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Email to DBSA Fwd: Public Statement - Cancel Financing for Mozambique LNG

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From: **Ilham Rawoot** <ilhamrawoot@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, 28 Feb 2023 at 12:40
Subject: Re: Public Statement - Cancel Financing for Mozambique LNG
To: <swilling@sun.ac.za>, <patrickd@dbsa.org>, <boitumelom@dbsa.org>, <CatherineK@dbsa.org>, <PaulC3@dbsa.org>, <SaphiraP@dbsa.org>, <ZephN@dbsa.org>, <BathobileS@dbsa.org>, <Ernestw@dbsa.org>

Dear Prof Swilling and team

I am following up on the email sent in December 2022, urging you to reconsider your financing for Mozambique LNG. We would also like to bring your attention to the following information. A fair amount has happened since our last email, that shows the negative impact of this project before construction has even been completed.

- **Militarisation has increased with a link to the project.** The Rwandan government is bringing its private security force to Mozambique, and Total recently called on the Mozambican government to provide it with a dedicated armed force, and this force will be made up of Mozambican soldiers, many of whom have been involved in extortion, sexual assault and other forms of violence against civilians. [<https://zitamarnews.substack.com/p/rwanda-opens-private-security-company>]
- Total was exposed in an Ernst and Young audit for **overstating its recoverable expenses in Mozambique by US\$30.6 million** in 2019. This is just another example of how this project will not benefit the Mozambican economy. [<https://360mozambique.com/economy/totalenergies-overstated-expenditures-by-30-6m-in-2019-ey-audit/>]
- We published a post on our blog, written by our staff in Cabo Delgado, detailing the struggle of the people of the Quitupo village, **a community literally locked inside the Afungi Park**. It gives a very good idea of what Total is putting people through, in reality. [<https://ja4change.org/2023/02/21/trapped-how-to-break-a-community-that-resists/>]

Your response would be appreciated.

Regards,
Ilham

On Wed, 21 Dec 2022 at 15:44, Ilham Rawoot <ilhamrawoot@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Prof. Swilling, Ms Mosako, Mr Dlamini, Ms Koffman, Mr Currie, Ms Patel, Ms Matsoso and Mr Nhleko,

We, **Justiça Ambiental(JAI)/Friends of the Earth Mozambique** and the **Say No to Gas! Campaign**, have written a public statement signed by 105 organisations from around the world, calling on you to reconsider your involvement in the Mozambique Liquefied Natural Gas Project.

We spoke with some of your team, including Prof Swilling, a few weeks ago, and are following up with this statement. Now is a crucial moment. Since its emergence, this industry has created nothing but devastation and suffering for people and the country. But the pause on Mozambique LNG created by Total's force majeure has provided a space for you to reevaluate and reassess your agreements with the consortium, for you to reconsider your involvement in a project that has been disastrous even before it has completed its construction phase. We, civil society from Mozambique and around the world, call on you to use this opportunity to actively cancel your agreements with Mozambique LNG, not only to disengage from your role in the enabling of suffering, but to actively help stop human rights violations and your direct contribution to the climate crisis.

The public statement is attached. We look forward to your response by 13 January 2023.

Signed,
Justiça Ambiental(JA!)/Friends of the Earth Mozambique and the Say No to Gas! Campaign, and 105 international organisations

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