

A Business Reference Guide to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Statements of Support

“In an age of economic globalization there can hardly be a universal and simple solution to business impacts on the natural environment of indigenous peoples. This is why it is so important to test and share approaches and cases of business’ respectful and meaningful engagement with the indigenous peoples. It is also crucial to develop ways of proactively managing, preventing and minimizing the impact on the original culture and well-being of indigenous peoples. Sakhalin Energy is proud to contribute to development of the Business Reference Guide to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as it includes practical recommendations and references to the UN Declaration as well as other international standards and policies.”

Roman Dashkov, Chief Executive Officer, Sakhalin Energy Investment Company Ltd.

"Investors have begun to take a close look at how mining and energy companies manage community relations, in particular regarding indigenous peoples' rights. Poor community relations can result in a tarnished corporate reputation, project suspensions, write-downs or lawsuits, which can in turn negatively impact share price. We are happy to have contributed to this strong guidance document on the UN Declaration and are confident that companies following its recommendations will significantly reduce the human rights risk in business operations.”

Steven Heim, Managing Director, Boston Common Asset Management

“The Guide is a valuable tool that inspires confidence and enables business to engage with indigenous peoples with integrity and respect, in the true spirit of the Declaration. At KPMG Australia, we have recently mapped our own reconciliation efforts to the Declaration to better understand how we are aligning with this best practice approach. The Practical Supplement to the Guide provides further examples of how companies are working to achieve better shared outcomes through a human rights lens.”

Catherine Hunter, Head of Corporate Citizenship, KPMG Australia