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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SENDOU COAL POWER PLANT**

#### **COMPLAINT AGAINST NYKOMB SYNERGETICS FOR NON COMPLIANCE WITH THE OECD GUIDELINES FOR MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES**

Lumière Synergie pour le Développement (LSD) and Takkom Jerry Plyvalence Culturelle et Environnementale have filed complaints today at the Swedish National Contact Point (NCP) against the company **Nykomb Synergetics AB**, which has contracted with the government of Senegal in 2009 for the construction of a **coal power plant of 125 MW in Sendou**.

The **Environment and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA)** performed by the company the same year emphasizes unequivocally **significant adverse social and environmental impacts**. But they were totally ignored by Nykomb in **violation of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises** (hereinafter "the Guidelines"), especially the following Chapters: I (Concepts and Principles), II (General Policies), IV (Human Rights), and VI (Environment) of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. Therefore, the complainants (LSD and Takkom Jerry) request in this complaint that the NCP uses its good offices to bring Nykomb to discuss the community concerns through mediation, with a hope to **relocate this harmful project**.

The Guidelines are **recognized social and environmental standards** at global level, and recommendations for **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** adopted by OECD adhering countries in 2000 to multinational enterprises operating from or outside the OECD countries,

As a reminder, the affected communities by this project have been struggling several years ago to defend their right to work, their right for land and their right to a healthy environment, without having the chance to be heard by neither the **Government of Senegal** nor the **promoters** including the **African Development Bank** and **FMO**.

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