Andrew Hickman Down to Earth

The international campaign for ecological justice in Indonesia.

The rush to extract profit: UK involvement in the mining oil and gas sector in Indonesia.





Introduction.

UK companies. Government. Indonesian realities
 impacts on the ground. Mining advocacy and campaigning Sustainable mining?

UK mining, oil and gas companies operating in Indonesia.

BPRio TintoBHP BillitonBumi plc (now Asia Resource Minerals)Churchill Mining.

Government

UK – Indonesia bilateral relations.

UK government interests

Indonesian government interests.

International institutions and regulation.

Indonesian realities.

Wealth of natural resources.Governance issues.Poverty.Corruption.Climate change.Human rights situation.

Mining advocacy

Education and local civil society resistancePressure from mining companies.Power imbalance.International solidarity – London Mining Network.

Sustainable development and mining?

Development as a dirty word.MP3EIPressure from the business worldWhat do communities actually want?Difference between rural and city communities.







Governance of the mining sector.

Bumi scandalFinancial sector responsibility.Lighttouch regulation and the FCA.UK parliamentary inquiryIssuing of permits.Decentralization.Political involvement in mining industry.







Impacts of mining on people, particularly indigenous / tribal people.

Indonesian consitutional court decision (MK35/2012)Pak Gagai and displacement at the KPC mine.BHP Billiton and Central Kalimantan.Freeport / Rio Tinto and the Grasberg mine.BP Tangguh.







Human rights and mining.

Grasberg mine and Komnas Ham report. Security force involvement in mining zones. Worker conditions. Company violations. Complicity.

Access to information, participation and justice.

BP and communities in Bintuni Bay. Grasberg mine and community resistance. Maruwai village. Public protest Shareholder activism.

Environmental considerations.

Heart of BorneoTailingsEIAsClimate change impacts.Bio-diversity off-setting and greenwash.

Responsibility and liability of mining companies.

Shareholder activismRegulation and UK parliamentary inquiry.Corporate social responsibility programmes.Divide and rule tactics in communities.The tax-payer defence.New alliances and "off-setting".







Conclusions.

Business agenda dominates development agenda. Local communities and environment lose out to advances of mining companies. Rule of law counts for little in remote communities. No regulation and oversight by governments towards mining industry. Vested interests mean that little positive change is on the horizon.