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Mr. Don Darden
CHAIRPERSON
Liberia Agriculture Companies Association
Monrovia, Liberia

Dear Mr. Darden:

RE: CALL FOR NOMINATION

The LEITI Secretariat wishes to inform you that the current MSG of LEITI tenure will expire on October 19, 2021. Section 6.6 of the LEITI Act sets the tenure of MSG members to a renewable term of three (3) years. Accordingly, in keeping with the law, the President of Liberia appointed members of the current MSG on October 19, 2018, thereby ending their tenure on October 19, 2021.

Section 6.5 of the 2009 Act states, "Members of the MSG shall be appointed by the President who shall designate one of them as chairperson and the other as co-chairperson. In the appointment of members of the MSG to represent civil society and the private sector, **the President should hold appropriate consultations with members of the group**".

Furthermore, Section 6.4b of the LEITI Act states that civil society's four representatives are to include (1) Publish What You Pay-Liberia or a successor organization; and (2) a representative of a recognized association or union of workers in the extractive sectors as permanent members.

In recognition of the above, the current MSG, in its last sitting, approved the period July 15 - September 15, 2021, as the period for the nomination of individuals that will represent the civil society constituent on the next LEITI MSG.

We, therefore, request the Liberia Agriculture Companies Association to work with member institutions to nominate an individual that will represent the institution on the next MSG. The Secretariat would appreciate a final report and meeting minutes from your institution detailing the method used in the nomination process.

The LEITI Secretariat will appreciate your urgent consideration of this process to prevent us from having an incomplete MSG when other blocs of the MSG have completed their nominations for presidential appointments. You can contact the LEITI Secretariat in case you need additional information.

We look forward to a peaceful and transparent election and nomination process.

Thanks.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey N. Yates', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Jeffrey N. Yates
Head of Secretariat