

Thank you for the opportunity you are giving us to respond to the allegations made by “Les Amis de la Terre”.

Over and above the value judgements that are set out in this text, we think the factual details that follow deserve to be heard:

1/ regarding the so called lack of representativeness of the Egi People’s Assembly: it should be pointed out that the representative members of this community are elected in line with a local procedure.

2/ As regards the expropriation of communities, alleged to be carried out by force and without compensation: it is important to reiterate that all land purchases in Nigeria take place through a “land lease agreement”. Total EP Nigeria has consequently set up a specific Land and Claims department, the role of which specifically includes visiting communities and negotiating agreements when land is acquired, which occurs through fair contracts agreed by the parties.

3/ As regards demonstrations: it should be noted that during a peaceful demonstration, one striking worker died from a heart attack. Individuals not involved in the demonstration attacked a soldier at the same time and took his weapon from him. After this weapon was stolen, one person was killed.

4/ As regards the Ibewa incident: the area affected by the eruptions which, contrary to what is alleged, did not result in explosions, is an uninhabited area with a few hundred square metres of cassava, and not several thousand. This area is used for the occasional hunting of wild game and to pick fruit from a few scattered palm trees. At the time of the aforementioned eruption, as a precautionary measure, access to the area was closed prohibited. The families and communities affected were duly compensated at the time for the inconvenience caused by this ban on accessing the area for security reasons. Total subsequently bought the land in question and duly compensated the communities affected. It is consequently wrong to claim that the communities were not compensated.

5/ As regards flaring: to be more accurate, flaring has required official permission since 1984. It is reiterated that our position on flaring is known and published in our 2013 CSR report. Our objective is consequently to reduce flaring by 50%, excluding the start-up phase, between 2005 and 2014. Lastly, since 2000, the Group has moreover decided to no longer undertake any new development that includes continuous flaring beyond the start up-phase. The Group is also very active within the “Global Gas Flaring Reduction Partnership” led by the World Bank.

6/ As regards the jobs created: the oil industry is not the largest provider of employment, and there are other industries that provide more. Total EP Nigeria however currently employs more than 100 members of the Egi community on a permanent basis, as well as more than a thousand locals under service contracts (drivers, caterers, labourers, maintenance workers, security guards, etc.). Total E&P Nigeria’s activities are in line with the Group’s code of conduct and are evaluated by qualified third parties. Recently the American non-profit organisation CDA carried out an assessment of the Group’s social impact in the region. This report is available online on the CDA’s website ([http://www.cdacollaborative.org/publications/corporate-engagement/cep-case-studies/field-visit-report-total-ep-nigeria-\(tepng\)/](http://www.cdacollaborative.org/publications/corporate-engagement/cep-case-studies/field-visit-report-total-ep-nigeria-(tepng)/)).