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Donald Ross, Chair, Greenpeace, Inc.

Donald Ross has served as the Board Chair since April 2004. Donald has a long history of work in the public interest. He was the director of the Citizen Action Group, which was the organizing arm of the Ralph Nader Public Citizen organization. In that role, he helped to establish the Connecticut Citizen Action Group and organized Public Interest Research Groups in 15 states. He organized the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) and was hired as the first staff person. During his tenure, he led NYPIRG to become the largest state-based research and advocacy organization in the nation. Donald was a co-founder of the Environmental Grantmakers Association and director of the Rockefeller Family Fund.

Donald is CEO of M&R strategic services, which provides lobbying, public relations, field organizing, e-advocacy, and telephone and direct mail services to national, regional,

and state clients. He is also a partner in Malkin & Ross, which provides lobbying services before the New York State Legislature and various administrative agencies. In addition, Donald assists members of the Rockefeller family with personal philanthropy.

Valerie Denney, Greenpeace, Inc.

Valerie Denney established Valerie Denney Communications (VDC) in 1989 to offer professional public relations services to organizations and individuals working for positive social change.

Valerie works with government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector to develop communications strategies for complex issues such as the environment, affordable housing, community development, education, community finance, and solutions to poverty. Valerie's current work includes projects with The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the City of Chicago's Department of Planning and Development, The Chicago Community Trust, the Joyce Foundation, Metropolitan Planning Council, Chicago Public Schools, and Housing Illinois.

Valerie brings a broad experience base to her work at Valerie Denney Communications. Prior to establishing her firm, Valerie served in Mayor Harold Washington's press office, worked for U.S. Steel, served as a union representative and teacher, and participated in numerous electoral and community-based campaigns.

Valerie conducts media trainings for a wide variety of organizations including National Community Capital Association, National Legal Aid and Defenders Association, and the Chicago-based Community Media Workshop. Valerie has a Master's degree in English from Indiana University.

Elizabeth Gilchrist, Greenpeace, Inc. & Greenpeace Fund, Inc.

Liz is a progressive political activist who has spent her life working with cutting edge NGO's that are about creating social change. For the first 15 years of her professional life, she worked as a civil rights and Legal Services lawyer in Mississippi, primarily as a federal litigator. She joined the Greenpeace fund raising staff in 1993, and in her capacity as Major Gifts Manager, spent the next seven years leading a team that helped establish the major donor and planned giving programs as vital components of the organization's overall financial health. She is currently Gift Planning Director of the National Organization for Women (NOW), the largest grass roots feminist organization in the country with over 650,000 contributing members.

Liz has been a volunteer activist with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) for nearly two decades. She has been a board member of both the Mississippi and Virginia ACLU affiliates, and currently chairs Virginia's Development Committee, which is responsible for a \$100,000 annual fund raising campaign. She served several terms on

the National Board of ACLU in the 1980's, and is standing for election to another term in May, 2005.

Since leaving the Greenpeace staff in 2000, Liz has remained active in governance issues as a Voting Member, having served four consecutive terms on the Membership Committee, which reviews and recommends applicants for voting membership. She also served one term on the Nominating Committee, representing the voting membership. Liz has proudly been a monthly donor to Greenpeace Fund for more than 10 years.

Jeffrey Hollender, Greenpeace, Inc.

At the age of 20, Jeffrey established a non-profit learning exchange called the Skills Exchange of Toronto, which offered classes on a wide range of issues, from the practical and professional to the political. After living in Canada, Jeffrey returned to the United States and founded Network for Learning, an adult education program and audio publishing company in New York City, which he later sold to Warner Publishing in 1985.

In 1989, he co-founded Seventh Generation, the leading brand of natural and environmentally responsible household and personal care products.

Jeffrey is the author of several books, including *How to Make the World a Better Place: A Guide for Doing Good* (Warner Publishing 1990; Rev. Ed. by William Morrow Co. 1995) and *What Matters Most: How A Visionary Group Of Pioneers Are Teaching Social Responsibility To Big Business - And Why Big Business Is Listening* (Basic Books 2004). *What Matters Most* has received critical acclaim from the Financial Times of London, Fast Company Magazine, the Knight-Ridder Newspaper Group and the Harvard Business School Working Knowledge Newsletter and has been praised by numerous dignitaries in the corporate world. In 2002, he contributed a chapter to the book, *Sustainable Planet: Roadmaps for the 21st Century*, entitled "Changing the Nature of Commerce" (Beacon Press 2002). Jeffrey's forthcoming book, *Naturally Clean*, which he co-wrote with his daughter Meika, will be published by New Society Publishers in March 2006.

Through his speaking engagements, Jeffrey frequently addresses social and environmental responsibility at regional, national and international venues. Speaking engagements have included the Harvard Environmental Forum, the National Press Club, the Green Festival, the World Resources Institute, the Environmental Protection Agency's Waste Conference, the United Nations Summit on Sustainable Growth, Businesses for Social Responsibility and business schools throughout the United States.

David Hunter, Greenpeace, Inc.

David Hunter is an international environmental and human rights lawyer, who has represented traditional and indigenous communities throughout the world in the pursuit of environmental justice. For more than fifteen years, he has promoted the rights and

interests of local communities harmed by projects involving U.S. multinational corporations or financed by the World Bank and other financial institutions. While David was executive director of the Center for International Environmental Law, the Center set new precedents in bringing actions on behalf of local communities and the environment before the World Trade Organization, the InterAmerican Human Rights Commission, the US Patent Office, and the World Bank Inspection Panel. He is also co-author of the country's leading international environmental law textbook, which champions a people-first approach to international law.

David is a professor of law at the American University Washington College of Law, Director of the Program on International and Comparative Environmental Law, and President of Peregrine Environmental Consulting, which provides legal, strategic, and management advice to non-governmental organizations and foundations. He is currently chairman of the Board of Directors for the Project on Government Oversight and the Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide-US, and a member of the Board of EarthRights International. Each of these organizations challenge government and corporate power on behalf of the public, the environment or local communities. During his career, David has also served as the executive director of three advocacy organizations: the Bank Information Center, the Center for International Environmental Law and WaterWatch of Oregon.

David is a 1983 graduate of the University of Michigan and a 1986 graduate of the Harvard Law School.

David Naguib Pellow, Greenpeace, Inc.

Since he was a teenager, David has been involved in non-violent social change work, beginning with his volunteering for groups like US Out of South Africa (USOSA) and later founding Students for a Better Environment and an animal rights group at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in the early 1990s.

David worked for People for Community Recovery (PCR), an African American environmental justice organization in Chicago's South Side. While at PCR, David edited the organization's newsletter and represented it at the Chicago Brownfields Task Force, the USEPA's Common Sense Initiative, and the President's Council on Sustainable Development. David was also a key member of teams of activists who initiated Good Neighbor campaigns with Clark Oil company and the Ford Motor Company to push them toward clean production.

After PCR, David worked with the Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition and helped launch the International Campaign for Responsible Technology (ICTR), and has been a member of the planning committee since 2002. The ICRT is an international solidarity network that promotes corporate and government accountability in the global electronics industry. ICT's first book, *Challenging the Chip: Labor Rights and Environmental Justice in the*

Global Electronics Industry, is being published by Temple University Press in June 2006. David is one of the editors and contributors to this volume.

More recently, David helped coordinate the first meeting of the Transatlantic Initiative on Environmental Justice, a U.S./Central and Eastern Europe coalition of environmental justice and human rights activists, attorneys, and scholars, who are linking environmental justice advocacy and research efforts across the Atlantic.

Bryony Schwan, Greenpeace, Inc.

Bryony's activism started in the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa. In the early 1980s, she was a member of HERE local 34 and participated in the largest strike of women workers in the United States. Since the 1980s, she has been active in several local and regional forest, wildlife and wilderness groups, as both a staff person and volunteer.

In 1994, Bryony founded Women's Voices for the Earth, now a national women's toxics and environmental justice organization. In 2001, she co-founded Coming Clean, one of the most effective toxics coalitions, comprising over 60 local, state and national groups. Other coalitions in which she has been involved include the Global Anti-Incineration Alliance, Health Care Without Harm and the Alliance for Sustainable Jobs and the Environment. In 2003, Bryony received Montana's Jeannette Rankin Peace Award for her peace and political work in that state.

While her work has been focused on environmental and social justice issues, Bryony has been deeply interested in, read and written about what makes change happen, why movements succeed or fail and what makes it so difficult for movements on the political left to work together. She is also extremely interested in the intersection between poverty and environmental degradation and between the reproductive rights movement (especially as defined by women of color) and the toxics movement. Bryony has worked on a number of political campaigns and ran (unsuccessfully) for the State Senate.

Jigar Shah, Greenpeace, Inc.

Jigar Shah has extensive experience in both the photovoltaic solar and wind industries. In 2003, Jigar founded SunEdison, which since its inception has grown to become the largest solar energy service provider in the U.S.

SunEdison, which is headquartered in Baltimore, MD, offers an innovative set of financial solutions to meet the energy needs of its clients with clean, renewable energy. SunEdison provides solar generated energy at or below current retail utility rates to a broad and diverse client base – from public agencies and private enterprises to non-profit organizations. SunEdison clients include Whole Foods, Staples and the California Department of Corrections. Additionally, SunEdison was recently selected to power the

Kohl Corporation, which plans to convert more than 75% of its California locations to solar power.

Prior to founding SunEdison, Jigar worked in corporate strategy and sales, specializing in national commercial accounts, for solar industry giant BP Solar. In addition to working for the Department of Energy on alternative vehicle and fuel cell programs, Jigar worked in an engineering capacity for both AstroPower, the largest publicly traded pure-play PV solar company, and Atlantic Orient Corporation, a leader in the medium sized wind turbine market.

Jigar has a MBA from the Robert H. Smith School of Business, University of Maryland and a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. In its early days, SunEdison worked out of the Greenpeace DC office, and has since worked closely with Greenpeace US on energy issues.

Sharyle Patton, Greenpeace, Inc

Sharyle Patton is the director of the Commonweal Environmental Health Program in Bolinas, CA, which seeks to protect human and ecosystem health from environmental contaminants. Commonweal takes a science-based approach to the challenge of reducing manmade contaminants in the environment, and is engaged in initiatives that include the Collaborative on Health and the Environment (CHE), Health Care Without Harm (HCWH), the International POPS Elimination Network, and the Commonweal Biomonitoring Resource Center.

Sharyle was previously the northern co-chair of the International Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPS) Elimination Network, a network of over 350 non-governmental organizations around the world which worked successfully for the positive conclusion of the United Nations treaty on POPS, signed in May 2001. She was the chair of the Citizens Network for Sustainable Development in the early-to mid-90's, serving on the UN Commission on Sustainable Development during that time. Sharyle has also produced several documentaries, including "The Man Behind the Bomb, Leo Szilard" for NOVA in the mid-80's.

Sharyle has been active on women's reproductive health and sexual rights issues for many years. She was an anti-war activist during her college years at Reed in the 1960's, and was a professional musician from 1968-1978.

David Chatfield, Chair, Greenpeace Fund, Inc.

David Chatfield has worked with environmental organizations for nearly thirty years. Currently, he is the Director of Californians for Pesticide Reform, a coalition of 135 organizations addressing the health and environmental impacts of pesticides. Previously, David was California Director of Clean Water Action. He worked for Greenpeace for ten

years in various roles, including as Chair of the Greenpeace board, Pacific Southwest Regional Director and Senior Development Associate. He also served for eight years as Friends of the Earth's International Director, and worked for the American Friends Service Committee and UFW before that. He is currently President of the EarthShare of California Board and serves on advisory committees for Greenaction, Political Ecology Group and the League of Conservation Voters in California.

Peggy Burks, Greenpeace Fund, Inc.

Peggy Burks has twenty-five years of experience in managing nonprofit organizations, working as Executive Director of the San Francisco Zoological Society (1978 - 1996) and as Executive Director of The Marine Mammal Center, also in the San Francisco Bay area (1996 - 2000). Peggy has served on numerous advisory boards and task forces: the Oiled Wildlife Care Network; the Salmonid/Pinniped Interaction Working Group, composed of representatives from the fishing industry, environmental organizations, scientific institutions, and government agencies; the City of San Francisco negotiation team for giant panda and golden monkey exhibit loan agreements with the People's Republic of China; and the Joint Use Task Force for Environmental Review of Oceanside Water Pollution Control Plants.

As Executive Director of the San Francisco Zoological Society, Peggy used a team management style to lead this public institution through impressive growth. She expanded operations from \$2 to \$15 million and increased attendance from 600,000 to 1.2 million. To support the expanding program, she increased membership from 1,200 to 27,000, increased annual giving from \$100,000 to \$2 million, and raised \$20 million in capital campaign funds. Over the past three years at The Marine Mammal Center, Peggy drew upon her considerable financial and management skills to turn around this ailing nonprofit. She clarified and strengthened the organization's vision, established clear staff responsibilities and authority, created a collaborative process in planning and problem solving, strengthened and expanded the fundraising program, and re-built the Board into a strong leadership body. Peggy is currently a consultant in organizational development and fundraising.

Karen Topakian, Greenpeace Fund, Inc.

Karen Topakian has been the Executive Director of the Agape Foundation - Fund for Nonviolent Social Change since 1993. Karen has worked in the activist and advocacy wing of the non-profit sector for 30 years, including serving as a Nuclear Disarmament Campaigner for Greenpeace, as the first director of the University of Rhode Island's Women's Center and as a manager of a food co-op.

Karen has served on the Greenpeace Fund board since 1994. She served for 10 years on the Board of the Western States Legal Foundation and for four years on the Women's AIDS Network board.

Karen co-chaired San Francisco's Fundraising Day in 2003 and served on the event committee for National Philanthropy Day in San Francisco from 2002 to 2004. In 2006, she served on the Fundraising Committee and Organizing Committee for Raising Change, A Social Justice Fundraising Conference sponsored by the Grassroots Fundraising Journal. She frequently serves on panels of social justice grantmakers, nonprofit executive directors and board members.

Karen is a 1976 graduate of Clark University and a 1987 graduate of the San Francisco Art Institute where she received a master's degree in filmmaking.

John Willis, Greenpeace Fund, Inc.

John Willis has extensive experience with Greenpeace, having worked as a Campaigner for Greenpeace Canada (1981 - 1988), a Project Coordinator for Greenpeace International (1988 - 1995), and as National Campaign Director for Greenpeace Japan (1995 - 1996). In the early 1980s, he developed the original Great Lakes Campaign ('Water for Life') in conjunction with Greenpeace USA activists, and was prominent in the anti-nuclear movement and the campaign to stop acid rain. At Greenpeace International he oversaw the successful Greenpeace effort to halt nuclear industry expansion into Eastern Europe and Southeast Asia. And in Japan, John trained a new team of campaigners working on French nuclear testing and toxics.

Since returning to Canada, John has been a Senior Consultant with Strategic Communications, a leading Canadian consulting firm that specializes in fundraising and campaign mobilization for advocacy groups, labor unions, and public service organizations. John was elected to the Greenpeace Canada Board of Directors in 1996, and was made Chair of the Board one year later. As Chair and Trustee for Canada, John has guided the successful selection and hiring of a new Executive Director, introduced measures to enable effective oversight by the Voting Membership, and promoted an improved system of electing the international Board.

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