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**Vattenfall response to the complaint submitted to the Dutch National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises**

In response to “Weekly update” request from the Business & Human Rights Resource Centre, May 4, 2023

In April 2023, a complaint was filled with the Dutch OECD NCP against a number of European energy companies, including Vattenfall, and also three logistics companies. The Complainants, Asamblea Campesina, a regional organisation of victims of forced displacement in the Cesar coal mining region of Colombia, and two Dutch NGOs - Pax and Somo, allege non-compliance with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises with regard to adverse human rights impacts associated with forced displacements in the Cesar mining region.

With regard to this, Vattenfall would like to highlight that our last coal-fired power plant in the Netherlands was closed in 2019, and that we have not sourced any coal from Colombia since then.

We welcome constructive criticism and an open dialogue between stakeholders. Since the first reports of possible abuses in coal mining in Colombia, Vattenfall has taken the lead in discussions with both the NGOs and the mining companies the coal was sourced from. Vattenfall also made a comprehensive human rights impact assessment, its own site visits, did assessments via the partner organisation Bettercoal and held dialogues with coal mining companies to raise the issue of past human rights violations. Vattenfall was praised for this pioneering work and the degree of transparency by Pax and Somo among others: [PAX optimistic after Vattenfall investigation - Peace Organization PAX (paxforpeace.nl)](https://paxforpeace.nl/news/overview/pax-optimistic-after-vattenfall-investigation)

More information about Vattenfall coal sourcing, our due diligence, and particularly, our work in Colombia, can be found on the following link: [Coal sourcing – Vattenfall](https://group.vattenfall.com/what-we-do/our-energy-sources/coal/coal-sourcing).

Vattenfall takes criticism concerning issues of coal mining business seriously and aims to continuously contribute to improvements in coal-producing countries. This is mainly done via Bettercoal, of which Vattenfall is one of the founding members, and the country working groups of Bettercoal.

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