

## **MEETING RECORD**

Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment

January 22, 2008

Conference Phone Call

MRTI met by conference call at 2:00 PM Eastern Time on January 22, 2008, to review shareholder resolutions and formulate proxy voting recommendations.

Present on the call: Carol Hylkema (GAC), Chairperson; Lynwood Battle (New Covenant Trust); Karen Breckenridge (ACWC); Lois Clarke (Foundation); Brian Ellison (Board of Pensions); Adele Langworthy (Board of Pensions); Jacquie Lyman (ACREC); Bernice McIntyre (At-Large); Bill Saint (ACSWP); Gary Skinner (GAC); and Shelly Wood (At-Large).

Staff Present: Judy Freyer (Board of Pensions); George Rue (Foundation); and Bill Somplatsky-Jarman (GAC).

MRTI Liaison Present: Don Kuespert (ICCR)

Press: Jim Berkley (Institute for Religion and Democracy)

Chairperson, Carol Hylkema, opened the meeting with prayer.

Joys and Concerns: Lynwood Battle updated MRTI on the status of his granddaughter, Isabella. She is two years old and starting lengthy treatment for leukemia. Jim Berkley reported that his wife is doing well.

SHAREHOLDER RESOLUTIONS: All page numbers refer to ICCR Proxy Book.

### **OLD RESOLUTIONS**

- 1) Bernice McIntyre moved and Adele Langworthy seconded those recommendations for support of resolutions previously supported be reaffirmed. Motion **PASSED**.
- 2) Adele Langworthy moved and Gary Skinner seconded that the recommended position of abstention on resolutions advocating adoption of the MacBride Principles in Northern Ireland be reaffirmed. Motion **PASSED**.

### **NEW RESOLUTIONS**

- 1) Disclose Balance Sheet Liabilities (p. 33): Lynwood Battle moved and Bill Saint seconded that the resolution be supported. Motion **PASSED**.
- 2) Report by Barrick Gold on environmental impact of Pascua-Lama Mining project in Chile and Argentina (p.138): Jacquie Lyman moved and Adele Langworthy seconded that the resolution be supported. Motion **PASSED**.

- 3) Report on environmental damage related to oil sands by Chevron and ConocoPhillips (pp. 61 & 62): Adele Langworthy moved and Brian Ellison seconded that the resolution be supported. Motion **PASSED**.
- 4) Report on sustainable forestry practices that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions (pp. 64-68): Gary Skinner moved and Adele Langworthy seconded that the resolution be supported. Motion **PASSED**.
- 5) Report on how investment policies address or could address human rights issues, particularly related to companies operating in countries with serious human rights challenges, such as Sudan (p. 169): Adele Langworthy moved and Lois Clarke seconded that the resolution be supported. Motion **PASSED**.
- 6) Request for DuPont to amend its human rights policy to acknowledge seed saving rights of traditional agricultural communities (p. 101): Following a motion to support the resolution by Lois Clarke (seconded by Adele Langworthy), concerns were raised about the lack of clarity and whether a traditional practice was a right. (The resolution does not articulate this argument well.) It was also noted that MRTI could support the resolution but communicate its concerns directly to the filer. The vote on the motion was 5 in favor, none against, and 5 abstentions. Motion **PASSED**.  
  
Brian Ellison then moved and Bernice McIntyre seconded that staff send a communication to the filer expressing MRTI's concerns. Motion **PASSED**.
- 7) Develop and market non-addictive (nicotine-free) cigarettes for new smokers (p. 121): Adele Langworthy moved and Jacquie Lyman seconded that the resolution be supported. Following discussion about the purpose of the product and the name "non-addictive," the motion **FAILED**. Then Bernice McIntyre moved and Adele Langworthy seconded that the resolution be opposed. Motion **PASSED**.
- 8) Report on safety of products using nanotechnology (p. 127): Brian Ellison moved and Adele Langworthy seconded that the resolution be supported. Motion **PASSED**.
- 9) Encourage Lowe's to end sales of devices, such as glue traps, that are cruel and inhumane to target animals (p. 133): Gary Skinner moved and Adele Langworthy seconded that the resolution be supported. Motion **PASSED**.

#### FirstEnergy Update

George Rue updated MRTI on conversations with FirstEnergy. The company has agreed to do the report and is working on a draft outline. It was agreed that the report could be web-based and finished by December rather than September.

Following prayer, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Somplatsky-Jarman  
Recorder

**APPROVED: April 17, 2008**