**Maersk Drilling response regarding workers’ rights abuses in Azerbaijan**

*Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited Maersk Drilling to respond to the following item:*

- *«Evaluation of the implementation of legislation on Labor, economic and social rights of Azerbaijan’s oil sector Report on 2015 », Oil-Workers’ Rights Protection Organization (OWRO), January 2016*

<http://www.nhmt-az.org/frontend/pages/human-rights-inner.php?id=98>

*In response, Maersk Drilling**sent the following statement:*

In Maersk Drilling, we respect human rights throughout our activities and in line with our values and commitments. In every country, where we operate, whether high or low risk, conflict-affected or not, our goal is to ensure that we do not impact negatively on human rights. In Azerbaijan, where Maersk Drilling has one semi-submersible rig working since 2011, we follow the local labor law and good conduct principles, and all employees have the right to organize in local unions.