



**Les Amis
de la Terre**



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Europe**

To :

Mme Manöelle Lepoutre - Directrice du Développement durable et de l'Environnement

Mr Alain Castinel - Directeur Délégué – Relation avec les ONG et la société civile

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Subject : Request of information about Total's activities in Madagascar

Paris and Brussels, December 8th, 2011

Dear Mrs Lepoutre and Mr Castinel,

We write to request some information about your company 'Total' activities in the country of Madagascar.

As you may know, Les Amis de la Terre France and Friends of the Earth Europe have met with your company management in Antananarivo and visited the communities located next to your Bemolanga concession in Madagascar. The main objective of these meetings was to assess potential impact of your company current and planned operations on reaching Millennium Developments Goals by Madagascar and to evaluate your contribution to local community development. In this respect, we have also met with key decision-makers and civil society groups in Madagascar. In order to complete our assessment, we would request that your company provides us with the following information and documentation:

- 1. We would request that your company sends us a copy of the following documents, concerning the Bemolanga oil field (bloc 3102) :**
 - Initial Environmental Impact Assessment and Complementary Impact Assessment (*Etude d'Impact Environnementale Initiale et Etude d'Impact Complémentaire*)
 - Environmental Permit (*Permis environnemental*), from July 7th, 2008
 - Record of Decision (*Cahier des charges environnementales - CCE*), from June 2010
 - Environmental audit for the closure of the first exploration phase (*Audit environnemental de fermeture*), submitted to ONE in June or July 2011
 - Environmental Closure Certificate (*quitus environnemental*), issued by ONE in 2011
 - Extension of the exploration permit (2011)
 - Environmental Impact Assessment for the new exploration phase (starting in 2011).

In your letter of February 7th 2011, you point out that some of these documents have to be

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disclosed by ONE. We inform you that during our visits to Madagascar, we met with officials from ONE, who explained that they need an authorization from the project developer before giving a copy of these documents. Thus, as ONE expressed clearly that they are not opposed to the disclosure of these documents, we request that your company sends them directly to our organizations. In addition, we would request that your company authorizes ONE to disclose all the information concerning Total's activities in Madagascar, to ease our access documents in the future.

2. Furthermore, we would request that your company communicates the following information:

a) About the first phase of exploration:

- Amount and nature of spending in favour of the communities around Total's project.
- Dates, objectives and location of meetings and/or consultation with community members (in each case, specify the name of the villages and of the community representatives).

b) About its intentions relative to the Bemolanga oil field:

- Why has your company decided to request an extension of its exploration permits?
- What type of resources are concerned by this new exploration phase : unconventional oil, conventional oil, or both? Has your company decided to abandon the exploration and exploitation of the resources of unconventional oil?
- Which techniques will your company use for this new exploration phase?
- What is the term of the permit extension your company has been given?
- Does your company have any interest in other hydrocarbons fields in Madagascar?

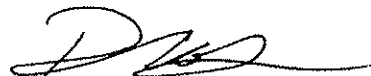
Our so far assessment concludes that local communities, local authorities and even national officials were quite confused and not well aware of Total's plans after the end of the first exploration phase. We hope that your company will cooperate to clarify the situation.

Thank you in advance for your response.

Sincerely,



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