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Dear Mr. Wesselink,

We have received a digital copy of the report entitled "Unpaid debt: The Legacy of Lundin, OMV and Petronas in Sudan, 1997 – 2003" and herewith take the opportunity to present our views on that.

OMV has studied the report and the included allegations and conclusions in depth. We fundamentally and strongly reject all the allegations as unfounded, because they are wrong and do not become true just because of repetition. We have to underscore, that ECOS's allegations are completely without any basis, and we therefore cannot accept ECOS's allegations and the related conclusions.

Furthermore, we have to emphasize, that OMV has never been operator in Sudan. In 2003 - this is seven years ago - OMV already sold its minority shareholding in Sudan; we did this both for economic and strategic considerations and because we wanted to concentrate on our core regions (Sudan being not part of any of these core regions).

Our ethical behaviour is based on the 10 principles of the UN Global Compact, which has been signed by OMV. The UN Global Compact (UNGC) covers the following key areas: labour relations, human rights, the environment and anti-corruption. These include a strong sense of responsibility towards the social and natural environment, especially in economically weak regions. OMV continuously addresses economic, environmental and social issues related to its business in a responsible manner. The Company reports on its activities in a sustainability report in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative Guidelines. This report, published at the same time as the annual report, is available on OMV's website www.omv.com.

As the leading energy group in the European growth belt, we are aware of our commitment to sustainability and we oblige our employees to align their day-to-day conduct with the values enshrined in our Code of Conduct.

OMV has consistently lived up to its commitment to sustainability while being non-operator with a minority shareholding. Considerable funds were invested by the operator on behalf of the consortium for local humanitarian projects, with a special focus on water supply, health, education and basic veterinary medicine as well as on income generation of the local population.

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OMV has on numerous occasions publicly stated its commitment to sustainability. By selling its share in the joint venture in Sudan, OMV ended all its activities in the country. Means received from the sale of the Sudan assets were invested in other projects aiming at increasing the security of energy supply for our markets.

Since the report can cause serious damage to OMV and our reputation, we must inform ECOS that we are ready to take each and any action necessary to protect ourselves and our reputation.

Kind regards,