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Launch of MCRB's Pwint Thit Sa 2016

MCRB has published its third <u>Transparency in</u> <u>Myanmar Enterprise (TiME) report (Pwin Thit</u> <u>Sa)</u>, which assesses the corporate websites of the one hundred largest taxpaying companies in Myanmar for information on anti-corruption programmes, organisational transparency, and human rights, health, safety and environment (HSE). The 2016 report shows that that the top companies which performed best in 2015 continued to be the most transparent in 2016 with FMI, SPA and Max Myanmar leading the way.

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Position Paper on 'Incentivising Shared Value'

The Australia-Myanmar Chamber of Commerce (AMCC) and the Myanmar Centre for Responsible Business (MCRB) launched a Position Paper on 'Incentivising Shared Value' at the Myanmar Business Roundtable of the Asian CSR Forum in Naypidaw on 19 September. The Position Paper highlights debates and good practices related to encouraging responsible business and social innovation by companies.

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Forthcoming Mining SWIA consultations and 3rd Myanmar Mining Summit

MCBR is organising consultations on <u>Mining</u> <u>Sector-wide Impact Assessment (SWIA)</u> draft report, to obtain feedback and provide a chance for discussion before finalisation on:

11th October 2016 (all day) - English language 12th October 2016 (all day) - Burmese language

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'Environmental Impact Assessments in Myanmar' Workshop

On 12 September 2016, MCRB and ERM hosted a seminar on 'Strategic Issues and Future Concerns in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process in Myanmar', with civil society organisations (CSOs) and NGOs, as well as officials from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment Conservation (MONREC). Discussion centered on the EIA process in practice, the various roles of MONREC and DICA and disclosure of the EIA reports.

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MCRB trains Companies on 'Developing a Human Rights Policy'

MCRB organised a one day workshop in Yangon on "Developing a Human Rights Policy" on 5th September 2016. It was attended by 73 participants from 49 Myanmar companies, including staff working in human resources, compliance, community and corporate relations, and communications, as well as staff of the Human Rights Commission.

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MCRB supporting tourism planning in Rakhine

MCRB has provided technical support to the tourism strand of the Rakhine Government's Socio-Economic Development Strategy. MCRB's Programme Associate Thein Than Htay has contributed MCRB's knowledge from the <u>Tourism</u> <u>SWIA</u> and <u>HSF/MCRB's Ngapali workshop</u> in May 2016, to help the Rakhine Government' develop a 5 year tourism sector plan as part of the Socio-economic Development Strategy (SEDS) supported by UNDP.

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Workshop on Safety and Labour in the Telecoms Sector, 7 October

MCRB is facilitating a peer-to-peer meeting for mobile network operators, tier 1 and tier 2 subcontractors to exchange experience and best practice in addressing health and safety, labour, land and community issues ('offline human rights') in the rollout of Myanmar's telecoms network.

PLACEHOLDER IMAGE

MCRB holds a multistakeholder workshop on responsible business in Dawei

MCRB and its partner Myanmar Business Coalition on Aid (MBCA) convened a multistakeholder discussion in Dawei on 25 September to discuss responsible business including particular concerns related to investment in Tanintharyi Region. The workshop was held to mark the first birthday of MBCA's Dawei office which is funded by MCRB. Local business, MPs and civil society groups attended the workshop. The MCRB-MBCA team also had a meeting with the Chief Minister to introduce their work.

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