The DOW CHEMICAL website states that the company pursues the principle of “sustainability contributing to the solution of ... challenging issues”. The chemical giant adopts a “green” and fair posture by sponsoring the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympics. But the reality of the corporate world looks quite different: Whether it is donations to political parties during elections, tax dodging, devastating the environment from genetic manipulation all the way to radioactive pollution, forging measurements, warmongering, manipulation of prices, bribery – DOW CHEMICAL are involved in countless crimes against mankind and the environment. ethecon denounces the chemical giant’s board members and main shareholders with the 2014/2015 International ethecon Black Planet Award. DOW CHEMICAL must be stopped!

DOW CHEMICAL are in the top ranks among the world’s major chemical manufacturers. The company’s name is closely linked with production of armaments. Likewise, with the biggest chemical desaster in the history of mankind – ever since the affiliation with UNION CARBIDE.

**Tens of thousands killed**

It was on 3rd December 1984 when the poison surprised people of Bhopal (India) in their sleep. A production leak killed tens of thousands immediately, poisoning hundreds of thousands.

People were left to themselves without any help. There has never been any compensation by DOW CHEMICAL until the present day. The company even refuse to clear the factories grounds which is in a densely populated area with millions of inhabitants. Nor would they clean the subterranean water which is polluted. So people are dying until the present day. Children are poisoned every day. At present there are 31,000 children and adolescents being treated in just one of the hospitals organized by the local community.

**DOW CHEMICAL are part of every war**

DOW CHEMICAL have been producing for war and the army ever since they were founded in 1897.

During WW I the company made profits e.g. with Magnesium, camouflage paint and rust protection.

For the Vietnam war the company developed the incendiary device called NAPALM B which is impossible to remove from the human body, causing the death of thousands. 4.550 tons of this terrible weapon were supplied by the company.

On top of that DOW CHEMICAL produced the ultra-poison AGENT ORANGE and its derivatives for the US army. 80 to 90 million litres have been sprayed. Besides the enormous pollution of the environment, 4.8 million people keep suffering from the after-effects of that terrorist weapon until today – i.e. after 4 or 5 generations.

There has been no decent compensation for the victims of NAPALM or AGENT ORANGE until the present day. Instead, DOW keep investing in warfare.

**Environmental pollution throughout the world**

The company also wages war against the environment. Tittibawasee River in Michigan State has been polluted since at least the 1980ies to such an extent that officially, no meat, no milk and no eggs from the region are fit for human consumption. Penalties which amounted to millions in 2006 and 2011 could not stop the company. DOW’s

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**2014_15 International ethecon Black Planet Award**

On 21st September 2015, International Day of Peace, ethecon Foundation Ethics & Economy named and shamed board members Andrew N. Liveris and James M. Ringler as well as major shareholders of DOW CHEMICAL company with the 2014_15 ethecon Black Planet Award.

Profits are all that DOW CHEMICAL’s company executives and major shareholders are interested in. To that end they willingly accept the ruin of human health and big-style devastations of the environment – even many people’s death.

Ethcon demands that all managers and major shareholders of DOW CHEMICAL should be penalised for all enviromental and other damages that were caused by the company.
Freeport, Texas, plant is another one polluting water and the air. Court orders and penalties had no effect.

In Germany, in Stade on the river Elbe, DOW CHEMICAL even still produce ASBESTOS which is outlawed all over the world. The plant is the only one in the EU, working with an exceptional permission which is about to expire in 2017. DOW CHEMICAL demand that it should be prolonged till 2025. According to them, there is no danger from the material as it is in a closed system. Costs of restructuring would be too high. That’s it.

Genetic engineering & pesticide

Kaua’i island in Hawaii is another place where the company violates justice and the law. It is about whether or not they are allowed to continue without limitations their experiments with genetically engineered seeds and plants as well as with the most dangerous pesticide ever.

Stop DOW CHEMICAL!

In order to be able to stop Dow Chemical, we need national and international joint actions and we need to mobilize great public pressure. But we need help for this!

ethecon is not a foundation of the rich, but a small, committed project organized “from the bottom” and is only funded by donations and contributions. Please help us and donate or become a sustaining member. Dow Chemical needs to be stopped!

Please donate with keyword „Stop DOW CHEMICAL”

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