

## **ExxonMobil response re First Peoples Worldwide report**

11 Nov 2013

*Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited ExxonMobil to respond to the following items:*

- *Press release: "[The Next Financial Bubble: Indigenous Peoples Rights - Report Exposes Risk to Shareholders When Indigenous Rights Are Ignored](#)," First Peoples Worldwide, 28 Oct 2013*
- *Full report: "[First Peoples Worldwide's - Indigenous Rights Risk Report for the Extractive Industry - Preliminary Findings](#)", First Peoples Worldwide, 28 Oct 2013*

*ExxonMobil sent the following response:*

ExxonMobil Standards of Business Conduct define the global ethical conduct of the corporation and its majority-owned subsidiaries. These standards, adopted and administered by the board of directors, uphold the values of human rights, labor, the environment and anti-corruption.

ExxonMobil's management systems set expectations that projects will be developed, constructed and operated using approved standards that embody responsible development, especially in locations where regulations do not provide social or environmental protections.

Our Upstream Socioeconomic Standard provides a combination of best management practices and minimum expectations for managing the socioeconomic considerations – including community consultation and the establishment of grievance mechanisms – throughout the life cycle of an oil and gas exploration, development and production project. We believe a consistent approach helps our employees, contractors and partners effectively manage socioeconomic issues and maintain our global license to operate.

ExxonMobil is committed to engaging with indigenous communities in a manner that is respectful of their cultures and customs. Through open consultation, we work to understand and incorporate indigenous perspectives into project planning, design, execution and ongoing operations.

More information can be found at the following links:

ExxonMobil's Corporate Citizenship Report

[http://www.exxonmobil.com/Corporate/Files/news\\_pub\\_ccr2012.pdf](http://www.exxonmobil.com/Corporate/Files/news_pub_ccr2012.pdf)

ExxonMobil's Standards of Business Conduct

[http://www.exxonmobil.com/Corporate/community\\_rights\\_respect.aspx](http://www.exxonmobil.com/Corporate/community_rights_respect.aspx)

Upstream Socioeconomic Standard

[http://www.exxonmobil.com/Corporate/community\\_rights\\_relations.aspx](http://www.exxonmobil.com/Corporate/community_rights_relations.aspx)

Discussion of ExxonMobil's practices with indigenous peoples

[http://www.exxonmobil.com/Corporate/community\\_rights\\_engagement\\_indigenous.aspx](http://www.exxonmobil.com/Corporate/community_rights_engagement_indigenous.aspx)