

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ALERT BAY

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Iraq National Oil Company
c/o Iraq Ministry of Oil
P.O. Box 6178
Bagdad, Iraq

Re: Climate Change Impacts and the Fossil Fuel Industry

To Whom it may concern:

The Council and citizens of the Village of Alert Bay, a small community on a very small island off the coast of northern Vancouver Island, join many other communities in our concern over the harmful and lasting effects that climate change has had on our communities and its rising costs.

Specifically, we believe that during very high tides in December of 2018 we experienced significant and costly damage to our protective sea-wall. In the forthcoming years we can only expect more serious and financially rising costs because of climate change with the continued use of fossil fuels and the pollution it creates.

Your continued and unabated use and depletion of fossil fuels cause:

*Changes in Rainfall or droughts triggering wildfires and or heat waves
Declines in river fish runs due to water levels which affects food supplies for ocean fish
Damaging or eradicating flora & fauna; melting of Arctic Ice and higher water levels
Degrading air quality – disastrous for those with respiratory or cardiovascular illnesses*

The above list could be endless. With your profits in the billions, you MUST be able to find an alternate source of fuel that will not continue to degrade our earth. We ask that you be financially accountable with a portion of your profits to go towards a voluntary Climate Change Tax levy to mitigate and provide restitution costs back to those communities affected now and in the future.

Respectfully,

Mayor Dennis Buchanan,
Village of Alert Bay
British Columbia, Canada