

Full text of letter sent to head of Cairn Energy, Bill Gammell, on behalf of Greenpeace, WWF and FoE Scotland

Dear Sir Bill,

Last week the Greenland government gave Scottish oil company, Cairn Energy, the go-ahead to drill for oil in the Arctic, yet the company refuses to make public their plans to contain and clean up an oil spill should one occur.

Drilling in the Arctic poses a major threat to the environment and the economy. The remote location, extreme weather and freezing temperatures would make it very difficult to clean up a spill. Were a blow out to occur at the end of the drilling season freezing seas would mean no relief well could even be started for up to six months.

Given these unique dangers we believe that Cairn's plans for dealing with any potential disaster should be made public so that those that would be impacted by a spill are able to make up their own mind as to whether their plans are adequate.

Cairn claims to be acting responsibly but this claim cannot be taken seriously while they hide information on how they will respond to the most serious potential impacts of the activity they profit from.

Yours Sincerely

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