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TRANSPARENCY: THE ISSUE

Corporate transparency as a topic of growing international focus



- Trading industry under increasing pressure from advocates and policy makers to adopt more transparent business practices.
- Focus shifting agenda from extractives sector to traders. Advocates for shift include:
- Regulators with international reach (e.g.US, EU, Canada)
 - Home country governments (e.g. Switzerland)
- Host 'producer' country governments (e.g. Iraq, Nigeria)
- Governmental frameworks and institutions (e.g. G7, EITI)
- Non-Governmental Organisations (e.g. Bern Declaration)
- royalties, paid by companies to governments in relation to the extraction and sale of a country's · In the context of trading, focus has centred on the disclosure of monies, including taxes and natural resources.

Objective: To enable the citizens of commodity- producing countries to determine whether their government secured a fair deal for the production and commercialisation of domestic natural resources.





THE GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Increasing regulatory focus



US: Dodd-Frank Act, Section 1504:

the Act covers SEC issuers engaged in "commercial development" defined to include "exploration, extraction, processing, export, and other significant actions relating to oil, natural gas, or minerals, or the acquisition of a license for any such activity"

EU: Accounting and Transparency Directives

prospection, discovery, <u>development,</u> and extraction of minerals, oil, natural gas deposits or other materials, within the economic activities" Rules apply to "undertakings active in the extractive industries", which includes undertakings "with any activity involving the exploration,

Canada: Extractive Sector Transparency Measures Act (ESTMA)

Closely tracks both Dodd-Frank Section 1504. Requires oil, gas and mining companies to publicly disclose payments they make to governments around the world. Scheduled to be enacted in early 2015.

Switzerland: Report of the interdepartmental platform on commodities to the Federal Council

Recommendation 7: "Switzerland should express its support... to reporting requirements on financial flows on a project-specific basis and on sales by national oil companies to <u>commodity trading companies</u>"



HOST PRODUCER COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS

Increasing disclosure



Disclosure of government receipts from resource sales to trading companies, and disclosure of trading companies' payments to

- · Iraq: already reconciling government receipts from sales to trading companies
- Nigeria: already unilaterally discloses cargo-by-cargo sales data
- Congo Brazzaville, Chad and Indonesia: discussions ongoing towards provision of disaggregated data

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Distribution of oil export sales by SOMO in 2010

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NGO DEMANDS

Increasingly vocal and targeted at sector

Objective: To see a regulation passed "that requires Swiss companies producing or trading in natural resources to disclose all payments they make to governments and state-owned companies, whether associated with exploration, production or trading activities...'

Key actors



Oéclaration de Berne Erklärung van Bern

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global witness

Gold-plated demands

"Reporting by traders should address all sales to foreign and domestic buyers, as well as transfers to other SOEs, like refineries, and

- The name, beneficial owner and country of incorporation of the buying company
- The volume, grade, and date of any sale, broken down by cargo where appropriate
- The price, and how it was determined
- The revenue received for each cargo, and the destination of that revenue (e.g., used by NOC to purchase fuel, transferred to national budget, transferred to a local government)
- A full explanation of the process for choosing the buyer (e.g., the allocation of a term contract, an open tender)
- The full text of the related contract (e.g., term contract, agreement to swap crude for refined products)."



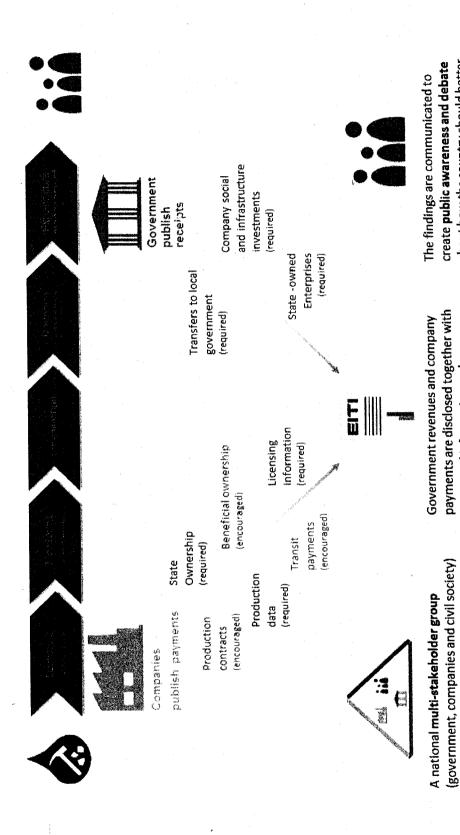
Trusted, supported, pragmatic

- Partnership comprising 80+ Governments, NGOs and companies
- A global 'Standard' to promote transparency and accountability in the management of natural resources
- Implementation of EITI is voluntary for countries, but compulsory for extractive companies once a country decides to implement
- Governments of EITI countries disclose how much they receive from extractive companies operating in the country and companies disclose how much they pay.
- In each implementing country, a multi-stakeholder group of governments, companies and civil society oversees the EITI process
- EITI increasingly looking to trading as a major gap hitherto not addressed.



Extractive industries Transparency Initiative

How the standard works



about how the country should better

manage their resources.

contextual information and independently assessed in an EITI

decides how their EITI process should

work.

Report.

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Journey towards greater transparency and engagement











EITI: A MILESTONE

payments to Governments, drawn up in consultation with the EITI International supporting company of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) November 2014: Trafigura became a Trafigura also published a policy on Secretariat

disclosing Trafigura's payments for oil to candidate countries beginning in 2015 The policy commits the company to governments in EITI compliant and

REPORTING

first privately owned commodities trading In December 2013, Trafigura became the company to publicly release an Annual Report.

commodity trading industry and of the environment in which we operate.

Improving understanding of the

WHITE PAPERS

describes strategy and performance in The Report, released each December, detail across trading divisions and subsidiaries.



TRAFIGURA'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES

An approach rooted in international good practice and pragmatism



- We have a role (and in a small but increasing number of locations, an obligation) to disclose how much we pay to Governments and
- Demands for transparency will only grow either be part of the agenda or have it shaped for us
- A voluntary framework with pragmatic / expert input is the most appropriate route to explore
- Achievement of greater transparency must be set in the context of respect for contracts and laws
- The EITI's multi-stakeholder approach is the most effective way to develop transparency standards
- This is not about producing data for data's sake. Relevant information should accessible, understandable and useful to citizens of resource-producing countries
- Our disclosure model will evolve over time in response to informed discussions within multi-stakeholder forums, such as the EITI and EITI multi-stakeholder groups in EITI implementing countries.



THE IMPACT

Moving to the 'right side' of a major issue... with a seat at the table in shaping the debate



Schweiterische Eidgenossenschaft Confédération Suisse Confederazione Svizzera Confederazion svizze

Extensive and vocal praise from Heads of FDFA and SECO



lonas Moberg, EITI Secretariat, 11 November, 2014

forward. It will set a chain of events, which if managed adequately "Trafigura's commitment to support the EITI is clearly a big step could lead to significant changes in the industry"



Peter Eigen, Africa Progress Panel member Press Release

competitive benefit to Trafigura and how long before other Swiss-"I am now keen to see how this move brings reputational and based commodity traders follow"



Décleration de Berne Erklärung von Bern Berne Declaration

Urs Rybi, Berne Declaration

"One of the companies with quite a mixed track record when it comes to transparency and accountability is moving forward"



Financial Times, 18 November, 2014

'After decades of operating in relative secrecy, commodity traders are being forced to become more open"



The Economist, 13 December, 2014

this way of thinking... Its [Trafigura's] reasons for doing so: change have reduced funding for opaque trading firms after being hit with "Commodity traders, usually a secretive bunch, are opening up to is coming anyway, and early movers will be better placed to help shape the standards. There is a financial motivation, too: banks ines for sanctions violations."

Bloomberg News, 18 November, 2014

trading industry, where players tend to behave in lockstep regarding 'Trafigura's move is a rare breaking of ranks within the commodityregulatory issues"

Metal Bulletin, 18 November, 2014

'Trafigura has joined the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative EITI), becoming the first commodity trading company to do so"

PROCESS

Our approach

Commitment to engage with EITI in designing a smart disclosure standard for traders

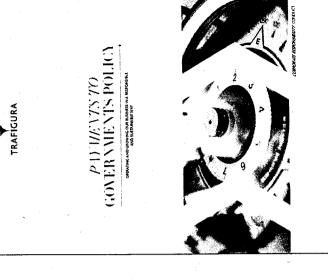
• GOAL: To influence the content of the guidance the EITI will issue to national level Multi-Stakeholder Groups

Trafigura has committed to being an EITI supporting company

• GOAL: This does not require additional reporting or disclosure of payments beyond what is required already for all companies operating in countries implementing the EITI Standard.

Policy commitment (from the end of FY2015) to release data that incorporates...

- Payments to Governments in the oil sector in EITI compliant and candidate countries
- Historical data only (two-year time lag, so in 2015 we will be releasing 2013 data)
- Disclosures to include corporate taxes and, where relevant, license payments
- Audited data (payments and volumes) to be aggregated and above a 'materiality' threshold established by national EITI Multi-Stakeholder Groups
- Data, with necessary narrative / explanation, to feature in Trafigura's 2015 Annual Report or Sustainability Report



SUPPORTING ENGAGEMENT

Developing our approach

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- Close working relationship with EITI Secretariat in order to shape trading standard
- · Active participation at EITI Multi-Stakeholder Group level (locations to be determined)
- Active engagement at EITI Board meetings in Kinshasa (April) and Switzerland (October)

Home Government

Direct and regular engagement with Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) and Federal Department for Foreign Affairs (FDFA)

AND COMMODITIES TRADING: N. ...

Transparency to be a supporting theme for driving engagement in Brussels and Washington

Commercial counter-parties/NOCs

- Engagement with producer NOCs (EITI countries) by trading division (assisted by Corporate Affairs) to ensure absolute clarity on policy and approach
- Engagement with producer NOCs (Non-EITI) to explain policy / reassure / offer link to EITI (assisted by Corporate Affairs)

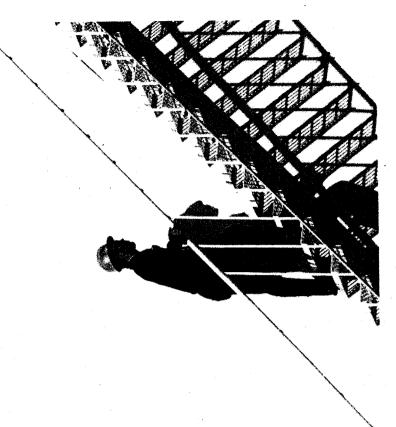
Frading sector

Swiss Trading and Shipping Association (STSA) meeting, 30 January – presentation to Gunvor, Mercuria, Vitol, Cargill outlining policy development with Swiss Government (SECO)

Media / general stakeholders

To position Trafigura as a champion of corporate transparency in the trading sector





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QUESTIONS?