



## PUBLIC EYE AWARDS 2009

### Shortlist of Nominees by Award Categories

Company	Reason for the Nomination	Nominating Organization
<b>Public Eye GLOBAL Award</b>		
BNP Paribas	<i>Bulgaria:</i> since 2008, the large French bank BNP Paribas has been the sole organizer of financing for the nuclear power plant to be built near the town of Belene in a region of Bulgaria known for its earthquakes. In 2007 the bank provided a loan of 250 Mio. Euro to the dangerous project.	Les Amis de la Terre France, France
Newmont Mining Corporation	<i>Ghana:</i> this US mining company wants to open a gigantic gold mine in eastern Ghana. Some 10,000 small farmers stand to lose their land if the project goes ahead. The drinking water will be polluted and the toxic waste from mining will pose a health risk and threaten the environment.	The Wassa Association of Communities Affected by Mining, Ghana
Tesco plc.	<i>Bangladesh:</i> retailer Tesco puts a lot of pressure on its suppliers to shorten production times and lower cost; in Bangladesh, the price for this is policy is paid by the textile workers, mostly women and migrants, who work up to 80 hours per week under the worst conditions for a pittance.	Clean Clothes Campaign, Holland
<b>Public Eye SWISS Award</b>		
Bernische Kraftwerke BKW	<i>Germany:</i> at home, the Swiss utility BKW likes to present itself as a green energy producer; but at the same the company plans to invest CHF 1,6 billion in a coal fired power plant near Dörpen in Lower Saxony that will eventually produce an estimated 4.6 million tons of CO2.	Greenpeace Germany
Nestlé	<i>Switzerland:</i> Nestlé hires the private security company Securitas to spy on organizations that take a critical view of globalization. Two spies infiltrate a working group critical of Nestlé and collect confidential information. This constitutes a breach of privacy and violates the right to free speech and assembly.	attac Schweiz
UBS	UBS, the large Swiss bank, is „less a victim than a perpetrator“ of the financial crisis. It tried to hide the extent of its involvement in high risk lending practices, waited far too long to increase its equity, and rewarded its employees for the short-term profits they generated. Despite all this, the bank continues to resist tighter regulation or reduced rates of return.	Aktion Finanzplatz Schweiz, Switzerland

<b>Public Eye POSITIVE Award</b>		
Irene Fernandez, Director of Tenaganita (Women's Force)	<i>Malaysia:</i> because Irene Fernandez published a report about migrants held under inhuman conditions in Malaysian detention camps in 1995, she was sentenced to one year in prison for the publication of falsehoods. She appealed and in November 2008 she was finally acquitted after a trial that lasted 13 years. In 2005 she was awarded the "Alternative Nobel Prize" for her work as a human rights activist.	Pesticide Action Network (PAN) Asia & the Pacific, Malaysia
Jacek Kotula, President of a Solidarnosc union local	<i>Poland:</i> Jacek Kotula fought for more workplace safety and proposed problem solving ideas to his employers at Alima Gerber. He sought changes to stop violations of labor laws and injustices at the food company. As the union grew stronger under his leadership, the company repeatedly tried to get rid of him and discriminated against him. After Nestlé acquired Alima Gerber Kotula was fired even though union members enjoy extraordinary legal protection in Poland.	Solidarnosc, Poland
Freddy Lozano und Jairo Quiroz Delgado, members of the board of mine worker's union Sintracarbon	<i>Colombia:</i> these two innovative and tenacious union leaders deftly used international solidarity to gain various concessions, including a collective labor agreement, from the mining company Carbones del Cerrejon Ltd. Lozano and Delgado also defended the interests of the local communities affected by the mines. In their advocacy work, the two union leaders often risk their personal safety.	Arbeitsgruppe Schweiz- Kolumbien (ask), Switzerland

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