THE COMMITTEE ON THE EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN Independent Accountants' Report for the year ended 31 December 2007

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

To the Committee on the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative ("EITI") of the Republic of Azerbaijan:

We have examined the accompanying Assertion of the Committee on the EITI of the Republic of Azerbaijan (the "Committee") shown in Appendix 1, that the schedule of payments/allocations received during the year ended 31 December 2007 by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan (the "Government") from the extractive industry companies (the "Companies") is prepared in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding dated 24 November 2004 signed between the National Committee on EITI, the local and foreign Companies operating in the Extractive Industries of the Republic of Azerbaijan, specified in Appendix 2, and the non-governmental organisations and individuals specified in Appendix 3 (the "MOU"). The Committee on the EITI of the Republic of Azerbaijan is responsible for this assertion. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the assertion based on our examination.

Except as described in the following paragraph, our examination was conducted in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the assertion of the Committee on the EITI of the Republic of Azerbaijan and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The information available to test the Assertion of the Committee consisted of written submissions by the Companies party to the MOU and the supporting details of payments/allocations received by the Government that were provided by the Committee. Our work did not extend to reviewing all payments/allocations received by the Government nor all payments/allocations made by the Companies. If payments/allocations were made by the Companies but omitted from both the Companies' and Government's submissions, our work would be insufficient to detect them.

Summary of Work Performed

To examine the Assertion of the Committee on the EITI of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Appendix 1) we have compared the schedule of payments/allocations received during the year ended 31 December 2007 by the Government (the "Government's schedule") and the schedules prepared by the Companies (parties to the MOU) (the "Companies' schedule") specified in Appendix 2. We carried out procedures as considered necessary under the circumstances to determine the reasons for the differences between the above schedules. Our findings are presented in the following notes.

NOTES

Government's interest in the foreign Companies' extractive output

Note 1 Monetary inflow as Government's entitlement in foreign Companies' production stream

This represents the Government's entitlement in foreign Companies' oil and gas production transferred to it as monetary funds. Oil companies transfer Government share either in kind or in money terms in accordance with respective Production Sharing Agreements ("PSAs").

	million USD
Government's schedule	25.0
Companies' schedule	24.4
Difference	0.6

The difference of 0.6 million USD is explained as follows:

- 0.4 million USD is a rounding difference and arises because one of the oil companies did not report to 3 decimal places as required by the Manual on EITI form preparation. We confirmed this difference by receiving additional confirmation from the government and checking the relevant payment documents.
- 0.2 million USD was paid but not reported in error by one of the oil companies as the government's share of Shah Deniz gas. We confirmed this difference by receiving additional confirmation from that foreign oil company.

Note 2 Crude oil

This represents the Government's oil production entitlement in the foreign Companies' production stream, transferred to the Government in kind.

	million barrels
Government's schedule	30.3
Companies' schedule	31.9
Difference	(1.6)

The difference of 1.5 million barrels is explained as follows:

- 3.0 million barrels should be added to the Companies' schedule. As indicated in Note 7 below, 3.0 million barrels were incorrectly reported by a foreign extractive company, an Azeri-Cirag-Guneshli ("ACG") partner, as a royalty instead of as the Government's production entitlement in this foreign company's production stream and, therefore, should be added to the foreign extractive Companies' schedule. We confirmed this difference by receiving additional confirmations from the Azerbaijan International Operating Company ("AIOC") and this foreign extractive company.
- 4.6 million barrels should be deducted from the Companies' schedule. 4.6 million barrels were incorrectly included by one foreign extractive company in the report. This amount relates to SOCAR's commercial activities and, therefore, is not reportable. We confirmed this difference by receiving additional confirmations both from SOCAR and this foreign extractive company.

Note 3 Gas

This represents both natural and associated gas. The latter is transferred free of charge according to the agreements with the Government. Natural gas is the Government's entitlement in the foreign companies' production stream, transferred to the Government in kind.

	thousand cubic metres
Government's schedule	2,410,299.0
Companies' schedule	2,316,637.2
Difference	93,661.8

- 93,661.8 thousand cubic meters:

Difference	Reconciling items	Comment
93,661.8		
	3,314.5	а
	(42.4)	b
	164,384.7	С
	(67,281.7)	d
	(6,713.3)	е
0		

a) 3,314.5 thousand cubic meters were not reported by one foreign oil company. We confirmed this difference by receiving additional confirmation from SOCAR and this foreign oil company. This difference should be added to the Companies' schedule.

b) The difference of 42.4 thousand cubic meters was mistakenly not reported by the Government. The difference should be added to the Government's schedule. We confirmed this difference by receiving additional confirmation from SOCAR and the foreign extractive company.

c) 164,384.7 thousand cubic meters. This difference arose due to the fact that the parties used different measuring units: a foreign extractive company reported the volume measured in Normal Cubic Metres (Nm³) at 0°C whereas the Government reported the volume measured in Standard Cubic Metres (Sm3) at 20°C meters. This difference should be added to the Companies' schedule.

- d) 67,281.7 thousand cubic meters relating to 2006 was mistakenly reported by one foreign extractive company. This should be deducted from the Companies' schedule. We confirmed this difference by receiving an additional confirmation and explanation from SOCAR and the extractive company concerned.
- e) 6,713.3 thousand cubic meters are transportation losses representing 0.27% of the total which is within the normal contractual loss limits (0.2-0.5%). We confirmed this difference by receiving an additional confirmation and explanation from SOCAR and the extractive company concerned.

Other inflows to the Government from the foreign extractive industry Companies

Note 4 Bonuses

Bonuses represent fees paid by the oil Companies for delegation and transfer of extractive rights. These fees are paid at certain stages of oil field development according to appropriate agreements with the Government.

	million USD
Government's schedule	68.0
Companies' schedule	68.0
Difference	0

Note 5 Transportation tariff paid

This represents the fees paid by the oil companies to SOCAR for oil transportation in the territory of the Azerbaijan Republic.

	million USD
Government's schedule	-
Companies' schedule	8.2
Difference	(8.2)

The amount of 8.2 million USD was incorrectly included in the Companies' schedule by some foreign extractive companies (ACG partners). These payments represent tariff fees paid to SOCAR for the use of its Northern Route Pipeline and relate to SOCAR's commercial activities and, therefore, are not reportable. We confirmed this difference by receiving additional confirmation from those foreign extractive companies.

Note 6 Acreage fees

This represents fees paid by the foreign extractive companies for the use of land/sea acreage during the exploration stage.

	million USD
Government's schedule	6.6
Companies' schedule	6.2
Difference	0.4

The difference of 0.4 million USD is explained as follows:

- 0.1 million USD should be deducted from the Companies' schedule. This item was mistakenly reported by one foreign extractive company, an ACG partner. It was paid and reported by AIOC on behalf of this company and therefore should not have been reported by that foreign extractive company. We confirmed the amount by inspecting payment documents and receiving additional confirmation from this foreign extractive company.

- 0.5 million USD should be added to the Companies' schedule. One foreign extractive company mistakenly omitted the payment of the acreage fee of 0.5 million USD from its report. The difference was confirmed by that foreign extractive company and by copies of payment documents from SOFAZ.

Taxes paid to the Government by the foreign extractive companies

Note 7 Royalty

Royalty (mining tax) is paid for extracting minerals from subsurface strata of the earth on the territory of the Azerbaijan Republic (including the Caspian sea sector belonging to the Azerbaijan Republic).

	oil (million barrels)
Government's schedule	-
Companies' schedule	3.0
Difference	(3.0)

3.0 million barrels should be deducted from the Companies' schedule. As indicated in Note 2 above, 3.0 million barrels were incorrectly reported by a foreign extractive company, an ACG partner, as a royalty instead of the Government's production entitlement in this foreign company's production stream and, therefore, should be deducted from the foreign extractive Companies' schedule. We confirmed this difference by receiving additional confirmations from the Azerbaijan International Operating Company ("AIOC") and this foreign extractive company.

Note 8 Profit tax

Profit tax is levied on the difference between a taxpayer's income (except for the income which is exempt from tax) and expenses (deductions) allowed for in the Tax Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

	million USD
Government's schedule	2,264.2
Companies' schedule	2,315.8
Difference	(51.6)

The difference of 51.6 million USD is explained as follows:

- 52.6 million USD arose because one foreign extractive company reported profit tax accrued instead of
 profit tax paid. This difference should be excluded from the Companies' schedule. We confirmed this
 difference by inspecting payment documents obtained from this foreign extractive company and
 information from the Ministry of Taxes.
- 1.0 million USD represents profit tax paid by one foreign extractive company but mistakenly not reported by them. We confirmed this difference by inspecting payment documents obtained from this foreign extractive company and information from the Ministry of Taxes.

Government's interest in the local Companies' extractive output

Note 9 Gas

This represents both natural and associated gas. The latter is transferred free of charge according to the agreements with the Government. Natural gas is the Government's entitlement in the local companies' production stream, transferred to the Government in kind.

	thousand cubic metres
Government's schedule	12,030.0
Companies' schedule	13,165.8
Difference	(1,135.8)

1,135.8 thousand cubic metres was mistakenly omitted by the Government from its report and, accordingly, should be added to the Government's schedule. We confirmed this difference by receiving additional confirmation from SOCAR and that local extractive company and by reviewing relevant supporting documents.

Taxes paid to the Government by the local Companies

Note 10 *Profit tax*

Profit tax is levied on the difference between a taxpayer's income (except for the income which is exempt from tax) and expenses (deductions) allowed for in the Tax Code of the Azerbaijan Republic.

	million AZN
Government's schedule	98.2
Companies' schedule	97.5
Difference	0.7

AZN 0.7 million. One local extractive company mistakenly omitted this payment from its report. We confirmed this difference by checking the payment documents and receiving additional information from the Ministry of Taxes.

Note 11 *Other taxes*

Other taxes comprise property, land, road fund taxes and VAT. Withholding, personal income tax and social protection taxes and duties should not be included.

	million AZN
Government's schedule	231.5
Companies' schedule	231.5
Difference	-

Note 12 *Price changes*

This represents revenues from the price difference between the contract value and domestic wholesale price of exported oil.

	million USD
Government's schedule	70.3
Companies' schedule	70.3
Difference	-

SUMMARY OF REPORTS BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE EXTRACTIVE COMPANIES

Foreign Extractive C	Companies												
		Reported b	y Governme	ent	Reported by foreign extractive Companies				Difference				Notes
	Value		Volume		Value		Volume		Value		Volume		
	million USD	million AZN	oil (mboe)	gas (thousand m³)	million USD	million AZN	oil (mboe)	gas (thousand m³)	million USD	million AZN	oil (mboe)	gas (thousand m³)	
Monetary inflow	25.0	-	-	-	24.4	-	-	-	0.6	-	-	-	1
Crude oil	-	-	30.3	-	-	-	31.9	-	-	-	(1.6)	-	2
Gas	-	-	-	2,410,299.0	-	-	-	2,316,637.2	-	-	-	93,661.8	3
Bonuses	68.0	-	-	-	68.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Transportation tariff	-	-	-	-	8.2	-	-	-	(8.2)	-	-	-	5
Acreage fee	6.6	-	-	-	6.2	-	-	-	0.4	-	-	-	6
Royalty	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.0	-	-	-	(3.0)	-	7
Profit tax	2,264.2	-	-	-	2,315.8	-	-	-	(51.6)	-	-	-	8

Local Extractive Co	mpanies												
		Reported by	y Governme	ent	Reported by local extractive Companies				Difference				
	Value		Volume		Value		Volume		Value		Volume		
	million USD	million AZN	oil (mboe)	gas (thousand m³)	million USD	million AZN	oil (mboe)	gas (thousand m³)	million USD	million AZN	oil (mboe)	gas (thousand m³)	
Gas	-	-	-	12,030.0	-	-	-	13,165.8	-	-	-	(1,135.8)	9
Royalty	-	165.3	-	-	-	165.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Profit tax	-	98.2	-	-	-	97.5	-	-	-	0.7	-	-	10
Other taxes	-	231.6	-	-	-	231.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Price changes	70.3	-	-	-	70.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12

Acronyms and abbreviations used in this table

USD - dollars of the United States of America

AZN - Azerbaijani new manats

mboe - millions of barrels of oil equivalent

m³ - cubic metres

OPINION

In our opinion, based on our work described in this report, except for adjustments, if any, which may have been required had we tested all payments/allocations made by the Companies and all payments/allocations received by the Government, the accompanying Assertion of the Committee on the EITI of the Republic of Azerbaijan that the schedule of payments/allocations received during the year ended 31 December 2007 is prepared in accordance with the aforementioned requirements, is fairly stated in all material respects.

This report is intended for the use of the signatory parties to the MOU and should not be used by other parties or for uses other than as prescribed by the MOU.

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3 June 2008

Appendix 1

Assertion of the Committee on the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative ("EITI") of the Republic of Azerbaijan

The schedule of payments/allocations received during the year ended 31 December 2007 by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan (the "Government") from the local and foreign Companies operating in the Extractive Industries of the Republic of Azerbaijan, specified in Appendix 2 (collectively - the "Companies"), is prepared in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding dated 24 November 2004 signed between the National Committee on EITI, the local and foreign Companies operating in the Extractive Industries of Azerbaijan and the non-governmental organizations detailed in Appendix 3.

The Chairman of the EITI Committee

Appendix 2

List of Extractive Industries Companies Party and not Party to the Memorandum of Understanding

Parties to the MOU

- 1. BP Exploration (Caspian Sea) Limited,
- 2. State Oil Company of the Republic of Azerbaijan,
- 3. Total E&P Azerbaijan B.V,
- 4. ITOCHU Oil Exploration (Azerbaijan) Inc.,
- 5. Statoil,
- 6. Turkish Petroleum A.O.,
- 7. Commonwealth Oil and Gas,
- 8. Exxon Azerbaijan Limited,
- 9. Amerada Hess (ACG) Limited,
- 10. Devon Energy Caspian Corporation,
- 11. Lukoil Overseas,
- 12. Shengli Oil,
- 13. Salvan Oil Limited,
- 14. Karasu Operating Company,
- 15. Shell Azerbaijan Exploration and Production,
- 16. Middle East Petroleum,
- 17. Anshad Petrol JV,
- 18. Shirvan Oil JV,
- 19. Azgerneft JV,
- 20. Inpex,
- 21. Chevron Overseas Petroleum Azerbaijan Limited
- 22. Binegedi Oil Operating Company
- 23. Royal Association of Finance Investors (RAFI OIL FZE)
- 24. Naftiran Intergrade Co Ltd (NICO)
- 25. Apsheron Investments LTD

Not Parties to the MOU

1. Azerbaijan International Operating Company ("AIOC")¹

¹ AlOC is the operating company of the ACG oilfield. The partners of AlOC are BP Exploration (Caspian Sea) Limited, Exxon Azerbaijan Limited, Statoil, Inpex, SOCAR, Devon Energy Caspian Corporation, ITOCHU Oil Exploration (Azerbaijan) Inc., Amerada Hess (ACG) Limited, Turkish Petroleum A.O., Unocal Khazar (Chevron Overseas Petroleum Azerbaijan Limited).

Appendix 3

List of Non-Governmental Organisations ("NGO"s) and Individuals Party to the Memorandum of Understanding

NGOs

- 1. Development of Society and Civic Relations
- 2. Institute of Democracy and Human Rights
- 3. Eurasia Lawyers Association
- 4. "World of Carpet" Association (district of Guba)
- 5. Research Centre of Women's Problems
- 6. Centre for Economic and Political Researches
- 7. Centre of Economic and Social Development (CESD)
- 8. National Group of International Human Rights Society
- 9. Association for the Protection of Women's Rights after D. Aliyeva
- 10. "Centre of Support to Democratic Elections" Public Union
- 11. Association of Social Economic Researches
- 12. Foundation of Scientific-and- Technical Progress and Education
- 13. International Ecoenergy Academy
- 14. Foundation for Protection of Democratic Values
- 15. Public Finance Monitoring Center
- 16. Academic Technical Progress Education Fund
- 17. "Progress" Social Research Centre Public Union
- 18. Society for Democratic Reforms
- 19. Multimedia Information Systems and Technology Centre
- 20. Institute of Political Pluralism
- 21. Humanitarian Research Society
- 22. Organization of Mine Victims
- 23. For Healthy Life
- 24. Dalga Youth Movement
- 25. Democracy and Women's Initiatives
- 26. Democratic Progress and Economical Cooperation
- 27. Socio- Strategic Researches and Analytical Investigations
- 28. Centre for Development of Democracy and Legal Assistance
- 29. Institution of Complex Problems of Transportation (transport)
- 30. Union of Independent Consumers
- 31. Agroeco Consulting Center
- 32. Public Union of "Progress", Ganja
- 33. Azerbaijan Construction Association
- 34. Greens' movement
- 35. Solidarity Among Women
- 36. Democratic Reformist Young People PU
- 37. Azerbaijan Public Union for Healthy Evolution
- 38. Educational- Monitoring Centre on Socio- Economical Rights
- 39. Economic Research Center
- 40. «Buta» Humanitarian Children Fond
- 41. Centre of Islam, Democracy and Human Rights
- 42. "Ecolex" environmental law center
- 43. Friends of the Earth/ Azerbaijan
- 44. "Umid" (Hope) Humanitarian and Social Support Centre
- 45. Azerbaijan Young Lawyers Union

- 46. Centre for Development of Youth
- 47. "Liberator" Public Union
- 48. "Finance" Transparent Budget Public Union (district of Imishli)
- 49. Media Development Center
- 50. Free Economy Center
- 51. Centre of Pluralism "Inam"
- 52. Institute of Economical Technologies
- 53. "Free Person" Organization for Human Rights Protection
- 54. Committee for Oil Industry Workers Rights` Protection
- 55. Centre for Support to Democratic Initiatives
- 56. HQMB
- 57. Centre for Assistance to Democratic Elections
- 58. Centre for the Development of Azerbaijan Football PU
- 59. Center of Democratic Reforms
- 60. "Echo" International Journalist Investigations Centre
- 61. "Expert" Economic Journal
- 62. "Bilik" Ganja
- 63. "Progress" Public Union for Legal Assistance to Youth
- 64. Citizens' Labour Rights Protection League
- 65. Democracy and Women Rights Protection Centre
- 66. Yevlakh district Regional Development Centre PU
- 67. "Ruzgar" Ecological Public Union
- 68. "Human Rights 2003" Public Union
- 69. "Women's World" Public Union
- 70. Ganja Children Fond
- 71. Fund of Constitution
- 72. Association of Democratic Reforms and Development
- 73. Caucasus Media Investigations Center
- 74. Association of Traders and Producers
- 75. Foundation of Legal Initiatives
- 76. Centre for Economic and Business Research and Education, Khazar University
- 77. Crude Accountability
- 78. "Saniye" Humanitarian Information Analytical Agency
- 79. Center of Oil Researches
- 80. Foundation of Citizens' Rights Protection in Media
- 81. XXI Century Education Centre PU
- 82. "Electronic Elections" Public Union
- 83. Economic Innovations Center
- 84. Center for Equal Opportunities
- 85. HVA Regional Branch (Ganja)
- 86. Centre of Support to Civil Society Building (Regional NGO, Agstafa district)
- 87. Political Cultural Centre of Azerbaijan Women
- 88. Azerbaijan Fund of Monitoring of Ecological Standards

- 89. Institution of Pease and Democracy
- 90. Society for Caring of Garabag War- Disabled Persons
- 91. Eco- World Public Union
- 92. Human Rights XXI century-Azerbaijan Fond
- 93. Centre of National Ecological Forecasts
- 94. Eco-Renaissance
- 95. Azeri-Ellada intellectual centre
- 96. Caucasus International Strategic Research centre
- 97. Progress Social Development Public Union
- 98. Journalist in an extreme state Public Union
- 99. Region Ses newspaper
- 100. Internally Displaced and Refugee Women's Development Centre
- 101. "Dalga" Ecology and Environment Protection Public Union
- 102. Returning back to Homeland Public Union
- 103. Regional Development and Human Rights Public Union
- 104. Regional Enlightenment Public Union
- 105. Economic and Social Enlightenment Centre
- 106. Assistance to Democracy Public Union
- 107. Citizen Enlightenment Public Union
- 108. Assistance Centre to Young Journalists
- 109. Economic and Juridical Enlightenment Centre for Journalists
- 110. Democracy and Ecology Balance Public Union
- 111. Election Researches Centre Public Union
- 112. Juridical Assistance to Oilmen Public Union
- 113. Garabagh Internally Displaced People Union
- 114. Baku Aquarium Keepers Union
- 115. Progress Monitoring and Researches Public Union

Individuals

- 1. Bakirzade Shabnem
- 2. Dunya Sakit
- 3. Aliyev Elmidar
- 4. Hamidova Hicran
- 5. Huseynli Fikret
- 6. Khalilov Ruslan
- 7. Isayev Samir
- 8. Ibrahimov Zaur
- 9. Gahramanov Niyazi
- 10. Movsumov Shamil
- 11. Musayev Jeyhun
- 12. Sevidova Suheyla
- 13. Safarov Afig
- 14. Arzu Soltan
- 15. Pashayeva Sadagat