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Dear Ms Swinson

Extractive industry transparency

Writing on behalf of Publish What You Pay member organisations, I would like to thank you for your personal commitment to extractive industry transparency and strong leadership during the last Parliament.

We very much appreciate the way you, and your departmental civil servants, skilfully steered the EU Accounting Directive through the European legislative process and ensured swift and effective implementation of the Directive via the UK Regulations. Your work as UK EITI Champion has also contributed significantly to the UK's leading position in advancing extractive sector transparency internationally.

Your willingness to consider civil society perspectives has been clear. Mindful of the impact that the UK's implementation of the EU reporting regime will have on other Member States and on application of comparable disclosure rules in the US and Canada, we support your view that it is important to ensure key aspects of the UK's implementation, including the industry guidance, are completely satisfactory.

We look forward to resuming work with Department for Business, Innovation and Skills officials after the election to ensure that the UK continues to lead international efforts to promote payment and revenue transparency and accountability in the extractives sector. This, we are convinced, will help citizens of resource-dependent countries see greater benefits from the exploitation of their countries' non-renewable oil, gas and minerals.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely



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