

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

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Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

Native American Resource Partners (NARP) is committed to supporting the UN Global Compact (UNGC) program, the Ten (10) Global Compact Principles, and to the annual submission of a report – Communication on Progress (COP) – to document and describe our commensurate actions.

NARP's business model is founded in the concept of assisting people in Indigenous Communities to develop sustainable financial sovereignty. By doing so NARP helps people to attain the fundamental human right of self-determination. As such, NARP confirms and adheres to all 10 of the UNGC principles and to their propagation. NARP supports public accountability and transparency and therefore commits to submitting the COP within one year after joining the Global Compact and annually thereafter, according to the Global Compact COP policy which includes a statement from NARP's chief executive expressing continued support for the UNGC and renewing our ongoing commitment to the initiative and its principles. This is separate from our initial letter of commitment to join the Global Compact and includes a description of practical actions (i.e., relevant policies, procedures, activities, etc.) that the company has taken (or plans to undertake) to implement Compact principles in each of the four issue areas (human rights, labour, environment, anti-corruption), and a measurement of outcomes (i.e., the degree to which targets/performance indicators were met, or other qualitative or quantitative measurements of results).

In support of our pledge we would like to provide a brief summary of a few ongoing business activities that demonstrates NARP's commitment to the principles:

## #1 - Support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights

As a private enterprise that works exclusively in building business partnerships with Indigenous Communities, NARP holds all tenants of Human Rights doctrine as fundamental, intrinsic, and inalienable. As a supporter of the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (UNDRIP) we participate in the efforts to strengthen all human rights and to grow their reach and effectiveness. Currently, we are contributing legal comment, input, and perspective to the *DRAFT UNDRIP Business Reference Guide* and to the associated *Free, Prior and Informed Consent Human Rights Good Practice Note.* 

#7 – Support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges; #8 – Undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and, #9 – Encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies

The combination of industry best practices, strict regulatory guidelines, new and effective technologies to protect and enhance environmental quality, and NARP's partnership approach provide unprecedented opportunities to care for the earth. With NARP's partnership our Indigenous Community partners have a determinant voice that cooperatively guides all decisions regarding environmental and land use issues. As deeply-connected stewards of the land for eons, our Indigenous partners have a special regard for, knowledge of, and relationship with the earth. The guidance of this Traditional stewardship adds a level of accountability that essentially defines all environmental 'Best Practices'.

#10 - Work against all forms of corruption, including extortion and bribery.

The creation of NARP-style authentic, transparent, and sustaining partnerships requires a level of mutual respect and trust that leaves no space for corruption in any form. NARP works constantly to encourage trust though communication, relationship-building activities, and education. It is the heart of our business.

Yours sincerely,

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