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Re: Complaint Sendou coal fired power plant, Senegal

Dear Mr. Priem and Mr. Touré,

First of all, Takkom Jerry¹ would like to express our satisfaction to present to you our complaint in relation to the Sendou coal fired power plant (hereinafter: Sendou project) in Senegal, financed by AfDB, BOAD and FMO. The project implementation started in 2013 without addressing the issues described in this complaint. These same issues were already raised during the public consultation on the Sendou project, which we therefore consider inadequate.

¹ Takkom Jerry is a member of the "Collective of affected communities", about 36 000 persons directly affected by the Sendou Project in Bargny and their associations, the (Khelcom fisherwomen association, landowners association, Federation of small-scale local fisheries CLP, SOS Bargny, and FII Sabiilahahi).

Moreover, the lack of any agreement with the right-holders of these land titles, the absence of any compensation for the large majority and the lack of an agreed Resettlement Plan are a breach of AfDB, BOAD and FMO's environmental and human rights standards.

Secondly we are worried about air pollution and our health. Sendou is not the only polluting industry in the proximity of our village: the SOCOIM cement factory, located at less than 2 kilometers from the Sendou project, is already affecting us. Next to Sendou, another even bigger coal-fired power plant providing 250 MW is being planned. There is no clear study establishing whether the cumulative impacts of these three plants poses any health risks.

We have raised these issues, and many more which are described in full detail in annex 1, with AfDB and FMO² but these negative impacts are still not adequately addressed at this moment and there has not been any adequate consultation with the communities until this day. Therefore we believe that this project is not in line with the AfDB, BOAD and FMO's environmental, social and human rights standards.

We would like to ask the Independent Complaints Mechanism of AfDB and FMO to undertake a compliance review and a problem-solving exercise. At the same time we would like to request BOAD's ICM to undertake a compliance review.

This complaint is technically supported by SOMO, Both ENDS, and Lumiere Synergie Développement. We would like to request that any communication regarding this complaint is shared with our advisors Aly Sagne at Lumiere Synergie Développement (alsagne@aim.com), Anna Floor van Ojik at Both ENDS (A.vanOjik@bothends.org) and Joseph Wilde Ramsing (j.wilde@somo.nl) at SOMO.

We look forward to your prompt reply to our urgent request.

Yours sincerely,

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² We refer to annex 2 for a complete list of our interactions with both development banks.