

BUSINESS LEADERS INITIATIVE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Alcan and AREVA join the Business Leaders Initiative on Human Rights (BLIHR)

Alcan, a leading global materials company, headquartered in Montreal, Canada and AREVA, the energy multinational specializing in nuclear power generation and electricity transmission and distribution, with its head office in Paris, France have joined the Business Leaders Initiative on Human Rights.

They will work together with nine other companies towards the principal objective of finding *“practical ways of applying the aspirations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights within a business context and to inspire other businesses to do likewise”*.

BLIHR Members

The eleven members of the Business Leaders Initiative on Human Rights are:

ABB Ltd
Alcan Inc.
AREVA
Barclays plc
Hewlett-Packard Company
Gap Inc.
MTV Networks Europe
National Grid plc
Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development
Novo Nordisk
Statoil

BLIHR Report

On 6 June 2006, BLIHR published its third report calling for a common framework on business and human rights. This is available at www.blihr.org

About BLIHR

BLIHR is now embarking on its second three year phase from 2006-2009 and during this period the companies are pleased to extend the membership to companies indicating a desire to work constructively with them to reach their objectives over this period.

BLIHR is chaired by Mary Robinson, President of Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative, former President of Ireland and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The initiative is a programme initiated by Respect in 2003 in partnership with Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative and managed by TwentyFifty Ltd from 1 April 2006.

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