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Urgent complaint against Norwegian national Torstein Dale Sjøtveit, residing at Kleivveien 19, Bekkestua/Baerum, for alleged involvement in corruption in Sarawak, Malaysia

Dear Mr. Schea,

We are writing to you to call for an urgent investigation against Norwegian national Torstein Dale Sjøtveit, CEO of Sarawak Energy, for his alleged involvement in massive corruption in Malaysia. Mr. Sjøtveit, born 1955, passport number 26436004, is a resident of Bekkestua, Baerum, with his address given as Kleivveien 19. We have already contacted you in this matter on 4 October 2012 and would like to follow up as follows:

1. Mr. Sjøtveit is the CEO of Sarawak Energy, a state-owned Malaysian power supplier whose shares are held by the State Financial Secretary (in part directly, in part indirectly through Delegateam Sdn Bhd). As CEO, Mr. Sjøtveit is the ultimate responsible person for the operations and granting of contracts of Sarawak Energy (EXHIBITS 1, 2 and 3).
2. The State Financial Secretary of Sarawak is a state agency responsible to Chief Minister Abdul Taib Mahmud, who is also the Finance Minister of Sarawak (EXHIBIT 4).
3. As CEO of Sarawak Energy, Mr. Sjøtveit works under Mr. Hamed Sepawi, chairman of Sarawak Energy, as his direct superior (EXHIBIT 5). Hamed Sepawi is a cousin of Chief Minister and Finance Minister Taib Mahmud (EXHIBIT 6).
4. Mr. Mahmud Abu Bekir Taib is the younger son of Chief Minister and Finance Minister Abdul Taib Mahmud (EXHIBIT 6). Mahmud Abu Bekir Taib is also the chairman of Sarawak Cable Bhd of which he holds 20.69% of shares directly and 12.23% of shares indirectly (EXHIBIT 7). Mr. Mahmud Abu Bekir Taib is the largest private shareholder of Sarawak Cable (EXHIBIT 8).

5. On 29 October 2013, Sarawak Cable informed the Kuala Lumpur stock exchange, Bursa Malaysia, that it had been granted two contracts by Sarawak Energy for the construction of power lines in Sarawak. The contracts are worth 618.6 million Malaysian Ringgit (1.16 billion NOK) (EXHIBIT 9).

6. By granting substantial contracts to Sarawak Cable, a company whose largest private shareholder is the son of the Chief Minister and Finance Minister, who ultimately controls Sarawak Energy, Mr. Sjøtveit, as CEO of Sarawak Energy, has acted in an obvious conflict of interest that leads to a significant enrichment of the Chief Minister's family. Conflict of interest in the public sector has, inter alia, been recognized by the UN Convention on Corruption, to which Malaysia and Norway are signatories, as a serious form of corruption (UN Convention against Corruption, Articles 7 and 8).

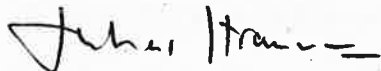
7. Research by the Bruno Manser Fund has shown that, already between 2010 and early 2013, Mr. Sjøtveit has granted contracts worth more than 200 million USD (1.19 billion NOK) to companies closely linked to Chief Minister Abdul Taib Mahmud's family, namely to Sarawak Cable Bhd., Naim Holdings Bhd., Cahya Mata Sarawak (CMS) and their various subsidiaries (EXHIBIT 10).

8. It is beyond doubt that a state-owned company's granting of contracts worth over 2.35 billion NOK to family members of the head of state and its finance minister are a serious case of corruption as defined by the UN Convention against Corruption and national legislations. As CEO of Sarawak Energy, Mr. Sjøtveit is the ultimate responsible person for these contracts.

9. The extraordinary extent of corruption in Sarawak has also repeatedly been an issue of concern to the Council on Ethics of the Norwegian Government Pension Fund Global that has recently recommended the exclusion of two logging companies from Sarawak. WTK Holdings and Ta Ann Holdings, from the Fund's portfolio (EXHIBITS 11 and 12).

9. We understand that, under Norwegian laws, Norwegian nationals can be held accountable for their involvement in corruption activities worldwide. We therefore urge Økokrim to open a criminal case against Mr. Torstein Sjøtveit and to prosecute him for his involvement in corrupt activities in his role as CEO of Sarawak Energy in Malaysia.

Yours sincerely,



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Copies to:

- Espen Barth Eide, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Siv Jensen, Minister of Finance
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