

Africa Israel response re involvement in Israeli settlements construction in West Bank

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Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited Africa Israel to respond to the following items:

- "Israeli firm lying to Norway that it no longer builds settlements on Palestinian land", Electronic Intifada, 31 Aug 2013 http://electronicintifada.net/blogs/adri-nieuwhof/israeli-firm-lying-norway-it-no-longer-builds-settlements-palestinian-land?utm_source=EI+readers&utm_campaign=a0345fc57e-RSS_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e802a7602d-a0345fc57e-299157669
- "Who Profits re Norwegian Govt. to revoke decision to revoke exclusion of Africa Israel & Danya Cebus from pension fund after companies reportedly ceased settlement construction in West Bank", Who Profits, 27 Aug 2013 http://www.business-humanrights.org/media/documents/company_responses/who-profits-re-norwegian-govt.-pension-fund-africa-israel.pdf

Africa Israel sent us the following response.

Danya Cebus is involved, as a general constructor, in the Jerusalem-C project at Gilo, Jerusalem.

As a leading real estate group in Israel, the Company and its subsidiaries engage in numerous projects in Jerusalem, which is the capital of the State of Israel and one of its major cities. Nevertheless, we were surprised to learn that one can consider - Gilo Neighborhood, which is one of the well established neighborhoods located in the heart of Jerusalem to be "a settlement in the occupied West Bank" and find such broad definition to be erroneous.

In the recent years neither Africa Israel Investments, nor any of its subsidiaries and/or other affiliates (including, for the removal of any doubt, Danya Cebus), have been involved in construction or building of real estate in the West Bank, and to the best of our knowledge, none of the above entities have plans for future development of real estate in these areas.