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To: Supervisory-Body <Supervisory-Body@unfccc.int>

Subject: Input to SB005 annotated agenda and related annexes.

Dear UN Supervisory Body,

I apologise that this is arriving so late but very much hope you will include the attached letter as part of your deliberations. The letter is addressed to the Environment Agency in the UK but some of the points it raises are relevant to your meeting. We would be very grateful if you would consider the points we have raised and keep our community voice in the conversation as we are directly experiencing the way carbon markets are being used to fund unregulated experiments here in St.Ives Bay.

It has been very difficult for us to find a grievance and remediation mechanism to report our experiences of misinformation and also to find the wider context of such experiments. We are a group of ordinary local people trying our best to respond to this situation which has suddenly arrived in our towns.

I would like to acknowledge that the company involved, Planetary Technologies have made submissions to you in the past which is why we would also like to participate with this submission which adds more context regarding the situation for people directly impacted. We are a grass roots community group based in St.Ives and Hayle in Cornwall and we came together in response to the Ocean Alkalinity Enhancement experiments being carried out by the Canadian Company Planetary Technologies in our local bay.

One of our major concerns is that there seems to be no way of verifying if any carbon has actually been removed from the atmosphere. The company involved would rely on modelling and indeed have already used the promise of future removals to sell carbon credits to the company Shopify. In view of the current limited understanding of how the ocean works - this seems to be an approach full of problems. How do we know the modelling is correct in view of the complexities of the ocean system? Does it allow for the possibility for millions of tonnes of materials to be added to the ocean with no way of properly verifying their affect on carbon removal (let alone ecosystems)? Does this allow any Ocean Carbon Removal techniques to happen without a proper evidence base of their effect?

Much of our local community is extremely concerned about the potential for money to flood into these experiments / processes from the Carbon Market. At this stage it is totally unclear if there is any community consent for such operations. For example, St.Ives Town Council voted unanimously to reject any such testing in the Bay and the protest and information day we held about Planetary Technologies experiment was one of the two largest community protests in recent memory. I've included a photographs of some of the members of our organising committee plus a few photographs of the community protest and information event.

With gratitude for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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