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Via Electronic Mail

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Re: Oil spill in Canaán de Cachiyacu

Dear Mr. Linders:

On April 23, 2012, the community of Canaán de Cachiyacu suffered another oil spill in the Cachiyacu tributary caused by IFC funded Maple Energy plc. The community of Canaán relies on this tributary and understands this to be a major spill of crude oil and produced waters.

Maple's response to the spill has been unacceptable, and contamination has reached the Ucayali River, a major tributary to the Amazon River. Community members were not informed or alerted to the spill, no emergency plan was implemented, and the community has not been provided alternative sources of food or water. The community discovered the spill the morning of the 23rd. They noticed erratic jumping behavior of the fish in the tributary and alerted Maple Energy immediately. In response, Maple denied the spill and rejected requests for a meeting with the community. As of the morning of April 24, 2012, more than 24 hours after community members first observed the spill and alerted Maple, clean up of the Cachiyacu had not yet begun.

This is a continuing violation of the IFC's Performance Standards that were described in the original complaint to the CAO in April 2010. The dire situation continues unchanged and Maple Energy, under IFC's guidance, has not improved its social and environmental practices.

We request that the CAO to immediately visit the site of the latest spill and conduct an investigation of the IFC's continuing role in these environmental and human disasters. Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

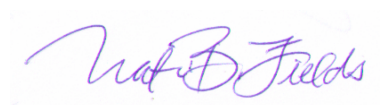
Sincerely,



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