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Dear Minister

Open Government Partnership, UK-listed extractive companies and open data reporting

Will the Government fully apply open data reporting to all UK-listed extractives companies' reports on payment to governments?

At yesterday's Open Government Partnership UK National Action Plan launch it was highly encouraging to hear your enthusiasm for open data. Equally welcome was Rt Hon Sir Eric Pickles MP's encouragement to civil society to press Ministers to fully deliver the Government's anti-corruption agenda in every respect.

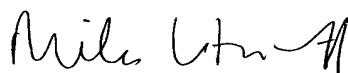
I attach a copy of a recent letter from UK members of the Publish What You Pay coalition to Financial Secretary to the Treasury David Gauke MP. The letter concerns HM Treasury's apparent lack of plans to fully implement Government policy commitments in NAP2 and the 2013 G8 Communiqué and Open Data Charter by applying open data standards to reports of payments to governments by all UK-listed oil, gas and mining companies.

NAP2 Commitment 21 states that in 2016 "UK listed and UK registered extractive companies will start to publish data under the EU Directives in an open and accessible format" (milestone 7). NGOs find it difficult to understand how HM Treasury could do anything other than require all oil, gas and mining companies listed on the London Stock Exchange's Main Market – and not only those that are also UK-incorporated – to report their payments to governments in open and machine readable data format.

Further details about our concern are provided in the attached letter to the Financial Secretary.

We very much hope that HM Treasury can be encouraged to fully support and implement the Government's admirable leadership position on both extractives transparency and open data.

Yours sincerely



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