## A BILL

## FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 16 OF THE NIGERIAN EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE ACT, 2007, TO INCLUDE A MECHANISMS FOR RESTITUTION, ARBITRATION, ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) METHODS AS COST-EFFICIENT ALTERNATIVE MECHANISMS FOR RECOVERY OF REVENUES DUE TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA AS A RESULT OF UNDERPAYMENT OR NON-PAYMENT BY ANY EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRY COMPANY AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Oladipupo Adebutu

Commencement ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows: 1. The Section 16 of the Nigerian Extractive Industry 1 Amendment of the Principal Act 2. Transparency Initiative Act, 2007, (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set forth in this Bill. 3 2. Section 16 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new 4 Amendment of Section 16 of the 5 sub-section (7) immediately after the current sub-section (6) The new sub-Principal Act section 16 (7) is to read as follows: 6 "Section 16 (7) Prior to institution of legal proceedings in any court 7 8 of law against any extractive industry company for offences under the 9 provisions of Section 16 of this Bill, the NEITI shall explore and exhaust the mechanisms of Alternative Dispute Resolution by providing such an 10 extractive industry company or its officials the opportunity to provide a 11 12 restitution of the actual amount of revenue that is due to the Federal Government, failing which such extractive industry company or officials 13 14 shall upon conviction pay the cost of litigation in addition to other penalties prescribed under Section 16 of this Bill." 15

Short title

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- 3. This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Extractive Industry
- 2 Transparency Initiative Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend Section 16 of the Nigerian Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative Act, 2007, to include a mechanisms for restitution, arbitration, alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods as cost-efficient alternative mechanisms for recovery of revenues due to the Federal Government of Nigeria as a result of underpayment or non-payment by any extractive industry company.