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Mr Bruce Carnegie-Brown, Chairman of Lloyd's of London Council

Mr John Neal, CEO Lloyd's of London

Mr Andrew Brooks, Chairman of the Lloyd's Market Association

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Dear Mr Carnegie-Brown, Mr Neal and Mr Brooks,

In December, you stood up and told the world that you were committed to playing your part in addressing the climate crisis with the release of Lloyd's first ESG policy. Just one month later, it was revealed that Lloyd's of London is insuring exploratory oil drilling in one of the world's most pristine places - The Bahamas.

Opening up a new oil field with a potential for over a billion barrels of oil is entirely inconsistent with a pledge to limit the climate crisis. This behaviour is at best contradictory, at worst shows the limitations of the ESG policy and the urgent need for it to be expanded and applied immediately. And it does not go unnoticed. We are writing today on behalf of almost **40,000 people** in the UK who have noticed in addition to the many concerned globally -- and who are calling on you to act.

Specifically, we are asking that Lloyd's of London immediately commit not to renew insurance for Bahamas Petroleum Company (BPC) exploratory oil drilling projects -- a ludicrous scheme which is not only completely out of kilter with global climate targets, but brings the real risk of a catastrophic oil spill on the scale of the Deepwater Horizon disaster. This is what they call a no-brainer -- it must be stopped.

But our demands, of course, go beyond a single project. Because Lloyd's is not just facilitating a reckless hunt for new fossil fuels in the pristine waters of the Caribbean, but continuing to support destructive schemes in countries from Australia to Canada -- such as the Adani Carmichael coal mine, Trans Mountain pipeline and most likely the West Cumbria coal mine.

This is very hard to comprehend. It is clear from your ESG plan that you understand how deadly the fossil fuel industry is, and that it must be rapidly phased out **to allow future generations and our planet to thrive**. Mr Carnegie-Brown, you yourself spoke of "the opportunity to **play our part in building** a braver, more resilient world". And Mr Brooks, you said the market must "act decisively now and play a more effective and proactive role in supporting **positive societal change**."

Such statements cannot be married up with your current approach, which will lock in decades of destructive -- and wholly avoidable -- emissions and keep us on the path towards catastrophic warming.

Although the signers of this letter welcome the ESG policy as a step in the right direction, it is your actions on which you will be judged. While the UK Government is setting ambitious goals

in fighting climate change, companies such as Lloyd's not only embarrass the British people, but stain the image of the British financial market, at home and internationally.

We truly believe that where there's a will there's a way. If the three of you do want to create a more sustainable future, you can. **Just do it. Drop the Bahamas oil drilling. Stop insuring the Adani Carmichael coal mine and the Trans Mountain tar sands pipeline and commit to not insuring the proposed West Cumbria coal mine. Now.**

Keeping your word is all a person -- and institution -- has in this world and not many chances are given to those who betray their convictions and promises. **History will remember.**

Sincerely,

SumOfUs; 350; Avaaz; Bahamas Reef Environment Educational Foundation (BREEF); Campaign Against Climate Change; Campax; Coal Action Network; Extinction Rebellion Australia; Facttracker; Dr Fredi Devas, BBC Producer/Director - Planet Earth II & Seven Worlds, One Planet; Global Justice; Green New Deal UK; London Mining Network; London Waterkeeper; Lucie Pinson, founder and executive director, Reclaim Finance; Mark Chivers, Volunteer National Coordinator UK; Theo Webb, Producer/Director, Planet Earth III; The Climate Reality Project Europe; Market Forces; Oil Change International; Operation Noah; Pacific Climate Warriors; People & Planet; Planet A; Platform; Rainforest Action Network; Re-set; Re:Common, Italy; Stop Adani; Tipping Point; UK Youth Climate Coalition; Waterkeeper Alliance; Zero Carbon Dorset.

