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December 17, 2014

My name is Zach Allan, I live in East Portland, and I am here on the subject of socially responsible investments. In time, unethical, business practices come and go, and one corporation may become unethical while another improves, making a good case for a permanent socially responsible investment committee. I would like to commend the city on their Wal-Mart divestment and the establishment of this committee.

There are other companies, though, we can divest from now without need for further review.

Fossil fuel companies fail at least 3 of the criteria given to the socially responsible investment committee:

- -Environmental concerns
- -Health concerns
- -Exercise of market dominance to disrupt market forces

I urge the city to add fossil fuel companies to their do not buy list now. There is a list of 200 such companies that are easy to screen for, and there is no evidence that divesting from such companies will hurt your portfolio.

This divestment would also align with the city's Climate Action Plan.

The Inter-governmental panel on climate change continues to project what the effects of global warming will be, and continually finds that every degree of carbon reduction has a great effect on climate stability. What we do now is of the greatest significance, a fact everyone in my generation knows, but those controlling our investments for the future are often able to gloss over.

Steve Novick's blog post explaining the need for a socially responsible investment committee is also a good explanation of fossil fuel divestment. I will read that now

Mayor Hales and members of the Council,

My name is Sandy Polishuk. I live in NE Portland. I am here on behalf of 350PDX. I am also an historian and I want to give you a bit of history.

On June 5, 2013 Mayor Hales came out for fossil fuel divestment at a press conference for UN World Environment Day North America.

On July 16, 2013 Mayor Hales met with Bill McKibben and committed to divesting the City. Over the summer 350PDX met with the rest of the council and a majority of you said you would vote for the resolution.

In September 2013, 350PDX provided the mayor's staff with a draft resolution for fossil fuel divestment.

On October 8, 2013, we were told our resolution needed to wait until the new Temporary Committee on Socially Responsible Investing did it's work, that they would address our issue. That same day the City created the Do-Not-Buy list for WalMart.

On August 6, 2014, the Temporary Committee presented its report. It did not address our issue. They recommended another committee, the resolution we are presented with today.

During this 19 months since Mayor Hales proudly announced that the City was not invested in fossil fuels and urged the State to follow suit, the City has purchased an Exxon bond or two and we have waited patiently. We are now out of patience.

The fossil fuel divestment we are requesting is probably the easiest of all socially responsible investment strategies to carry out. It does not require expensive financial analysts, research or the volunteer service of busy citizens. A list exists of the top 200 fossil fuel companies ranked by the carbon content of their reserves. These are the companies 350PDX is asking you to not buy.

As you know, the divestment movement is trying through this tactic to a shine light on the necessity to leave 80% of fossil fuel reserves in the ground as burning them will mean we will face climate disaster despite our best mitigation and adaptation efforts.

The time has come to add this list of 200 companies to your Do-Not-Buy list. The three bonds the City currently holds on the list will all mature by 2017. We are not asking you to sell those, just to let them expire and not buy any new companies on the list of 200. We are asking you to live up to your reputation as a forward-looking, progressive city that cares about the future health and well-being of its citizens and we are asking you, especially, Mayor Hales, to live up to the commitment you made a year and a half ago.

WHEREAS, the climate crisis is a serious threat to current and future generations here in Portland and around the world; and

WHEREAS, The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fourth Assessment Report found that global warming is already causing costly disruption of human and natural systems throughout the world including the melting of Arctic ice, the ocean's rise in acidity, flooding and drought; and

WHEREAS, Almost every government in the world has agreed through the 2009 Copenhagen Accord that any warming above a 2°C (3.6°F) rise would be unsafe, and that humans can only pour about 565 more gigatons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere to maintain this limit; and

WHEREAS, For the purposes of this resolution, a "fossil fuel company" shall be defined as any of the two hundred publicly-traded companies with the largest coal, oil, and gas reserves as measured by the gigatons of carbon dioxide that would be emitted if those reserves were extracted and burned, as listed in the Carbon Tracker Initiative's "Unburnable Carbon" report<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS, In its "Unburnable Carbon" report, the Carbon Tracker Initiative found that fossil fuel companies possess proven fossil fuel reserves that would release approximately 2,795 gigatons of CO2 if they are burned, which is five times the amount that can be released without exceeding 2°C of warming; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland and Multnomah County Climate Action Plan 2009, described climate change as the "defining challenge of the 21st century[,]" requiring urgent action; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland has a responsibility to protect the lives and livelihoods of its inhabitants from the threat of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency, in their guide to Climate Impacts in the Northwest, projects that increased warming will threaten the environmental and economic health of the Pacific Northwest, through decreased mountain snowpacks and the subsequent lower river flows that provide water, through the loss of much of our prized salmon, through increasing wildfires that threaten our forests and our timber industry; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland believes that its investments should support a sustainable future where all citizens can live healthy lives without the negative impacts of a warming environment; and

WHEREAS, students at more than two hundred colleges and universities in the United States have launched campaigns to have their institutions divest from fossil fuel companies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.carbontracker.org/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2012/08/Unburnable-Carbon-Full1.pdf

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Mayor, City Council of Portland, declare that is the policy of the City of Portland not to invest in fossil fuel companies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of the City of Portland shall audit the investment portfolio of the City to identify any holdings or funds that include direct or indirect investments in fossil fuel companies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Treasurer of the City of Portland shall immediately cease any new investments in fossil fuel companies or in commingled assets that include holdings in fossil fuel companies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, for any investments in commingled funds that are found to include fossil fuel companies, the Treasurer of the City of Portland shall contact the fund managers and request that the fossil fuel companies be removed from the funds; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Treasurer of the City of Portland shall ensure that none of its directly held or commingled assets include holdings in fossil fuel public equities and corporate bonds, as determined by the Carbon Tracker list, within 5 years from the execution of this resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Treasurer of the City of Portland shall prepare a report discussing options for investing funds removed from fossil fuel stocks in a way that maximizes their positive impact by seeking out investments in opportunities to limit the effects of burning fossil fuels or help to mitigate its effects, including, but not limited to, clean technology and renewable energy, sustainable companies or projects, and sustainable communities. Such opportunities should support local projects and local jobs; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Treasurer of the City of Portland shall release quarterly updates, available to the public, detailing progress made towards full divestment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City of Portland urges the State of Oregon and the Oregon Public Employee Retirement System (PERS), and other local government, university, and union funds to join the City of Portland in these efforts and divest their own holdings from fossil fuel companies.

Note: This was prepared in Fall 2013. Since then the 5<sup>th</sup> IPCC has been released, the UN has had another climate summit and much research has been done. The situation has become even more serious.

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Rank	Coal Companies	CO2	Rank	Oil and Gas Companies	Oil Gt CO2	Gas Gt CO2	Gt CO
1	Coal India	57.722	1	Gazprom	6.248	37.292	43.
2	Shenhua Group	31.523	2	Rosneft	10.059	1.979	12.
3	Adani Enterprises	25.383	3	PetroChina	4.884	3.693	8
4	Shanxi Coking Company	18.445	4	ExxonMobil	4.143	4.038	8.
5	BHP Billiton	13.469	5	Lukoil	5.666	1.280	6.
6	Anglo American	12.985 12.223	6	BP Petrobras	4.203 4.676	2.197 0,674	6.
7 8	Inner Mongolia Yitai Coal Datang Intl. Power	12.206	8	Royal Dutch Shell	2.140	2.332	5. 4.
9	China National Coal	12.200	9	Chevron	2.545	1.591	4.
10	Peabody Energy	11.469	10	Total	2.130	1.683	3.
11	Glencore Xstrata	10.453	11	Novatek	0.387	3.391	3.
12	Datong Coal Industry	10.281	12	ConocoPhillips	1.661	1.069	2
13	Yanzhou Coal Mining	9.799	13	Tatneft	2.622	0.067	2.
14	Public Power Corp (DEH)	9.339	14	ENI	1.418	1.142	2
15	Exxaro Resources	8.793	15	ONGC	1.449	0.703	2
16	Yangquan Coal Industry	7.298	16	Statoil	1.012	0.928	1
17	Mechel	6.739	17	Sinopec	1.204	0.367	1
18	Arch Coal	6:530	18	CNOOC	1.155	0.366	1
19	Alpha Natural Resources	5.482	19	BG	0.593	0.664	1
20	Mitsubishi	4.738	20	Occidental	0.950	0.303	1
21	Vale	4.401	21	Apache	0.586	0.461	1
22	Rio Tinto	4.338	22	Canadian Natural Resources	0.780	0.200	0.
23	EVRAZ	4.235	23	Anadarko Petroleum	0.450	0.454	0
24	Raspadskaya	4.084	24	BHP Billiton	0.345	0.552	0
25	Asian Resource Minerals	3.181	25	Devon Energy	0.379	0.515	0
26	UC RUSAL	3.081	26	Chesapeake Energy	0.293	0.596	0
27	Neweli Lignite	3.035	27	Bashneft	0.876	0.000	0
28	Pingdingshan Tianan Coal	3.023	28	Inpex	0.393	0.369	0
29	Cloud Peak Energy	2.881	29	Ecopetrol	0.580	0.157	0
30	Sasol	2.731	30	EOG Resources	0.392	0.258	0
31	Severstal	2.726	31	Suncor Energy	0.596	0.041	0
32.	AGL Energy	2.704	32	Marathon Oil	0.473	0.151	0
33	Tata Steel Teck Resources	2.679	34	Mess Imperial Oil	0.561	0.027	0
35	Kuzbass Fuel	2.504	35	Encana	0.089	0.479	. 0
36	Polyus Gold	2.294	36	Energi Mega Persada	0.020	0.537	0
37	Energy Ventures	2.184	37	BASE	0.159	0.294	0
38	Whitehaven Coal	2.055	38	Repsol	0.182	0.265	0
39	Banpu	2.040	39	OMV.	0.260	0.152	0
40	RWE	1.943	40	Noble Energy	0.141	0.271	0
41	Consol Energy	1.887	41	Woodside Petroleum	0.058	0.334	0
42	W H Soul Pattison	1.850	42	Pioneer Natural Resources	0.270	0.120	0
43	Resource Generation	1:818	43	Linn Energy	0.218	0.163	0
44	Bayan Resources	1.806	44	Cenovus Energy	0.309	0.053	0.
45	Churchill Mining	1.745	45	YPF	0.235	0.121	0.
46	NTPC	1.740	46	Range Resources	0.090	0.261	0.
47	Adaro Energy	1.607	47	PTT	0.111	0.228	0
48	Nacco Industries	1.557	48	Husky Energy	0.212	0.122	0
49	Idemitsu Kosan	1.530	49	EQT	0.001	0.326	0
50	Alliance Resource Partners	1.475	50	Continental Resources	0.238	0.073	0
51	Huolinhe Opencut Coal Ind	1.387	51	Talisman Energy	0.111	0.199	0
52	Coalspur Mines	1.380	52	KazMunaiGas EP	0.298	0.000	0
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54	Golden Energy Mines	1.354	54	WPX Energy	0.069	0.188	0
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57	Wesfarmers	1.094	57	QEP Resources	0.078	0.143	0.
58	Tata Power	1.062	58	Southwestern Energy	0.000	0.219	0.
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60	Sherritt International	1.012	60	Cabot Oil & Gas	0.010	0.201	0.212
61	Kazakhmys	0.998	61	SandRidge Energy	0.134	0.077	6,211
62	New World Resources	0.972	62	Newfield Exploration	0.112	0.096	0.207
63	Mongolian Mining	0.903	63	Murphy Q4	0.144	0.052	0.206
64	itochu	0.878	54	Oragon Oil	0.159	0.044	0.203
65	Westmoreland	0.864	65	Freeport-McWoRan	0.155	0.028	0.183
66	Cockatoo Coal	0.851	56	Maersk Group	0.174	0.000	0.174
67	Shanxi Meijin Energy	0.784	67	Concho Resources	0.116	0.057	0.173
68	Jizhong Energy Resources	0.742	68	Uitra Petroleum	0.008	0.162	0.169
69	Bandanna Energy	0.731	69	Denbury Resources	0.139	0.026	0.166
70	Polo Resources	0.726	70	GDF SUEZ	0.045	0.117	0.162
71	Allere	0.723	71	MEG Energy	0.155	0.000	0.155
72	CLP Holdings	0.696	72	Whiting Petroleum	0.139	0.012	0.151
73	Aspire Mining	0.670	73	<b>.w</b> .	0.037	0.111	0.148
74	Waiter Energy	0.641	74	MOL	0.084	0.061	0.146
75	Aquita Resources	0.627	75	Crescent Point Energy	0.135	0.020	0.245
76	Coal Energy	0.514	76	Polish Oil & Gas	0.036	0.308	0.144
77	China Resources Power	0.567	77	Mitsui	0.048	0.085	0.142
78	Indika Inti	0.485	78	Penn West Petroleum	0.111	0.029	0.140
79	ArcelorMittal	0.464	79	Pacific Rubiales Energy	0.304	0.028	0.132
80	Firstnessy	0.458	80	Oil India	0.073	0.059	0.132
81	Black Hills Corp	0.431	81	Cimarex Energy	0.062	0.068	0.130
82	Wescoal Holdings	0.430	82.	Energen	0.082	0.044	0.126
83	Grupo Mexico	0.420	83	TAGA	0.065	0.055	0.171
84	African Rainbow Minerals	0.379	84	Oil Search	0.028	0.088	0.117
85	Shanxi Coal Intl Energy	0.376	85	ARC Resources	0.044	0.065	0.109
85	Capital Power	0.367	86	Canadian Oil Sands	0.109	0.000	0.109
87	PTT Public	0.359	87	Genel Energy	0.105	0.000	0.105
88	Lanhua	0.338	88	SM Energy	0.057	0.045	0.102
89	Fortune Minerals	0.328	89	Sasol	0.004	0.085	0.089
90	Cardero Resources	0.323	90	National Fuel Gas	0.018	0.071	0.088
91	Zhengzhou Coal ind & Elec	0.319	91	Tullow Oil	0.080	0.008	0.088
92	Steel Authority of India	0.307	92	Pengrowth Energy	0.051	0.037	0.088
93	Jindal Steel & Power	0.301	93	Xcite Energy	0.084	0.001	0.085
94	Shougang Fushan Resources	0.299	94	Vermition Energy	0.069	0.013	0.082
95	Jingyuan CE	0.297	95	Peyro E&D	0.009	0.070	0.079
96	Stanmore Coal	0.287	96	Quicksilver Resources	0.017	0.061	0.077
97	Prophety Coal	0.272	97	Petroceltic International	0.026	0.050	0.077
98	Marubeni	0.265	98	Forest Oil	0.026	0.050	0.076
99	Cliffs Natural Resources	0.247	99	Tournaline Oil	0.009	0.065	0.074
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