



Mareña Renovables statement

The case study on Mareña Renovables' activities in Oaxaca does not accurately reflect our efforts and activities to date, nor our ongoing commitment to work collaboratively with the local communities.

Since the inception of the project, one of Mareña Renovables' primary objectives has been to identify and appropriately manage the social, environmental and economic implications of our activities. We have at all times maintained an open and transparent dialogue with the communities involved. We have earned significant community support for the wind farm and remain committed to developing and operating it in an environmentally sustainable and socially responsible manner. The project is being developed in accordance to the Equator Principles and adheres to best international practices of the Inter-American Development Bank, which participates in the financing of the project.

Upon completion, the project will not only contribute in a positive economic manner to the local communities, but will also make an important contribution towards the goal of increasing clean and renewable energy in Mexico. The project is expected to reduce greenhouse gases by an estimated 879,0000 tons per annum.

Below we would like to provide some clarifications on the report.

- The report states that Macquarie Energy is the entity behind the wind farm. The project is being carried out by Mareña Renovables, which consists of a consortium of backers.
- The report suggests that members of the opposition and local communities have been subjected to threats, violence and diminished public services as a result of their opposition to the project. This is not true. Mareña Renovables has not committed, funded or incited any violence or aggression. Mareña's mission has always been to inform stakeholders about the benefits the project will bring to the communities, and to consult and reach agreements with the communities in a collaborative and supportive way, always respecting their rights.
- The report states that the local communities are not in support of this project, whereas the reality is that this project enjoys strong community support. The communities of San Dionisio del Mar and Santa María del Mar, and all the elected authorities of the two communities, favor the project.
- The report suggests that this project will have an impact on the fishing activities of the local community. Careful consideration was taken by Mareña in designing the project to preserve fishing activities in the Superior Lagoon in San Dionisio del Mar. Studies were conducted by QV Gestion Ambiental on the possible impact of noise and vibrations on aquatic fauna of the Istmo Lagoon. The study found that there will be no impact on marine wildlife. The noise tolerance of fish in the Lagoon is on average between 70 dB and 130 dB. The tugboats used to transport materials for the project will generate noise levels of between 70 dB to 90 dB on

average, which are similar to the noise levels generated by the existing fishing vessels in the Lagoon.

- The report suggests that Preneal, the previous project owners, ran a misleading and misinformed process with the communities of San Dionisio del Mar and Santa María del Mar. The reality is that all the agreements between the project and the communities involved were signed in the presence of the inhabitants of the area and the local authorities in a transparent manner and after long negotiation periods and through a number of public assemblies. All the agreements and assembly minute logs are registered with the appropriate Agrarian Authorities. Some of the communities where the project tried to originally install turbines decided not to participate in the project and the project respected the decision of those communities. In 2011, a formal Consultation Plan with the communities was developed that the project has implemented through:
 - Local and public meetings with interested parties and focus groups
 - Door-to-door visits to inform people about the status of the project
 - Delivery of summaries of the environmental reports to community leaders and representatives
 - Site visits to the project site with interested parties
 - Delivery of letters to local groups inviting them to consultation meetings
 - Promotion of participation and contact with members and functionaries of local authorities as well as community leaders
- Since August 2011 at least 63 consultation or informational meetings have been carried out in San Dionisio del Mar, 33 in Santa María del Mar and 42 in Alvaro Obregón, with a registry log of each meeting.
- The report suggests that the project will greatly impact the environment. The reality is that the project has been designed having regard to, and will operate within, the highest environmental protection standards.
 - The project will not cause any environmental damage to the mangroves, and a conservation program has been established for the protection of the sea turtle and the Tehuantepec jackrabbit.
 - Technical and scientific studies were carried out by QV Gestion Ambiental, as well as a mapping of the area with GPS of all the mangroves in the area, to locate the turbines in such a way as there would be no impact on mangroves.
 - Mareña will also assist with the creation and registry of the Environmental Management Unit (UMA) for the protection and conservation of the Tehuantepec Jackrabbit (*Lepus flavigularis*) and the creation and registry of the Environmental Management Unit (UMA) for the protection and conservation of the marine turtle.
 - To ensure that the project would not have any impact on the fishing communities of the Ikojts, studies were conducted by QV Gestion Ambiental on the possible impact of noise and vibrations on aquatic fauna of the Istmo Lagoon. The study found that there will be no impact on marine wildlife.
 - The area where the project is located is not considered an environmental area at risk by the appropriate Mexican authorities.