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Down to Earth

International campaign for ecological justice in Indonesia

The rush to extract profit:
*UK involvement in the mining oil and
gas sector in Indonesia*

Introduction

- UK companies
 - Government
- Indonesian realities – impacts on the ground
 - Mining advocacy and campaigning
 - Sustainable mining?





UK mining, oil and gas companies operating in Indonesia

- BP
 - Rio Tinto
 - BHP Billiton
- Bumi plc (now Asia Resource Minerals)
 - Churchill Mining

Government

UK – Indonesia bilateral relations
UK government interests
Indonesian government interests
International institutions and regulation



Indonesian realities

- Wealth of untapped natural resources
 - Governance issues
 - Poverty
 - Corruption
 - Climate change
 - Human rights situation







Sustainable development and mining?

- Development as a dirty word
 - MP3EI
- Pressure from the business world
- What do communities actually want?
- Difference between rural and city communities





Governance of the mining sector

- Bumi scandal
 - Financial sector responsibility
- Light-touch regulation and the FCA
 - UK parliamentary inquiry
 - Issuing of permits
 - Decentralization
- Political involvement in mining industry

Impacts of mining on people, particularly indigenous peoples

- Indonesian Constitutional Court decision
(MK35/ 2012)
- Pak Gagai and displacement at the KPC mine
 - BHP Billiton and Central Kalimantan
- Freeport / Rio Tinto and the Grasberg mine
 - BP Tangguh







Human rights and mining

- Grasberg mine and Komnas Ham report
- Security forces involvement in mining zones
 - Worker conditions
 - Company violations
 - Complicity

Access to information, participation and justice

- BP and communities in Bintuni Bay
- Grasberg mine and community resistance
 - Maruwai village
 - Public protest
- Shareholder activism

Environmental considerations

- Heart of Borneo
 - Tailings
 - EIAs
- Climate change impacts
- Bio-diversity off-setting and greenwash







Responsibility and liability of mining companies

- Shareholder activism
- Regulation and UK parliamentary inquiry
- Corporate social responsibility programmes
 - Divide and rule tactics in communities
 - The tax-payer defence
 - New alliances and “off-setting”

Conclusions

- Business agenda dominates development agenda
- Local communities and environment lose out to advances of mining companies
 - Rule of law counts for little in remote communities
- No regulation and oversight by governments towards mining industry
- Vested interests mean that little positive change is on the horizon