

Equitable Origin Announces Public Comment Period on Security and Human Rights Amendment to EO100™ Standard

New York, NY, August 14, 2013 – Equitable Origin (EO), the first stakeholder-based, independent social and environmental certification for the oil and gas industry, invites public comment on a proposed amendment to the EO100™ Standard. The Equitable Origin Standards (EOS) Board of Directors has proposed an amendment to the Standard to incorporate a provision on security and human rights. [The Terms of Reference and the draft Provision and Performance Targets](#) are available for public comment for a 60-day period.

The draft Provision is aligned with the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights.

“We invite the participation of all stakeholders and will be proactively reaching out to stakeholders with subject-matter expertise in and/or who are affected by security and human rights issues related to the oil and gas industry,” said Soledad Milius, EO’s Director of Standards, Governance & Accountability and Interim EOS Technical Committee Chair.

The EOS Technical Committee, which is a permanent committee of the EOS Board of Directors, developed the draft language of the amendment and will review, summarize, and incorporate stakeholder feedback received during the public comment period into a final version that will be submitted to the EOS Board for consideration.

The EO100™ Standard is part of the Equitable Origin™ System, which combines a certification standard with a certificate-based market mechanism to reward leadership in corporate social responsibility in the oil and gas industry and provide choice in the marketplace. Similar to certification programs in other industries, such as forestry, fishery, and agriculture, EO is creating a new marketplace for products that support and incentivize responsible oil and gas production.

About Equitable Origin

Equitable Origin (www.equitableorigin.com) is an innovative stakeholder-based certification system for the oil and gas industry that promotes higher social and environmental standards, greater transparency, and more accountability in oil and gas exploration and production.

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