



## **OECD COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST EURASIAN NATURAL RESOURCES CORPORATION (ENRC) REGARDING DRC MINING COMMUNITIES**

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A complaint has been brought by Rights and Accountability in Development (RAID), a human rights organisation, concerning mining assets controlled by companies associated with ENRC in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The complaint under the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises concerns the impoverished population of Kisankala village and Lenge village, which are located on two mining concessions (Swanmines and Comide respectively) in the province of Katanga.

Kisankala village's only clean water system has been in disrepair for over 10 months, following a clash between local security guards and artisanal miners based at Kisankala.

*"This is an urgent and pressing matter which is causing ongoing hardship to the population of the village,"* said Tricia Feeney, RAID's Executive Director, who visited Kisankala in March 2013. *"Apart from the Kisankala water supply, the other objective of the complaint is to address underlying problems such as the claims concerning resettlement and compensation, the alleged absence of environmental and social monitoring, particularly for Lenge village, and the alleged behaviour of private security guards"*, said barrister Tom Bradford of Russell-Cooke LLP, which is acting for RAID.

RAID is calling on the UK National Contact Point to assess whether there have been any breaches of the principles and standards under the OECD Guidelines, in particular the recommendations to companies to respect the human rights of those affected by their activities.

The complaint does not relate to the Serious Fraud Office's on-going investigation into the activities of ENRC or its subsidiaries in Kazakhstan and Africa.

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### **Notes for Editors**

1. RAID promotes respect for human rights and responsible conduct by companies. Its publications are available at <[www.raid-uk.org](http://www.raid-uk.org)>.
2. Africo Resources, an intermediate holding company of the *Société d'Exploitation des Gisements de Kalukundi* - Swanmines - is listed on the Toronto stock exchange. In late 2012 Camrose Resources Limited became a wholly owned subsidiary of ENRC. Camrose holds an approximate 63.7 per cent interest in Africo, which has a 75 per cent indirect interest in Swanmines. Gécamines (the Congolese state-owned mining company) has the remaining 25 per cent.
3. The key issues raised in the complaint were also identified in The Competent Person's Report prepared for ENRC on the Mineral Assets of Camrose dated November 2012
4. The OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, recommendations addressed by governments to multinational enterprises that set out principles and standards for responsible business conduct. The UK NCP is based at the Department for Business Innovation and Skills.
5. See the Serious Fraud Office's website at: <http://www.sfo.gov.uk/our-work/our-cases/case-progress/enrc-plc.aspx>