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UNGC Communication of Engagement Report 2015

Throughout 2014/2015, TI Australia as a civil society organisation complied with the ten principles of the Global Compact throughout our activities and operations. Through the mutual membership of TI Australia (TIA) and UNGC Australia, TIA aims to enhance the Australian Global Compact Network and to promote mutual collaboration and progress towards achieving tangible outcomes across the ten principles. In particular, Transparency International Australia fully endorses UNGC Principle 10: *Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.*

TI Australia's work is strengthened by access to TI tools, resources, and programs. In TI's work towards a world free of corruption, TI Australia joins with our colleagues in the TI Secretariat and in more than 100 national chapters, working across private and public sectors, and with other civil society organisations, to promote transparency, build accountability and promote integrity. TI Australia continues to work strategically across a number of sectors both domestically and internationally.

Enforcement of Foreign Officials Anti-Bribery Law

TIA continued to monitor progress on prosecutions involving Note Printing Australia and Securency. Comments made by the AFP on 'technical difficulties' with the law have been noted. While TIA welcomed the establishment of a new Fraud and Anti-Corruption Unit by the Australian Federal Police, we expressed with others concern about the lack of progress in strengthening the legislation. We contributed to the important 2015 Transparency International report 'Exporting Corruption' with a review of progress, and urged attention to its several recommendations for better Australian enforcement.

OECD Working Group on Bribery - Follow up to the Third Phase Review

A review, by a high level delegation of experts, of progress in Australia's enforcement of laws implementing the OECD Convention (released in October 2012) made several recommendations to remedy areas of concern. We took public note of the main finding in the April 2015 Report that no action had been taken to address eight of the original recommendations, and only partial action on nine others. The government's delay in responding, either by reforms of the law or by publishing its long awaited National Anti-Corruption Plan, again remained a matter of concern. We also corresponded with Minister Keenan to highlight our concerns and advocate for swifter action.

FCPA and UK Bribery Act

Improved enforcement of the FCPA by the SEC and the Department of Justice in the USA, as well as the strict and extended liability imposed upon companies for bribery under UK law, has enhanced interest by Australian companies in implementing effective anti-bribery policies and procedures. TIA Directors and Regional Committee members regularly participated in private sector seminars and workshops on foreign bribery, supporting our subsequent submission to the Senate Economics References Committee.



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Anti-Money Laundering

The growing need to strengthen Australia's defence against the illicit flow of funds across its borders was emphasised in the Mutual Evaluation Report of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in April 2015. TIA has urged stronger government action on Money Laundering with media releases and engagement with AUSTRAC and Canberra agencies.

TI and the G20

TIA continues to work with the wider TI movement to influence the work of the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group as it implements the G20 Anti-Corruption Action Plan 2015-16 that was endorsed by the G20 Leaders at their Summit in Brisbane in November 2015. TI's *Unmask the Corrupt* campaign leading up to the Summit, in which TIA was actively involved, had a demonstrably pivotal role in ensuring the G20 Leaders' endorsement of a set of G20 Principles on Beneficial Ownership. TI is researching G20 members' alignment with the G20 Principles of Beneficial Ownership; advocating for a set of Principles on Public Procurement; promoting collaboration across the G20 on the effective enforcement of foreign bribery laws; and highlighting the importance of the protection of whistleblowers in the public and private sectors. We acknowledge the strong support by the TI Movement for TIA's engagement with the G20's ACWG provided by TI's Maggie Murphy, based in Canberra throughout 2014.

Extractive Industries

TIA continued to urge the Australian Government to implement the EITI domestically, while continuing support for the EITI globally. We continue to await the Government's decision on this matter. Contract negotiations continued with prospective donors to support a five year global initiative on preventing corruption in the awarding of mining permits, licenses and contracts, known as *Mining for Sustainable Development*. TI Australia is working towards the establishment of a *Centre of Expertise on Mining and Corruption* through a key leadership role in this program.

TI Australia's Strategic Plan 2015-18

In early 2015, based on a review of achievements under the previous Strategic Plan in parallel with the development of a new TI Global Strategy. Over the next three years key priorities include: advocacy for stronger foreign bribery laws; curbing illicit financial flows through strengthening anti-money laundering; and transparent public procurement. TI Australia will continue to strengthen its work with corporate members through the development of a business integrity program drawing on the broader experience and work of the TI global movement. From 2016, TIA enters a new period of growth and development, commencing with the hiring of a full-time, paid CEO and the recruitment of staff to execute the aforementioned mining sector programme of work. This new phase for TIA will further enhance support of the UNGC Principles in Australia and around the world.



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