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Re: Shareholder Actions for Faith-based Investors in 2007

Dear faith-based investors and other friends of KAIROS,

The shareholder action season is upon us again!

Faith-based investors like yourselves can put your values into action this year by supporting several important shareholder proposals that promote justice, human rights and environmental sustainability.

KAIROS has prepared the attached list of shareholder proposals filed with major publicly traded companies in Canada and the United States in 2007. This year we've decided to highlight proposals that touch on two issues of major concern to Canadian churches: **climate change** and **human rights**.

Voting your proxies is an important part of your stewardship of God's resources. KAIROS hopes you will take a moment to review your church's investment portfolio and join other faith-based investors who will be supporting these resolutions. Depending on how your investments are managed, you may have to contact your investment manager and request votes to be cast in support of shareholder proposals that reflect your values and concerns as an investor.

Not every shareholder proposal that was originally filed is on our list. In some cases, the filers have voluntarily withdrawn their proposals when a company agreed to substantially implement the recommended action. For example, the Sisters of Ste Anne of Montreal reached a satisfactory arrangement with Transcontinental Inc. and withdrew their proposal calling for the procurement of paper products certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

Unfortunately, not all companies are willing to engage in constructive dialogue in this manner. In some cases, companies have refused to circulate proposals to their shareholders by omitting them from their proxy circular. This year, Calgary-based energy company Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. decided to omit two shareholder proposals that called on the company to adopt a human rights policy, and report on how the company was responding to the issue of climate change. These are critical issues for companies in the oil and gas sector, and KAIROS is disappointed that Canadian Natural Resources has neither agreed to implement the recommended actions nor circulated the proposals to shareholders.



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At KAIROS, we attempt to track faith-based investor actions in Canada and we'd love to hear from you. Please contact me at ithomson@kairoscanada.org, or by phone at 1-877-403-8933 or 416-463-5312 x 229, if your church or religious congregation holds shares in these companies and you will be supporting some or all of these proposals.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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Climate Change	
2007 Shareholder Proposals filed with US Companies	
Topic	Company
Develop renewable energy technologies	ConocoPhillips Lead filer: Trillium Asset Mgmt Proposal text: Click here for company filings on EDGAR
	Exxon Mobil Corp. Lead filer: Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order - Midwest Capuchins Proposal text: Click here for company filings on EDGAR
Disclose political contributions (in an effort to identify possible links to lobbying against government action on climate change)	ConocoPhillips Lead filer: Nathan Cummings Foundation Proposal text: Click here for company filings on EDGAR
	Exxon Mobil Corp. Lead filer: As You Sow Foundation Proposal text: Click here for company filings on EDGAR
	FirstEnergy Corp. Lead filer: Green Century Capital Management Proposal text: Click here for company filings on EDGAR
	General Motors Corp. Lead filer: Catholic Healthcare West Proposal text: Click here for company filings on EDGAR
	TXU Corp. Lead filer: United Methodist Church - General Board of Pension & Health Benefits Proposal text: Click here for company filings on EDGAR
	Xcel Energy Inc. Lead filer: Green Century Capital Management Proposal text: Click here for company filings on EDGAR
Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from company operations and products	Chevron Corp. Lead filer: Sisters of St. Dominic - Caldwell, NJ Proposal text: Click here for Proxy Statement
	Exxon Mobil Corp. Lead filer: Sisters of St. Dominic - Caldwell, NJ Proposal text: Click here for company filings on EDGAR
	Ford Motor Co. Lead filer: Sisters of St. Dominic - Caldwell, NJ Proposal text: Click here for company filings on EDGAR
	General Motors Corp. Lead filer: Sisters of St. Dominic - Caldwell, NJ Proposal text: Click here for company filings on EDGAR



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Report on climate change risks and company response	CONSOL Energy Inc. Lead filer: NYC Employees Retirement System Proposal text: Click here for Proxy Statement
	Massey Energy Co. Lead filer: NYC Employees Retirement System Proposal text: Click here for company filings on EDGAR
Report on environmental laws in countries where the company operates	Chevron Corp. Lead filer: Sisters of St. Dominic - Caldwell, NJ Proposal text: Click here for proxy statement on EDGAR
	ConocoPhillips Lead filer: Bon Secours Health System Inc. Proposal text: Click here for company filings on EDGAR

Environmental Justice

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Accountability to Local Communities for Environmental Impacts	Chevron Corp. Lead filer: Trillium Asset Management Proposal text: Click here for Proxy Statement
	Exxon Mobil Corp. Lead filer: Episcopal Church USA Proposal text: Click here for company filings on EDGAR
Environmental and Public Health Risks from Mining Operations in Indonesia	Newmont Mining Corp. Lead filer: NYC Employees Retirement System Proposal text: Click here for Proxy Statement



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Human Rights	
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Human rights policy and management system	Power Corporation of Canada Lead filer: Ethical Funds Proposal text: Click here for Information Circular on SEDAR
Indigenous rights, including the right of free, prior informed consent (FPIC)	Weyerhaeuser Corp. Lead filer: Capital Strategies Consulting Proposal text: Click here for Information Circular on SEDAR
2007 Shareholder Proposals filed with US Companies	
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Community consultation	Newmont Mining Corp. Lead filer: Christian Brothers Investment Services Proposal text: Click here for Proxy Statement
Human rights policy and management system	Boeing Co. Lead filer: Province of St. Joseph of the Capuchin Order - Midwest Capuchins Proposal text: Click here for Proxy Statement
	Chevron Corp. Lead filer: Society of Jesus - Wisconsin Province Proposal text: Click here for Proxy Statement
	Cooper Industries, Ltd. Lead filer: Congregation of Benedictine Sisters - Boerne, TX Proposal text: Click here for Proxy Statement
	Halliburton Co. Lead filer: Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Proposal text: Click here for company filings on EDGAR
Indigenous rights, including the right of free, prior informed consent (FPIC)	ConocoPhillips Lead filer: Boston Common Asset Mgmt Proposal text: Click here for company filings on EDGAR



Other Sustainability-Related Proposals filed with Canadian Companies

Topic	Company
Link executive compensation to the company's environmental, social and corporate governance (ESG) performance	Canadian National Railway Co. Lead filer: Ethical Funds Proposal text: Click here for Information Circular on SEDAR
	Power Financial Corp. Lead filer: Ethical Funds Proposal text: Click here for Information Circular on SEDAR
	The Toronto-Dominion Bank Lead filer: Fonds Bâtirente Proposal text: Click here for Information Circular on SEDAR
Publish a sustainability report	Loblaw Companies Ltd. Lead filer: Ethical Funds Proposal text: Click here for Information Circular on SEDAR



Shareholder Proposals Omitted from Proxy Circulars by Canadian Companies in 2007

This year, five notable shareholder proposals were omitted from the proxy circulars of Canadian companies.

EnCana Corp. refused to circulate a proposal filed by a faith-based investor who is a member of the **Regroupement pour la responsabilité sociale et l'équité (RRSE)** network. The proposal requested the company to endorse and implement the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), which promotes public reporting of royalties and other revenues paid by extractive-sector companies to governments in resource-rich countries.

For more information, visit: <http://www.rrse.org/news.htm>

Canadian Natural Resources Ltd., another Calgary-based oil and gas company, refused to circulate two shareholder proposals filed by **The Ethical Funds Company**. The proposals raised two of the most pressing business issues facing the oil and gas sector: climate change and human rights. The first proposal asks the company to report to shareholders on how it is managing and responding to the business risks associated with climate change. The second calls on the company to adopt a human rights policy and implementation plan.

Vancouver-based **Ivanhoe Mines** refused to circulate two shareholder proposals filed this year by individual investors. The proposals requested Ivanhoe to report on its plans for responsible closure and environmental remediation of its mine in Burma, which operates as a joint venture with the Burmese military junta; and urged the company to adopt a human rights policy to guide its expansion into Mongolia and other countries. Last year, shareholders faced a similar brush-off by the company when it refused to circulate a proposal on managing human rights-related risks. For more information, visit: <http://www.amnesty.ca/campaigns/sharepower/>

Shareholder Proposals Withdrawn Voluntarily by Canadian Filers in 2007

Three different shareholder proposals relating to climate change were filed with **The Bank of Montreal**, **Shoppers Drug Mart Corp.** and **Suncor Energy Inc.**, and subsequently withdrawn when the companies agreed to address the concerns raised by the filers.

The Sister of Ste Anne of Montreal reached a satisfactory arrangement with **Transcontinental Inc.** and withdrew their proposal calling for the procurement of paper products certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).

A shareholder proposal filed with **The Toronto-Dominion Bank** was withdrawn by **Fonds Bâtirente** when the bank agreed to engage in constructive dialogue regarding the adoption of the "Equator Principles" on social and environmental standards for project financing.

When **Nortel** agreed to develop and implement a human rights policy, **The Ethical Funds Company** withdrew their proposal on this issue.

