**Gelncore’s response regarding Public Eye Report “Dirty Diesel: How Swiss Traders Flood Africa with Toxic Fuels”**

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Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited Glencore to respond to the following report and media items:

* “Swiss Commodity Traders Flood Africa with Toxic Fuel”, Public Eye, 15 September 2016: <https://www.publiceye.ch/en/media/press-release/swiss_commodity_traders_flood_africa_with_toxic_fuel/>   
    
  - [French version of press release](https://www.publiceye.ch/fr/medias/communique-de-presse/les_negociants_suisses_inondent_lafrique_de_carburants_toxiques/)  
  - [German version of press release](https://www.publiceye.ch/de/medien/medienmitteilung/schweizer_rohstoffhaendler_fluten_afrika_mit_giftigem_treibstoff/)
* Full report: <https://www.publiceye.ch/fileadmin/files/documents/Rohstoffe/DirtyDiesel/PublicEye2016_DirtyDiesel_A-Public-Eye-Investigation.pdf>   
    
  - [German summary of report](https://www.publiceye.ch/fileadmin/files/documents/PublicEye/PublicEyeMagazin/PublicEye2016-09_Magazin_Nr1.pdf)  
  - [French summary of report](https://www.publiceye.ch/fileadmin/files/documents/PublicEye/PublicEyeMagazin/PublicEye2016-09_LeMagazine_no1.pdf)
* Press coverage of the report, e.g., from [Swissinfo](http://www.swissinfo.ch/eng/business/dirty-diesel_commodity-traders-accused-of--illegitimate--african-fuel-trade/42446882), [The Sun](http://sunnewsonline.com/swiss-firms-dump-dirty-fuel-in-nigeria-report/) (Nigeria), and [Africa News](http://www.africanews.com/2016/09/15/africa-a-dumping-ground-for-dirty-fuel-from-europe/).

In response, Glencore sent the following statement:

Glencore is a major investor in the developing world and we are proud of the difference that our presence can make. Through our investments in our assets and the long-term commitments we make to the countries in which we operate, we believe that our global presence and economic strength contribute positively to socio-economic development in our host countries.

We are committed to seeking transparent, open dialogue and building partnerships with organisations interested in addressing major social and environmental challenges in the countries where we operate. We have engaged with Public Eye (and formerly Bern Declaration) for a number of years. As part of its information gathering process for this report, Public Eye requested Glencore respond to a number of questions. The questions asked by Public Eye and our response to these are referenced in context of the specific allegations the report makes against Glencore.

The focus of this report is on the downstream activities of a number of Swiss trading companies. As the report notes (on page 51) Glencore’s downstream presence in Africa is limited and, as a result, the fuel we supply into Africa was not part of Public Eye’s sampling activities. The fuel that Glencore supplies into Africa meets the specifications required by domestic legislation; Glencore does not determine national or regional requirements. For all of our activities, we are committed to complying with or exceeding all laws and external requirements applicable to our operations and products

We seek to maintain and promote a culture of ethical behaviour and compliance throughout Glencore, rather than simply meeting the minimum required by laws and regulations. Glencore is proud to be a member of the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights and the International Council on Mining and Metals. We are an active participant in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative and a signatory to the UN Global Compact.