concrete Stop GLENCORE! Global threat to mankind and the environment

The Swiss GLENCORE company is a threat to our Blue Planet which should be taken seriously. As the world's biggest commodity trading company they destroy the environment at a big scale all around the world. On top of that, the company is too known for violations of human rights, hostility towards trade unions, involvement in murders committed by paramilitaries, child labour, tax dodging and corruption. Ivan Glasenberg (CEO), Simon Murray

(Chairman) and Tony Hayward (Non-Executive Director) as well as the major shareholders were condemned with the International ethecon Black Planet Award as the result of an international selection process.

GLENCORE International AG are the world's biggest purveyors of raw materials. With a turnover of 186 billion dollars in 2011 they are 14th on the list of the world's biggest companies. As a result of the takeover of the mine operator XSTRATA they have become even bigger and more powerful upcoming.

Another lucrative source of cash is the agricultural business – which mainly consists of moving staple food to wherever it fetches the highest price. Famines mean profit for this company. For them, environmental protection and human rights do not count.

Devastation of the environment & loss of life

All over the world, GLENCORE's industrial plants and mines cause pollution and disease among the population. In Zambia, for instance, poisonous and dangerous mine wastes are dumped in an open rubbish tip directly beside the local village. Waste water is fed into a leaking pipeline which crosses an inhabited area. Poisonous sulphur and acid fumes evaporate from copper basins. As a result, the people suffer from serious skin deseases, reduced ability to see, bronchitis and even birth deformities. There is a shocking increase of the number of mentally disabled children.

International ethecon Black Planet Award 2012

ethecon – Foundation Ethics & Economics condemned Ivan Glasenberg (CEO), Simon Murray (Chairman) and Tony Hayward (Non-Executive Director) as well as the major shareholders of the Swiss commodities multinational GLENCORE by awarding them the International ethecon Black Planet Award 2012. They violate and injure human ethics, they destroy and ruin our Blue Planet.

ethecon also demand that the aforementioned managers and shareholders be held accountable for all environmental and other damages and that they ought to be punished if necessary.

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The death rate among the 61.000 GLENCORE employees is extremely shocking, most of them working in mines and industrial plants. In 2011, there have been three deaths per 10.000 employees. For comparison, BHP BILLITION Ltd., the world's biggest mining company, listed 0.2 deaths per 10.000 workers during the same timespan.

Child labour & hostility towards trade unions

GLENCORE are known to be extremely hostile towards trade unions. Strikes of mine workers are always cleared violently. In Colombia, there have also been violent assaults on trade unionists, threats of murder against trade union activists as well as killings of trade unionists committed by paramilitaries cooperating with GLENCORE.

The company also does not shy away from using subcontractors in order to profit from child labour in Africa.

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Unashamed taxation tricks help to increase the company's exorbitant profits. There are accusations against the company of massive tax dodging in Congo, in Zambia and in Colombia. According to the Colombian Court of Audit there is an amount of almost 100 million dollars involved in one single case.

"Oil spill Tony" works for GLENCORE

Former BP Chief Executive Tony Hayward had to resign after the 2010 explosion of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig in the Gulf of Mexico with the result of 11 dead workers and a subsequent oil spill. Immediately afterwards, the International ethecon Black Planet 2010 awardee became a member of the GLENCORE board

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of executives – cynically enough representing the committee for environment, health and safety.

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All over the world people defend themselves against this company. The resposibility lies with the top managers and major shareholders.

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respect for environmental protection and human rights as well as the abolition of child labour at GLENCORE and their subcontractors! Fair pay, the right to organize in a trade union and secure jobs for GLENCORE workers worldwide! Managers responsible and major shareholders to be held accountable and to be punished if necessary.

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