

# **EXHIBIT 2533**

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**From:** Steven Donziger [sdonziger@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 28, 2007 9:17 AM  
**To:** William Langewiesche  
**Subject:** Re: Confidential

given your purpose, that is one of the most perfect emails i have read.  
i literally have no suggestions which is rare for me.

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On 2/27/07, **William Langewiesche** <WLang@vf.com> wrote:  
What say, Steve. I gotta send this tonight.

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Dear Kent,

In response to your email of Friday, and as I said earlier today on the phone, I continue to believe that, for clarity, email is the appropriate way to communicate at this time. I would like to emphasize to you that my primary contact with the plaintiffs was with their Ecuadorian lawyer Pablo Fajardo, that my working conversations with him were one-on-one and unattended by handlers from the plaintiffs, and furthermore that when I attempted to engage with his exact counterpart, Chevron's lead Ecuadorian attorney, I was informed that he was not allowed to talk to me, and that Chevron policy precluded such a conversation. As you know I am neither an environmentalist nor a campaigner of any kind, and I remain open to Chevron's position, as I have been all along. At this late stage, however, the communications that can add meaningfully to my understanding of Chevron's position are those not already on Chevron's website or in its public documents. I am asking for specific and detailed information. The questions I emailed to you are utterly straightforward and concrete. If as you say Chevron is being unfairly attacked, this should be an opportunity to set the record straight--but such clarifications cannot be efficiently communicated through group meetings, powerpoint presentations, undocumented assertions, or silence. I am asking for nothing more than transparency here, and for a limited set of simple and verifiable facts. As for my questions, as I said on the phone, I believe the origins are in each case completely clear. Many of the questions are a response to the document you handed me, which suffered for the lack of footnotes and sourcing. Other questions are rooted in public court documents, Chevron's own judicial inspections and reports, and in a few cases statements or assertions made to me by Pablo Fajardo or Steven Donziger. Absolutely nothing the plaintiffs have said to me would be new to you--they have made the same statements repeatedly on their websites, to the press, and in court. Nonetheless, if the origins of any of my questions are not clear, please identify those questions to me, so that I can provide you with that information.

Again for purposes of transparency I would like you to understand that I am running short of time. I do not yet have a firm deadline, but I know from experience that days count. I do not think that what I have asked of you is in some way opaque or unreasonable, or that it requires more than a day or two once a decision has been made to proceed. Almost all of the answers must be readily at hand. It would see to me that you might consider this to be an opportunity to forsake spin, and to build the sort of solid foundation of verifiable facts that can support the image of Chevron that you would like to promote.

Thank you once again for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

William

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