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The Hewlett Foundation's "Strategic Plan" to address Oil & Gas Development in British Columbia"

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Mr. Brest,

As you are aware, for several years now I have had concerns about the large amounts of funding that the Hewlett Foundation and other American foundations have granted to Canadian environmental organizations, and that this hasn't exactly been out in the open.

I have written a series of articles that have been published in The Financial Post, and I write a blog: www.fair-questions.com

Recently, I was asked to testify to the Standing Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Commons, the federal government of Canada. I have been asked to provide further information to that committee and am in the process of finalizing that now. In this regard, I would like to follow-up on the inquiry which I sent to you last fall (below), and to which I did not receive a reply. I would like to re-iterate two questions:

1) Was the \$750,000 that the Hewlett Foundation granted to the U.S. Tides Foundation (2004), subsequently re-granted to the David Suzuki Foundation? In other words, did the Hewlett Foundation channel \$750,000 to the David Suzuki Foundation through the U.S. Foundatin? The reason that I ask this question is that, as I have shown below, the address given for the U.S. Tides Foundation is the same as the Vancouver address of the David Suzuki Foundation.

2) Would you please share a copy of the "[strategic plan](#)" that the Hewlett Foundation paid Tides Canada \$70,000 to develop "to address oil and gas development in British Columbia, back in 2004?"

If I do not hear from you this week, I will assume that you decline to respond to my questions.

Sincerely,
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Begin forwarded message:

From: VIVIAN KRAUSE <vivian.krause@me.com>
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Subject: \$750,000 granted to the David Suzuki Foundation through the U.S. Tides Foundation?

Mr. Brest,

As you are aware, I have concerns about the large amounts of American money that have fueled the environmental movement in Canada and how this hasn't exactly been out in the open.

Recently, in the tax returns of the Hewlett foundation, I noticed a 2004 grant for \$250,000 (shown below) to the David Suzuki Foundation. However, I couldn't find this grant in the [database](#) of the Hewlett foundation. What I did find is a grant for \$750,000 to the U.S. Tides Foundation for the Turning Point Initiative. I also noticed that in the U.S. tax returns of the Hewlett Foundation, the address for the U.S. Tides Foundation - *in Vancouver* - and the address for the David Suzuki Foundation are the same. This leads me to ask, was the \$750,000 that the Hewlett Foundation granted to the Tides

Foundation then re-granted to the David Suzuki Foundation? Was this a continuation of the grant for \$250,000 that the Hewlett foundation made to the David Suzuki Foundation in 2002?

I also note that in 2004, the Hewlett foundation paid Tides Canada \$70,000 to develop a "strategic plan" to address the oil and gas industry in British Columbia. Since 2004, the Hewlett foundation has granted \$25.7 million for various projects to tackle the oil and gas industry in Canada, according to my calculations. Of that, a total of \$22.6 million went to Tides Canada, Tides USA and the Pew Charitable Trusts. I presume that this \$22.6 million was then re-granted to other organizations - please correct me if I'm wrong. My question is, regarding the \$22.6 million from the Hewlett foundation for projects to tackle the Canadian oil and gas industry, to which organizations was this money re-granted?

As before, I would also like to know, what was the "strategic plan." I would appreciate it if you could please share a copy of the document that outlines the plan that Tides Canada was paid \$70,000 to develop.

As before, I can be reached at 604.618.8110 or at vivian.krause@mac.com

Sincerely,
Vivian Krause
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c.c. Barbara Yaffe, The Vancouver Sun, Deborah Yedlin, The Calgary Herald, Gary Mason, The Globe & Mail.

Tides Foundation & The David Suzuki Foundation: The Same Address in U.S. Tax Returns of the William & Flora Hewlett Foundation

Tides Foundation 2211 West Fourth Avenue, Suite 219 Vancouver, British Columbia V6K-4S2 Canada <i>for general support of the Turning Point Initiative</i>	10/25/2004	250,000
* The David Suzuki Foundation 2211 West Fourth Avenue, Suite 219 Vancouver, British Columbia V6K-4S2 Canada <i>for general support of the Turning Point Initiative</i>	Foreign NGO	250,000

Excerpt from the U.S. tax return of the Hewlett Foundation:

Attachment B

Part VII-B, Division III - Statements Reporting Activities

Information with respect to grants subject to expenditure responsibility: The Foundation assumes the responsibility for ultimate public charitable use of the funds.

All funds were expended for the purposes of the grants and the Foundation is not aware of any diverted funds.

Recipient Address/Purpose	Date of Grant	2004 Unexpended	Payment		As of July 2006 Creative Reports		Approved for Future Payment
			Date	Amount	Date	Amount	
Sociedad Mexicana Pro Derechos de la Mujer, Asociacion Civil Tomasipue No. 66 Plots A/Ba Col. Condesa Mexico City, C.P. 061 40 Mexico <i>for developing a fundraising plan for Women's Philanthropy in Mexico</i>	10/17/2003						13,000
Standing International Forum on Ethnic Conflict Genocide and Human Rights - International Alert 304 Chiswick Road London, W91 3AF England <i>for general support</i>	12/14/2003	100,000			No report		-
Stichting European Coasian voor Conflictpreventie P.O. Box 14003 Utrecht, 3530 BC The Netherlands <i>for the European Platform for Conflict Prevention and Transformation</i>	4/14/2003	100,000			No report		-
Tides Foundation 2211 West Fourth Avenue, Suite 219 Vancouver, British Columbia V6K-4S2 Canada <i>for general support of the Turning Point Initiative</i>	10/25/2004	250,000			12/21/2005	250,000	



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Part 33B, Section 333 - Statement Regarding Activities
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Recipient/ Address/Purpose	Date of Grant	2005 Unexpended	Percent		As of July 2005 Grantee Reports		Approved for Future Payment
			Date	Amount	Date	Amount	
Commonwealth Medical Trust 8MA House, Torcross Square London, WC1H 9P England <i>for reproductive health activities in developing countries</i>	4/14/2005		3/3/2004	75,000	8/14/2004	75,000	-
Companhia de Tecnologia de Saneamento Ambiental Alta de Paraisópolis São Paulo, CEP 05419-900 Brazil <i>for additional emissions and water saving on a hybrid and diesel bus</i>	12/29/2003						35,000
Coastal Remediation Network Canada, Inc. Central Guelph University College University of Waterloo Waterloo, Ontario N0L 3G9 Canada <i>for installation of the Waterbuggy Collection of compact residential wastewater at its facility</i>	3/3/2004		3/17/2004	1,000	6/28/2005	1,000	-
Denish Family Planning Association Rasmussen Alle 15, 1 and Copenhagen, 1034 Denmark <i>for education material around the ACPD agenda</i>	5/14/2005		1/29/2004	100,000	9/8/2004	100,000	-
The David Suzuki Foundation 2211 West Fourth Avenue, Suite 219 Vancouver, British Columbia V6K 4R2 Canada <i>for general support of the Turning Point Initiative</i>	10/21/2004		1/31/2004	100,000	No reports		100,000
Total amount of Foundation	10/21/2005		4/10/2004	176,000	11/26/2004	176,000	-



Excerpt from web-site of the David Suzuki Foundation:

The screenshot shows the David Suzuki Foundation website. The Vancouver (Head Office) contact information is circled in red:

Vancouver (Head Office)
 219 - 2211 West 4th Avenue
 Vancouver, BC V6K 4S2
 Phone 604-732-4226
 or toll free at 1-800-453-1533
 Fax 604-732-0752

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