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Dear AMEC employee,

Did you know that AMEC is involved in an extremely controversial oil construction project which looks set to become a **human rights, environmental and social disaster**?

The Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) pipeline project is to run from Azerbaijan through Georgia to Turkey, bringing oil from the Caspian Sea to the West. **Subsidary AMEC Spie has won the largest construction contract for the pipeline from BP, and plans to build the pipeline section through Georgia**.

- The pipeline that AMEC Spie would build cuts through Georgia's **foremost national park** and under the mineral springs that provide one of Georgia's **most important exports**, Borjomi mineral water. When the Georgian environment minister said this would violate national law, she was detained by the president (who was under pressure from BP and the US government) until 3am until she agreed to ratify the route.

- Local people's lands and livelihoods will be adversely affected by the pipeline. I**n Georgia, many have already started to protest**. They say they haven't been fully consulted about the pipeline and are worried they won't receive fair compensation for damage to their lands and communities.

- The contracts for BTC override any conflicting laws in the host countries (apart from the constitution). They exempt the BTC consortium from any new laws for the next 40 to 60 years, effectively **putting the pipeline route under the control of multinational oil companies**.

- In Turkey, the route passes through Kurdish areas devastated by war. Because the Turkish government is violently opposed to granting rights to the Kurds, the thousands of pages of environmental and social impact assessments do not mention the Kurds or human rights once. In Turkey, the security will be conducted by the gendarmerie, whose human rights record is so horrific they were ordered to disband by the Council of Europe.

- In all three countries the benefits of the project will be enjoyed only by elites; ordinary people will share only the environmental and social burdens.

We are part of a group of over 70 international NGOs who have raised serious concerns about the BTC project. We are campaigning to persuade AMEC to pull out of the BTC pipeline. You can find out more about us and BTC at **www.baku.org.uk**

We would really like to know what you think about these issues. Our campaign is not against you, but against AMEC's decision to participate in this project. You can email us at baku@gn.apc.org or **answer the anonymous questionnaire** enclosed with this letter and mail it to us.

What else can you do? You can **write to or email Peter Mason**, and ask him why AMEC is risking its reputation by being involved in such a controversial project. Most importantly, you can **talk to colleagues** in AMEC. Tell them what you know about the pipeline, find out their opinions. Ask for a staff meeting on the pipeline issue, or even a debate. If you are a member of the union, you can also raise the pipeline issue in a union meeting.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

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Do you think a government should be able to delay approval of a project if it is concerned about the project's environmental impact?

Do you believe multinational companies should be exempted from local laws in the countries where they operate?

Do you ever feel under pressure to tell company managers what you think they want to hear?

Do you think AMEC's involvement in the BTC pipeline conflicts with the company's brand?

Does AMEC ask you what you think on the ethics of major projects it participates in?

Do you have any other comments?

Your role in AMEC (eg "engineer", "accounts" etc) (optional):

Would you like to be kept informed of the campaign's activities?

Name (optional):

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