**Chevron’s response regarding allegations of oil spill from its oil flow facility in Nigeria**

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*Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited Chevron to respond to the following article:*

* *“Ijaw, Itsekiri communities protest oil spills in Escravos”, Daily Independent, 5 November 2014*[*http://dailyindependentnig.com/2014/12/ijaw-itsekiri-communities-protest-oil-spills-escravos/*](http://dailyindependentnig.com/2014/12/ijaw-itsekiri-communities-protest-oil-spills-escravos/)

In response, Chevron sent the following statement:

Chevron Nigeria Limited (CNL), operator of the NNPC/CNL Joint Venture confirms as follows:

* The 18” Abiteye to Escravos pipeline was damaged by third parties on March 25, 2014, causing a spill.
* On April 14, 2014, in the process of repairing the damage to the 18” Abiteye to Escravos pipeline caused by the third party interference of March 25, 2014 another spill occurred.
* A Joint Investigation (JIV) team which included representatives of regulatory bodies, community leaders and CNL jointly agreed on volume and the spill was duly cleaned up by CNL.
* In the course of engagement with community stakeholders, CNL agreed to provide relief materials to the communities. One of the three communities has already collected the payment provided for this purpose, while the remaining two raised some issues which are being addressed.
* At CNL, we hold our communities in very high esteem and have a cordial relationship with them. We have been working together with communities in the area to resolve all contending issues since this incident happened, and we expect that our ongoing engagements with the community leaders will lead to amicable settlement.
* CNL operates with the highest safety standards in the country. The company ranks among the best in safety performance. Operational excellence is our core objective. As a company, we remain committed to protecting people, the environment and conducting our operations reliably and safely with the highest ethical standards.