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Sent by electronic mail (kate@crudeaccountability.org, grsalmati@mail.ru)

Dear Ms. Watters and Mr. Solyanik,

We confirm that your complaint on behalf of the Berezovka Initiative Group regarding the Karachaganak Oil and Gas Condensate Field in Western Kazakhstan (project number 9953) meets CAO's three eligibility criteria for further assessment:

1. The complaint pertains to a project that IFC/MIGA is participating in, or is actively considering.
2. The issues raised in the complaint pertain to the CAO's mandate to address environmental and social impacts of IFC/MIGA investments.
3. The complainant (or those whom the complainant has authority to represent) may be affected if the social and/or environmental impacts raised in the complaint occurred.

The CAO Ombudsman will now begin an assessment of the complaint and opportunities for resolving it.

The purpose of the assessment is to work with the parties to clarify the issues, to gather information on how other stakeholders see the situation, and to help stakeholders determine to the best strategies for resolving the issues.

The assessment will conclude with a report summarizing the perspectives and interests of the parties, and their decision regarding whether to pursue a settlement agreement under the auspices of the CAO Ombudsman or an audit appraisal through CAO Compliance.

The CAO Ombudsman will contact you in the coming month regarding this assessment.

Sincerely,

Meg Taylor
Compliance Advisor/Ombudsman