

Hyundai's Dirty Bribery : KPK Must Investigate Thoroughly All Parties Involved.

Bribery cases on Indonesian electrical energy projects more and more sprung up. After the case in the Riau's coal power plant, then the one in Cirebon 2 coal power plant has also revealed. According to the press release of the Indonesian Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK), it has determined Herry Jung, General Manager of Hyundai Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd. as a suspect of bribery to a former Cirebon regent related to the permission of Cirebon 2 coal power plant, which PT. Cirebon Energi Prasarana (CEPR) is pushing through in Cirebon districts.

Herry Jung allegedly provided bribery to Sunjaya, the former Cirebon regent, as much as 6.04 billion rupiah out of 10 billion rupiah in total that was promised. For this action, Herry Jung is threatened 5 years maximum in jail or 500 million rupiah maximum of fine.

Determination of Herry Jung as the suspect also came along with the prohibition to travel abroad for two top management of PT. CEPR. These two persons are Heru Dewanto, President Director and Teguh Haryono, Director of Corporate Affairs. The travel ban by KPK has been announced also allegedly related to the bribery case on the permission of the Cirebon 2 coal fired power plant.

Addressing this, we as Climate Justice Advocacy Team encourage and urge KPK to investigate this bribery case thoroughly. There should be more parties who has been actually involved in the bribery case on the permission of the Cirebon 2 coal fired power plant. Several actors at the local level are still sauntering free and have not been touched yet. And even there is one who got position as a village leader. In fact, based on the witness's confession in Sunjaya's previous court trial, the names who were involved in this bribery case have been revealed and have been often mentioned.

For information, Climate Justice Advocacy Team and affected community representative have ever been suing against the environment permission for the Cirebon 2 coal fired power plant due to allegedly the violation against the Cirebon district spatial plan. However, the plaintiffs' demand in the lawsuit was rejected by the decision of the supreme court's judges, against which our Team and the community representative has demanded the verdict review last August and are still waiting for the final decision.

Cirebon 2 coal-fired power plant is the expansion of an existing one . These 2 units are power plants based on coal known as dirty energy . The project has become more dirty due to the bribery practise. In the development process, the project has resulted in sad stories that the local affected community has been suffering from negative impact on their environment and society. It is unfortunate that such stories are not revealed more in public. Cirebon 2 coal-fired power plant, or PT. CEPR, is invested by Japanese, Korean and Indonesian companies, including Marubeni, Komipo, and Indika. And the banks, including Japan Bank International Cooperation (JBIC), The Export-Import Bank of Korea (Kexim), Mizuho Bank, Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC), MUFG Bank, and ING Bank, are providing their loan for PT. CEPR.

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