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**Germany's candidacy application  
to join the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative**

Dear Mrs Short,

On behalf of the Multi-Stakeholder-Group (MSG), I am pleased to submit Germany's candidacy application to join the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). Please find enclosed the completed application form along with the required D-EITI work plan.

The global fight for transparency and accountability in the collection of natural resource revenue has always been a political priority for the German government. Germany has lent its political and financial support to the EITI since the very beginning.

The German Coalition Agreement (2013-2017) entitled *Shaping Germany's Future* sets out the goal of promoting *greater public acceptance of raw materials extraction at home*. We see the EITI and its multi-stakeholder-approach as an important instrument in fostering cooperation between the German government, industry, and civil society, which will contribute to the public debate and create mutual trust.

Implementation of the initiative in our own country, however, will bring our international support to a new level. Not only do we wish to strengthen the EITI as a global standard, but we also aim to achieve greater transparency and accountability in our domestic resources sector by providing comprehensive data and by making this data accessible.

In July 2014, the German government made public its intention to join the EITI as an implementing country. Since then, our MSG has put a lot of effort into defining mutual objectives that reflect our national priorities. Our D-EITI work plan, which has been drawn up jointly with the various stakeholders, will guide our implementation process in the coming years.

As an EITI Champion, I have been impressed by the commitment and collaborative involvement demonstrated by our MSG, and I am confident that together we will indeed achieve greater transparency and enhanced accountability within the German extractives sector, which will be to the benefit of our citizens.

It is my hope that you will find our application to be in order and I look forward to a favourable review by the EITI Board.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ax Zimmermann', written in a cursive style.