILL & SIMAC PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION MINUTES	
<b>Village/community:</b> XXXX	<b>Province:</b> XXXX
<b>Date (month/year):</b> XXXX	<b>Location:</b> XXXX
<b>Start time:</b> XXXX	<b>Minutes by:</b> XXXX
<b>Stakeholder groups in attendance:</b> - XXXX	<b>Inclusion demographics:</b> - XXXX
<b>Key issues raised (Q&amp;A/comments/feedbacks)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>XXXX</li> <li>XXXX</li> <li>XXXX</li> <li>XXXX</li> <li>XXXX</li> <li>XXXX</li> <li>XXXX</li> <li>XXXX</li> </ol>	
<b>Any agreed follow up actions?</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Xxxx</li> <li>Xxxxx</li> <li>XXXX</li> </ol>	
<b>Close time:</b> XXXXX	
<b>Photo(s)</b>	
	



### 9.1.2 Win Win

NMP, MINING BILL & SIMAC PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION MINUTES	
<b>Village/community:</b> XXXX	<b>Province:</b> XXXX
<b>Date (month/year):</b> XXXX	<b>Location:</b> XXXX
<b>Start time:</b> XXXX	<b>Minutes by:</b> XXXX
<b>Stakeholder groups in attendance:</b> - XXXX	<b>Inclusion demographics:</b> - XXXX
<b>Key issues raised (Q&amp;A/comments/feedbacks)</b> 9. XXXX 10. XXXX 11. XXXX 12. XXXX 13. XXXX 14. XXXX 15. XXXX 16. XXXX	
<b>Any agreed follow up actions?</b> 4. Xxxx 5. Xxxxx 6. XXXX	
<b>Close time:</b> XXXXX	
<b>Photo(s)</b>	
	



### 9.1.3 Location 3

NMP, MINING BILL & SIMAC PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION MINUTES	
<b>Village/community:</b> XXXX	<b>Province:</b> XXXX
<b>Date (month/year):</b> XXXX	<b>Location:</b> XXXX
<b>Start time:</b> XXXX	<b>Minutes by:</b> XXXX
<b>Stakeholder groups in attendance:</b> - XXXX	<b>Inclusion demographics:</b> - XXXX
<b>Key issues raised (Q&amp;A/comments/feedbacks)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17. XXXX</li> <li>18. XXXX</li> <li>19. XXXX</li> <li>20. XXXX</li> <li>21. XXXX</li> <li>22. XXXX</li> <li>23. XXXX</li> <li>24. XXXX</li> </ul>	
<b>Any agreed follow up actions?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Xxxx</li> <li>8. Xxxxx</li> <li>9. XXXX</li> </ul>	

<b>Close time:</b> XXXXX	

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#### 9.1.4 Location 4

NMP, MINING BILL & SIMAC PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION MINUTES	
<b>Village/community:</b> XXXX	<b>Province:</b> XXXX
<b>Date (month/year):</b> XXXX	<b>Location:</b> XXXX
<b>Start time:</b> XXXX	<b>Minutes by:</b> XXXX
<b>Stakeholder groups in attendance:</b> - XXXX	<b>Inclusion demographics:</b> - XXXX
<b>Key issues raised (Q&amp;A/comments/feedbacks)</b> 25. XXXX 26. XXXX 27. XXXX 28. XXXX 29. XXXX 30. XXXX 31. XXXX 32. XXXX	
<b>Any agreed follow up actions?</b> 10. Xxxx 11. Xxxxx 12. XXXX	
<b>Close time:</b> XXXXX	


## 9.2 Isabel Province

### 9.2.1 Buala

NMP, MINING BILL & SIMAC PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION MINUTE	
<b>Village/community:</b> Buala	<b>Province:</b> Isabel
<b>Date (month/year):</b> 17/05/2019	<b>Location:</b> Provincial Assembly conference room
<b>Start time:</b> 1:08pm	<b>Minutes by:</b> Elizabeth Belapitu
<b>Stakeholder groups in attendance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provincial premier</li> <li>- Few members of the provincial assembly</li> <li>- Provincial secretary</li> <li>- MMERE team (Elizabeth B, Elmelek V, Ishmael K)</li> <li>- World Bank consultants (Dr. Tim Grice &amp; Mark Walker)</li> </ul>	<b>Inclusion demographics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One female participant</li> <li>- No presence of youth representative from the province</li> <li>- Majority of attendees are male</li> </ul>
<b>Key issues raised (Q&amp;A/comments/feedbacks)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The duration of time in which this bill will go into parliament to become an act is what concerns most people and the timeframe for written feedbacks to be submitted from the province to MMERE.</li> <li>2. Are the changes in the new bill going to affect other provincial laws such as; Environmental law, Business license law, Land and Titles Act etc.?</li> <li>3. A comment on the current issues that arise where a company was given PL on the same tenement area while another company was given forestry license for logging by the provincial government. Can this issue be accounted for in the bill?</li> <li>4. A mapping office was also suggested to be located in the province to help landowners have clear identification of the boundaries for each tenement areas.</li> <li>5. Mines inspectors to have authorized powers to inspect mining and prospecting activities to ensure companies are operating within the framework of the law and must be provided for in the bill. Others suggested it would also be good to send inspectors for trainings overseas to get more first-hand experience on the different types of mining operations.</li> </ol>	
<b>Any agreed follow up actions?</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A provincial representative to be part of the minerals board instead of a provincial secretary, since he/she will be appointed by the provincial board to be independent thus avoids political interference.</li> <li>2. Task force to conduct a 3<sup>rd</sup> review of the Draft Mining Bill and include the relevant feedbacks and recommendations obtained from this consultation.</li> </ol>	
<b>Close time:</b> 2:10pm	

## 9.2.2 Sepi

NMP, MINING BILL & SIMAC PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION MINUTES	
<b>Village/community:</b> Sepi	<b>Province:</b> Isabel
<b>Date (month/year):</b> 18/05/2019	<b>Location:</b> Community hall
<b>Start time:</b> 11:56am	<b>Minutes by:</b> Elizabeth Belapitu
<b>Stakeholder groups in attendance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Village chiefs, elders and church representatives</li> <li>- Landowners</li> <li>- Axiom human resource manager</li> <li>- Few villagers including women</li> <li>- MMERE team (Elizabeth B, Elmelek V, Ishmael K)</li> <li>- World Bank consultants (Dr. Tim Grice &amp; Mark Walker)</li> </ul>	<b>Inclusion demographics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Few women participants but were not interactive during discussion</li> <li>- Few youths were present but no interactive during meeting</li> <li>- Majority of attendees are male who dominated most of the discussions and Q&amp;A sessions</li> </ul>
<b>Key issues raised (Q&amp;A/comments/feedbacks)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Issue of whether it is possible for landowners to own a company and is there a provision for it in the new bill to enable them to engage in small scale mining operations?</li> <li>2. Another question raised is on clarification of the power of a mines Registrar compared to the Director of mines?</li> <li>3. There is also an issue with this statement, "The conditions of mining tenements take the place of the mining agreement". Landowners think it's not relevant to put this in the bill or otherwise can there be a clarification on why it's been included in the bill?</li> <li>4. An issue on bulk sampling. Landowners suggests if there is a provision in the bill for companies doing bulk sampling there should be a limit to the amount of tonnage extracted for sampling.</li> <li>5. Landowners are concerned about the fact that government continues to allow mining knowing that there are still grey areas in the current law that needs to be reviewed.</li> <li>6. Major concern of the people is how well this new mining bill is going to be implemented and adhered to especially by the respective ministry officers to ensure the mining industry in the country is well regulated.</li> <li>7. Suggestion was also made that the current act must be correlated to the new bill not for the sake of developing a new bill but it must consider practical situations from current mining operations within the country so that it does not overlook the main issues that needs to be addressed in the new bill.</li> <li>8. General comment on such provincial consultations that the involvement of ministry of environment is really needed to work together with MMERE so that the people have a fair idea on their environmental issues with companies.</li> <li>9. With current issue that some companies do not want to sign a CDA, landowners strongly suggests that it must be provided for in the bill that mining companies are mandated to sign a CDA with landowners and impacted communities and that it must be beneficial to both landowners and non-landowners in that impacted community</li> <li>10. Include in the bill that companies must respect the culture and beliefs of the island or province at which they are operating and also to adhere to other Acts such as; Labour and Employment Act and NPF Act.</li> </ol>	

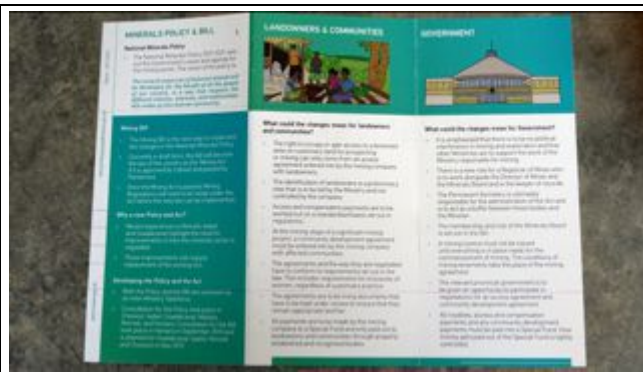
### Any agreed follow up actions?

1. The landowners strongly suggests that SIMAC must be included in the new mining bill.
2. Increase royalty percentage as such; Landowners (50%), Government (40%) and Province (10%) or increase from 5% to 10% based on revenue not royalty.
3. Transfer power from provincial premier to the ward members in areas where mining activity is located. On the same note the bill must state what powers the provincial members have with regards to CDA, access agreements and negotiations.
4. Task force to conduct a 3<sup>rd</sup> review of the Draft Mining Bill to include relevant feedbacks and recommendations obtained from this consultation.


### Close time:

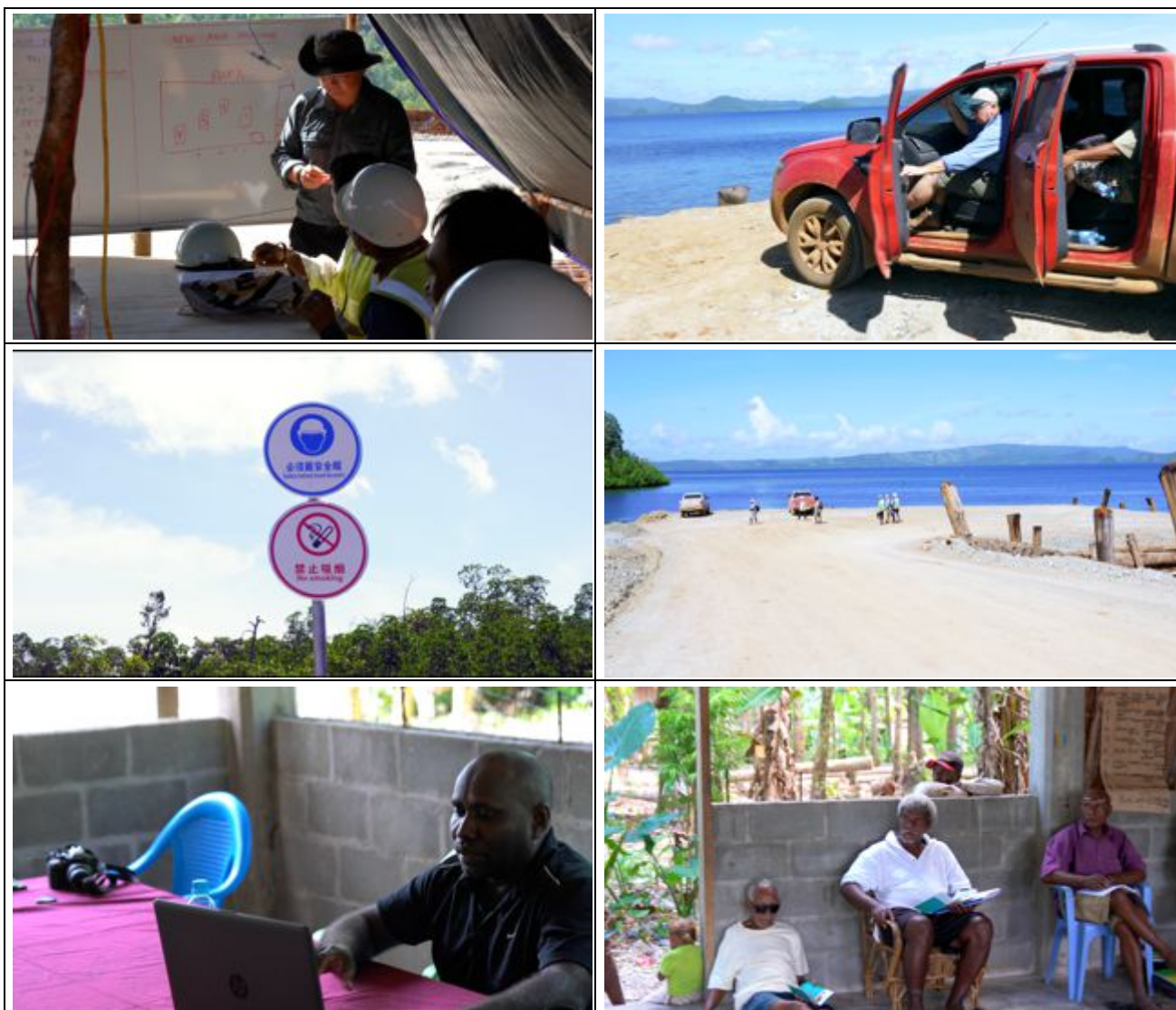
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### 9.2.3 Location 3

NMP, MINING BILL & SIMAC PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION MINUTES	
<b>Village/community:</b> XXXX	<b>Province:</b> XXXX
<b>Date (month/year):</b> XXXX	<b>Location:</b> XXXX
<b>Start time:</b> XXXX	<b>Minutes by:</b> XXXX
<b>Stakeholder groups in attendance:</b> - XXXX	<b>Inclusion demographics:</b> - XXXX
<b>Key issues raised (Q&amp;A/comments/feedbacks)</b> 33. XXXX 34. XXXX 35. XXXX 36. XXXX 37. XXXX 38. XXXX 39. XXXX 40. XXXX	
<b>Any agreed follow up actions?</b> 13. Xxxx 14. Xxxxx 15. XXXX	
<b>Close time:</b> XXXXX	
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#### 9.2.4 Location 4

NMP, MINING BILL & SIMAC PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION MINUTES	
<b>Village/community:</b> XXXX	<b>Province:</b> XXXX
<b>Date (month/year):</b> XXXX	<b>Location:</b> XXXX
<b>Start time:</b> XXXX	<b>Minutes by:</b> XXXX
<b>Stakeholder groups in attendance:</b> - XXXX	<b>Inclusion demographics:</b> - XXXX
<b>Key issues raised (Q&amp;A/comments/feedbacks)</b> 41. XXXX 42. XXXX	

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- 44. xxxx
- 45. xxxx
- 46. xxxx
- 47. xxxx
- 48. xxxx

**Any agreed follow up actions?**

- 16. Xxxx
- 17. Xxxxx
- 18. xxxx

**Close time:**

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**Photo(s)**





## 9.3 Rennell Island, Renbel and Bellona Province

### 9.3.1 Lavagu

NMP, MINING BILL & SIMAC PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION MINUTES	
<b>Village/community:</b> Lavagu	<b>Province:</b> Rennell
<b>Date (month/year):</b> 20/05/2019	<b>Location:</b> Lavagu community area
<b>Start time:</b> 3:11pm	<b>Minutes by:</b> Elizabeth Belapitu
<b>Stakeholder groups in attendance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Landowners</li> <li>- BMC camp manager and technical employees</li> <li>- MMERE team (Elizabeth B, Elmelek V, Ishmael K, Hefford P)</li> <li>- World Bank consultants (Dr. Tim Grice &amp; Mark Walker)</li> </ul>	<b>Inclusion demographics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Two female participants in this meeting but were not actually interacting during the discussions</li> <li>- Few youths from the Lavagu community were also present during the meeting</li> <li>- Majority of attendees are male, who dominate the discussion session</li> </ul>
<b>Key issues raised (Q&amp;A/comments/feedbacks)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Landowners are concerned on when the bill is expected to be debated and passed in parliament for it to be implemented, since most of the bauxite deposits in west Rennell have already been mined.</li> <li>2. Landowners emphasized on the need for mines inspection and monitoring of mining operations in Rennell to be effective in ensuring that inspectors have power to give stop notices to companies who breached the operational, environmental, health and safety standards set out in the law and access agreements.</li> <li>3. Issue of west Rennell land registration has become a confusion to most landowners in a case where government gives land for mining without consent of landowners. Can a provision be included in the bill to address such issue?</li> <li>4. Signing of agreements between companies and landowners has become an issue. Thus landowners wanted a provision in the bill that says, for any agreements a responsible officer from mines must firstly provide a clear explanation to landowners so that there is transparency before they sign any agreements.</li> </ol>	
<b>Any agreed follow up actions?</b>	

1. Increase royalty rate from 3% to 10% (for Government, Province & Landowners) and the remaining 90% for the company.
3. Categorize royalty rate based on mineral type and if possible the government to develop a royalty formula to make a fair sharing of royalties as suggested by BMC operation manager.
4. SIMAC to be included in the bill as suggested by landowners.
5. Include the bill that companies are mandated to conduct proper mine rehabilitation such that it meets mining and environmental standards.
6. Method of how payments will be made from the special fund to be outlined in the regulation as suggested by landowners.
7. Task force to conduct a 3<sup>rd</sup> review of the Draft Mining Bill and include relevant feedbacks and recommendations obtained from this consultation.

**Close time:**

5:07pm

**Photo(s)**







### 9.3.2 Tigoa

NMP, MINING BILL & SIMAC PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION MINUTES	
<b>Village/community:</b> Tigoa	<b>Province:</b> Rennell
<b>Date (month/year):</b> 21/05/2019	<b>Location:</b> Women's centre, provincial headquarter
<b>Start time:</b> 3:00pm	<b>Minutes by:</b> Elizabeth Belapitu
<b>Stakeholder groups in attendance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provincial secretary</li> <li>- Landowners</li> <li>- BMC manager and technical employees</li> <li>- MMERE team (Elizabeth B, Elmelek V, Ishmael K)</li> </ul>	<b>Inclusion demographics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- One female participant during this meeting who is also very interactive during the discussions</li> <li>- Few youths were present</li> <li>- Majority of attendees are male who mainly dominate the discussions</li> </ul>

<p>- World Bank consultants (Dr. Tim Grice)</p>	
<p><b>Key issues raised (Q&amp;A/comments/feedbacks)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Question was raised concerning how SIMAC is going to be funded? And if it is going to be in the bill then the process of how funds are going to be obtained for the centre must be spelled out as well.</li> <li>2. Landowners are concerned on how this bill is going to be implemented effectively once it has become an act, since political interference is a major challenge.</li> <li>3. Another suggestion is to have a different provision for bauxite mineral in the bill like that for gold, and if possible bauxite mining should have its own law and policy.</li> <li>4. A recommendation was made that the bill should also provide for minerals that are above 6 feet or even included in the regulation.</li> <li>5. Currently bauxite price is controlled by the company, thus a recommendation is that a fixed price should be provided in the bill if possible.</li> <li>6. Bill should also include or state how many councils to be formed in each impacted communities for the purpose of CDA. A limit of number of councils needs to be included in the bill so that it is more efficient for companies when dealing with CDA.</li> <li>7. The bill must make sure that landowner's identification process is effective and accurate.</li> <li>8. If possible, landowners also suggest that it would be good if companies also provide a quarterly report on how much mineral has been exported and what is the profit prior to after processing and refinery.</li> <li>9. Another suggestion is that government must have a certain fund in which it purposely for the affected people or communities to help sustain their livelihood in the event where mining operation has ceased.</li> <li>10. Include in the bill or regulation the process of electing a new council and clearly state who is responsible to do the election process.</li> <li>11. Suggestions for mining to be restricted in small islands, considering the size of operation and peoples livelihood who will depend very much on the land and marine ecosystem for survival.</li> <li>12. A comment from a women rep during the meeting concerning the inclusion of women in landowner identification and the CDA, since this will not be applicable for Rennell where it adopts a patrilineal system where men are considered landowners and superior to women in terms of decision making. Thus a suggestion was made to also include in the bill any other opportunities or avenues where women can be involved for their benefit apart from making decisions related to landowner identification and signing of access agreements.</li> <li>13. Royalty rates must be determined based on different mineral type and must be in the bill.</li> <li>14. With the current royalty rate adapted by BMC for bauxite mining, 6.5% is the rate thus landowners recommend that for bauxite the royalty should be 6.5% and must be included in the bill instead of 5%.</li> <li>15. Include in the bill that companies should not provide false reports or agreements and ministry of mines is mandated to check the accuracy and verification of documents.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Any agreed follow up actions?</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A community fund or account apart from the special fund to be included in the bill to make it easier for payments to be distributed amongst rightful landowners within the community.</li> <li>2. With reference to clause (66) of the bill, payments must be made to a separate account and not directly paid to the minister as proposed in the bill.</li> <li>3. A certain period of time to be allocated for landowners to give them opportunity to find a lawyer or advisor that will help them understand a particular agreement well before signing.</li> <li>4. Task force to conduct 3<sup>rd</sup> review of the Draft Mining Bill to include relevant feedbacks and recommendations obtained from this consultation.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>Close time:</b></p>	

5:34pm

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### 9.3.3 Location 1

NMP, MINING BILL & SIMAC PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION MINUTES	
<b>Village/community:</b> XXXX	<b>Province:</b> XXXX
<b>Date (month/year):</b> XXXX	<b>Location:</b> XXXX
<b>Start time:</b> XXXX	<b>Minutes by:</b> XXXX
<b>Stakeholder groups in attendance:</b> - XXXX	<b>Inclusion demographics:</b> - XXXX
<b>Key issues raised (Q&amp;A/comments/feedbacks)</b> 49. XXXX 50. XXXX 51. XXXX 52. XXXX 53. XXXX 54. XXXX 55. XXXX 56. XXXX	
<b>Any agreed follow up actions?</b> 19. XXXX 20. XXXXX 21. XXXX	
<b>Close time:</b> XXXXX	
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#### 9.3.4 Location 2

NMP, MINING BILL & SIMAC PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION MINUTES	
<b>Village/community:</b> xxxx	<b>Province:</b> xxxx

<b>Date (month/year):</b> XXXX	<b>Location:</b> XXXX
<b>Start time:</b> XXXX	<b>Minutes by:</b> XXXX
<b>Stakeholder groups in attendance:</b> - XXXX	<b>Inclusion demographics:</b> - XXXX
<b>Key issues raised (Q&amp;A/comments/feedbacks)</b> 57. xxxx 58. xxxx 59. xxxx 60. xxxx 61. xxxx 62. xxxx 63. xxxx 64. xxxx	
<b>Any agreed follow up actions?</b> 22. Xxxx 23. Xxxxx 24. xxxx	
<b>Close time:</b> xxxxx	
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### 9.3.5 Location 3

NMP, MINING BILL & SIMAC PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION MINUTES	
<b>Village/community:</b> XXXX	<b>Province:</b> XXXX
<b>Date (month/year):</b> XXXX	<b>Location:</b> XXXX
<b>Start time:</b> XXXX	<b>Minutes by:</b> XXXX
<b>Stakeholder groups in attendance:</b> - XXXX	<b>Inclusion demographics:</b> - XXXX
<b>Key issues raised (Q&amp;A/comments/feedbacks)</b>	

65. xxxx 66. xxxx 67. xxxx 68. xxxx 69. xxxx 70. xxxx 71. xxxx 72. xxxx	
<b>Any agreed follow up actions?</b> 25. Xxxx 26. Xxxxx 27. xxxx	
<b>Close time:</b> xxxxx	
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#### 9.3.6 Location 4

NMP, MINING BILL & SIMAC PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION MINUTES	
<b>Village/community:</b> xxxx	<b>Province:</b> xxxx
<b>Date (month/year):</b> xxxx	<b>Location:</b> xxxx
<b>Start time:</b> xxxx	<b>Minutes by:</b> xxxx
<b>Stakeholder groups in attendance:</b> - xxxx	<b>Inclusion demographics:</b> - xxxx
<b>Key issues raised (Q&amp;A/comments/feedbacks)</b> 73. xxxx 74. xxxx 75. xxxx 76. xxxx 77. xxxx 78. xxxx 79. xxxx 80. xxxx	
<b>Any agreed follow up actions?</b> 28. Xxxx	

29. Xxxxx 30. xxxx	
<b>Close time:</b> xxxxx	
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## 9.4 Choiseul Province

### 9.4.1 Sivai

NMP, MINING BILL & SIMAC PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION MINUTES	
<b>Village/community:</b> Sivai	<b>Province:</b> Choisuel
<b>Date (month/year):</b> 24/05/2019	<b>Location:</b> Community hall
<b>Start time:</b> 10:45am	<b>Minutes by:</b> Elizabeth Belapitu
<b>Stakeholder groups in attendance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Village chief including church elders</li> <li>- Landowners including few women</li> <li>- MMERE team (Elizabeth B, Elmelek V, Ishmael K)</li> <li>- World Bank consultants (Dr. Tim Grice)</li> <li>- Project manager (Baoro K)</li> </ul>	<b>Inclusion demographics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A good number of women participants</li> <li>- Few youths and children from the village present</li> <li>- Attendants in this meeting is more gender equal</li> </ul>
<b>Key issues raised (Q&amp;A/comments/feedbacks)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Similar to other comments in previous consultations, landowners are concerned on when this bill is going to be passed in parliament and how effective is it going to be implemented by responsible officers in the ministry.</li> <li>2. Suggested that there must be a provision in the bill to mandate ministry of environment and mines to conduct effective consultation with the landowners and affected communities within a mining tenement area before the company and landowners sign any access agreements.</li> </ol>	
<b>Any agreed follow up actions?</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Task force to conduct a 3<sup>rd</sup> review of the Draft Mining Bill to include relevant feedbacks and recommendations obtained from this consultation.</li> </ol>	
<b>Close time:</b> 11:50am	

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#### 9.4.2 Wagina Village 1

NMP, MINING BILL & SIMAC PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION MINUTES	
<b>Village/community:</b> Wagina village 1	<b>Province:</b> Choisuel
<b>Date (month/year):</b> 24/05/2019	<b>Location:</b> Community hall
<b>Start time:</b> 8:50pm	<b>Minutes by:</b> Elizabeth Belapitu
<b>Stakeholder groups in attendance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community and church elders</li> <li>- Community women group including youths and children</li> <li>- MMERE team (Elizabeth B, Elmelek V, Ishmael K)</li> <li>- World Bank consultants (Dr. Tim Grice)</li> <li>- Project manager (Baoro K)</li> </ul>	<b>Inclusion demographics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good number of women participants</li> <li>- Few youths from the village also present</li> <li>- Attendants more gender equality based and was very interactive</li> </ul>
<b>Key issues raised (Q&amp;A/comments/feedbacks)</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 People of wagina want to see a transparency especially in terms of signing of agreements by commissioner of lands to allow mining operations on the island. Suggest to include in the bill that if there is any agreement with landowners and company, at least a representative from each communities in wagina must be involved to witness what is being signed since they are the once who will most likely to be affected despite the fact that they are just re-settlers on the island.</li> <li>2. They expressed their need for the government to consider their livelihood which is at stake if mining operates on the island. Their daily life depends very much on the land and sea, thus they made a request that if mining will occur in the future then the government must include in the bill a provision for the case of wagina people who will all be impacted by mining.</li> <li>3. Another question from the participants is concerning sea bed mining and if there is provision for it in the new mining bill?</li> <li>4. Include a special provision in the bill for the case wagina as impacted communities and must be included in the CDA if there is going to be a mining operation in the near future.</li> <li>5. A provision in the bill for the surrounding marine ecosystem in wagina, that companies must be mandated to provide EIA, EIS and EMP etc. before grant of ML because people are concerned on the environmental impact that mining activities might have especially on the sea weed farming and sea cucumbers which is their main sources of income and livelihood.</li> </ol>	

**Any agreed follow up actions?**

1. Increase royalty rate of 5% to 15% for bauxite mining, since the method of extraction is cheaper compared to gold or hard rock mining.
2. Task force to conduct a 3<sup>rd</sup> review of the Draft Mining Bill to include relevant feedbacks and recommendations obtained from this consultation.

**Close time:**

10:15pm

**Photo(s)**







#### 9.4.3 Wagina Village 2

NMP, MINING BILL & SIMAC PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION MINUTES	
<b>Village/community:</b> Wagina village 2	<b>Province:</b> Choisuel
<b>Date (month/year):</b> 25/05/2019	<b>Location:</b> Community hall
<b>Start time:</b> 10:23am	<b>Minutes by:</b> Elizabeth Belapitu
<b>Stakeholder groups in attendance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community elders and chief</li> <li>- Women group including youths</li> <li>- Ward member rep from the provincial assembly</li> <li>- MMERE team (Elizabeth B, Elmelek V, Ishmael K)</li> <li>- World Bank consultants (Dr. Tim Grice)</li> <li>- Project manager (Baoro K)</li> </ul>	<b>Inclusion demographics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A good number of women participants with very constructive comments and feedbacks</li> <li>- Good number of youths were present</li> <li>- Meeting is gender equality based with very inclusive discussions</li> </ul>
<b>Key issues raised (Q&amp;A/comments/feedbacks)</b> <p>81. A significant comment from one of the women rep during the discussions is basically on the impact that mining will have on the livelihood of the people in Wagina. The point raised is that since wagina is a resettlement land meaning people are not landowners thus can there be a provision in the bill that will mandate the government and company to provide rights and opportunities for wagina people in the agreements especially in the CDA.</p> <p>82. Include in the bill that the government must set aside a separate fund account to be used in case of a force majeure event, operation failure (oil spill) or in the event where the company fails to carry out its mine closure and rehabilitation plans. This has already been captured in clause (62) of the bill but they suggest to specify with details for the case of wagina.</p> <p>83. They want the bill to address land use after mining, hence to state out clearly in the bill that after mining has stopped or moved out, the land must be given back to the people for use to continue sustain their livelihood even though it belongs to the government because in their case they are not landowners they are just re-settlers.</p> <p>84. The people of wagina requested that if possible an independent team should visit them to give them an overview of what is mining and how it is going to benefit the country and what's the importance of mining even though it was known to be an extractive industry. To give both men and women including youths a fair understanding on this industry to avoid misunderstanding and disputes in the near future. Can this be provided for in the bill as a</p>	

mandatory awareness program for islands where minerals are identified for profitable mining operations?

85. To include in the bill if there is a need for people of wagina to be resettled to a different location prior to mining, the process must be spelled out in the bill and it must be conducted by the ministry of mines along with the support from company.
86. To include in the bill that the whole of wagina be considered as impacted communities and must be involved in any CDA despite they are not landowners.
87. To include in the bill that priority CDA benefits for impacted communities such as education, health services, employment opportunities and recreation centres must be addressed in the bill so that companies are mandated to comply.

**Any agreed follow up actions?**

31. Increase royalty rate of 5% to 15% not only because the extraction method is cheap but this will also be used to accommodate for the impacted communities livelihood.
32. Task force to conduct 3<sup>rd</sup> review of the Draft Mining Bill to include relevant feedbacks and recommendations obtained from this consultation.

**Close time:**

2:30pm

**Photo(s)**







#### 9.4.4 Wagina Seaweed Farm Island

NMP, MINING BILL & SIMAC PROVINCIAL CONSULTATION MINUTES	
<b>Village/community:</b> Wagina seaweed farm island	<b>Province:</b> Choisuel
<b>Date (month/year):</b> 25/05/2019	<b>Location:</b> Community hall
<b>Start time:</b> 3:30pm	<b>Minutes by:</b> Elizabeth Belapitu
<b>Stakeholder groups in attendance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Village elders</li> <li>- Women group including youths and children</li> <li>- MMERE team (Elizabeth B, Elmelek V, Ishmael K)</li> <li>- World Bank consultants (Dr. Tim Grice)</li> <li>- Project manager (Baoro K)</li> </ul>	<b>Inclusion demographics:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A good number of women participants</li> <li>- Few youths from the island were also present</li> <li>- Meeting based on gender equality with most of the discussions dominated by men</li> </ul>
<b>Key issues raised (Q&amp;A/comments/feedbacks)</b>	

1. A comment raised during discussion is concerning an opportunity for those who are not landowners but will likely to be impacted by mining in the signing of any agreement before the mine operates. If there is already provisions for impacted communities in the bill then they are happy with but if not then it needs to be included in the bill.
2. Another question raised is that does the bill provide for the protection if the sea and marine ecosystem around wagina island? If there is no provision for such case then there needs to be an inclusion in the bill to quantify the loss of life due to impact of mining or it can also mean to mandate for companies to conduct sustainable mining when it comes to wagina bauxite.
3. A special requirement to be included in the bill for mining in wagina, that company must have experience in sustainable mining in small islands setting before applying for ML because as known the size of land is small with marine ecosystem just around the island it is more fragile and prone to mining impact once operations commence thus people are hoping for their voice to be including in the bill.
4. Include in the bill that CDA must specify priority benefits such as clinics, schools, employment opportunities and recreational centres so that companies are mandated to meet these agreements since these are significant issues that people of wagina are lacking at the moment.

#### **Any agreed follow up actions?**

1. Task force to conduct a 3<sup>rd</sup> review of the Draft Mining Bill to include relevant feedbacks and recommendations obtained from this consultation.

#### **Close time:**

4:50pm

#### **Photo(s)**



