

Response from Index Ventures

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Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited Index Ventures to respond to a report that alleges the firm has provided no evidence of its process for environment, social and governance (ESG) or human rights due diligence and is thereby failing in its corporate responsibility to respect human rights. The report also highlights the lack of gender and racial diversity in the venture capital sector and VC funding and the negative impacts that can result.

- **“Risky Business: How leading venture capital firms ignore human rights when investing in technology”**, 30 July 2021, *Amnesty International*:
<https://www.amnesty.org/en/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/DOC1044492021ENGLISH.pdf>

Index Ventures sent the following response:

“We have a comprehensive ESG policy and human rights concerns are embedded into our due diligence process. In addition, where we have board representation post-investment, we continually monitor that ESG principles are adhered to, to the fullest extent possible in our role as a minority investor.”