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H.E. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York, NY 10017
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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that Nexen continues to support the ten principles of the Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. As a global upstream oil and gas company, Nexen's purpose is straightforward: we create value by responsibly supplying the energy that fuels people's lives.

Nexen's 2011 Sustainability Report summarizes our commitment to being a responsible energy company, offering a candid look at the opportunities and challenges we experienced in 2011 and our strategies to manage these going forward. The report also provides evidence of how we operate in a manner consistent with our continued support of the UN Global Compact and its 10 principles.

In addition to this report, our on-line disclosure, which includes articles, photos, data tables, charts, graphs and videos featuring Nexen employees, partners and stakeholders, provides more comprehensive sustainability information that compliments this report. Both are now available at www.nexeninc.com/sustainability.

Nexen understands how we do business is just as important as what we achieve. That's why we remain committed to tracking and transparently disclosing our health, safety, environmental and social performance as well as our positive impact on the economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A O'Brien".

Alan O'Brien
Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary