

Annex A. An official apology letter to local herders with regard to the Undai River diversion

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To: Herder families who have land connections along the Undai River

I am writing to acknowledge the land-connected herders who care for their families and herds along the Undai River in Khanbogd Soum, Umnugovi Aimag.

Oyu Tolgoi LLC (OT) understands that it is operating on lands where herder families have maintained long customary connections, where herders had their winter shelters and where herders grazed their animals in summer.

In 2013, local herders lodged a complaint against OT and have since spent many days talking to OT about the history of springs, summer pasture and community activities along the Undai River.

OT wants to thank these herders for their patience and commitment in teaching OT about these things. OT understands that the mine has brought many changes to herders' lives along the Undai River and to all people who live in Khanbogd Soum.

In particular, OT acknowledges that the lives of herders who graze their herds close to the OT mine site have been disrupted by OT activities, and that these herders worry about the future of the Undai River, about their herd animals and about the future of their children.

OT's engineering work along the Undai was necessary to protect the flow of water along the river. OT is certain that this protection work is successful, but OT also wants to say sorry to the community for not explaining the work properly and for not consulting more in beginning activities about the work. OT says sorry for bringing 'shock' and 'oil' to the community, and for being in a hurry and starting the work on a bad date.

In the past year, OT has demonstrated it is committed to working openly with the Khanbogd community and with herders. OT believes that the best way to do this in future is through the consultative committees established under the Cooperation Agreement. OT wants all herder families to be active in supporting these committees that will exchange information and help OT operate correctly in Khanbogd Soum.

Yours sincerely,


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