

# Indigenous Peoples Recognition Statement

Talga recognises the individual and collective rights and interests of Indigenous peoples<sup>1</sup> consistent with the United Nations (UN) Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Talga recognises that Indigenous peoples have connections to, and identify with, lands and waters and that these connections are tied to their physical, spiritual, cultural and economic well-being.

Accordingly, Talga engages with Indigenous peoples affected by our activities by listening and responding to them and by actively seeking to understand and respect their rights, interests, aspirations, culture and livelihoods.

Talga works to positively contribute to the social and economic development of our host countries and communities, develop and promote respectful and productive relationships with stakeholders, and capitalise on commercial opportunities to benefit people as a result of our business activities.

Through meaningful engagement with Indigenous peoples and collaborative accommodation of each other's interests Talga seeks to design and implement activities to avoid adverse impacts and minimise, manage and / or compensate for unavoidable impacts; and ensure sustainable benefits and opportunities for Indigenous peoples.

Talga aims to obtain, through independently monitored dialogue, the Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) of Indigenous peoples in accordance with international standards, including formalizing consent in agreements.<sup>2</sup>

Talga is committed to ensure that Indigenous peoples potentially affected by our operations are aware of this statement.

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<sup>1</sup> Indigenous Peoples is recognized by Talga in accordance with Performance standard 7 Indigenous Peoples (IFC 2012) as a distinct social and cultural group possessing the following characteristics in varying degrees: Self-identification as members of a distinct indigenous cultural group and recognition of this identity by others; Collective attachment to geographically distinct habitats or ancestral territories in the project area and to the natural resources in these habitats and territories; Customary cultural, economic, social, or political institutions that are separate from those of the mainstream society or culture; or A distinct language or dialect, often different from the official language or languages of the country or region in which they reside.

<sup>2</sup> International Finance Corporation Performance Standards on Environmental and Social Sustainability (IFC, 2012).