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Re: questions regarding upcoming report on the human rights and environmental impact of the Kingfisher oil project in Uganda

Dear Mr. Fang,

I am writing on behalf of Climate Rights International, a U.S.-based NGO that conducts research and advocacy on the human rights dimensions of the climate crisis. For the past several months, we have been carrying out research for a report that we plan to publish on the human and environmental impacts associated with the Kingfisher oil development project in Uganda. We are writing to you because we understand that you are the drilling contractor for the Kingfisher project.

We have conducted interviews with community members who have raised serious concerns about the land acquisition process; forced evictions; pressure to sign documents without free, prior, and informed consent; intimidation and coercion to pressure them to move; inadequate or lack of compensation; labor rights violations; water pollution; and arrests and violence, including sexual violence.

Many interviewees have complained about loss of livelihoods due to loss of land or ability to fish in nearby waters, which has led to serious impacts on their ability to feed and support their families, pay for education, or access health care and housing.

We note that COSL has stated, in its [Environmental, Social and Governance \(ESG\) Report 2023](#), that it “strictly abides by relevant laws and regulations to ensure legal operation,” and “endeavours to protect the ecological environment.”

We want to ensure that our report accurately reflects the views, policies, and practices of relevant authorities and companies, and we hope that you or your representatives will respond to the following questions, outlined below. Any responses will be reflected in our reporting as appropriate, and we may publish your responses at our discretion and when appropriate, either in full or in part.

Questions

1. Does China Oilfield Services Ltd. (COSL) collect air and water quality data? If yes, is that data made publicly available? If yes, how is it made available?
2. Please provide the results of any air and water quality data you have compiled relating to the Kingfisher oil project.
3. What steps is COSL taking to ensure that oil, liquid waste, and other substances from the drilling do not harm freshwater resources, including Lake Albert and the streams that feed that lake?
4. Is all liquid drilling waste transported away from the site and disposed of by an independent petroleum waste handler, as required by Ugandan law?
 - a. What company have you hired to manage liquid waste related to drilling activities?
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 - a. What company have you hired to manage solid waste related to drilling activities?
6. What steps is COSL taking to ensure that oil, liquid waste and other substances from the drilling do not contaminate the surrounding land?
7. Has COSL ever disposed of liquid drilling waste by depositing it in Lake Albert?

Please include any other materials, statistics, and/or information you think may be relevant.

Your responses can only be considered for inclusion in our report if we receive them by August 13, 2024. Please reply to adams@cri.org, copying devah@cri.org.

We would also welcome the opportunity to speak with you or your representatives. Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to arrange a meeting or video conference.

Sincerely,



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