SABIC Response

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Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited SABIC to respond to the following blog post: https://www.nrdc.org/experts/companies-did-or-did-not-defend-paris-agreement

In response, SABIC sent the following statement:

SABIC appreciates the opportunity to respond to the following statement in the NRDC's June 1, 2017 blogpost titled "companies-did-or-did-not-defend-paris-agreement", specifically "SABIC has publicly touted their participation at the Paris COP21 venue."

To be clear about our participation at the Paris COP21 venue, as noted in our Sustainability Reports and other communications, SABIC showcased our portfolio of initiatives and products that enable greenhouse gas and energy reductions as part of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) pavilion.

As reported in the NRDC post, SABIC is a member of IECA. We receive energy-related information from the organization and attend some of their meetings. We did not review or approve the May 15, 2017 letter IECA sent to President Trump in regard to the Paris Agreement.

SABIC supports the global effort to protect natural capital and we are taking actions that reduce climate impacts. We have set aggressive greenhouse gas reduction targets and are well along the path to our goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions intensity by 25 percent by 2025 compared to our 2010 baseline. An example of the extent of our efforts is the recent start-up of a natural gas cogeneration facility that is connected with our largest manufacturing site in the Americas in Mt. Vernon, Indiana. This facility eliminates the use of coal for energy, and is expected to reduce the greenhouse gas footprint of the site by 33 percent from our 2010 baseline.