**Transcript of Oxfam video on Camisea**

Key concepts highlighted which add information to or contradict certain statements in article on "Gas for Peru"

The project contributed over $1 bn in royalties to the government between 2004-08.

Since the project started, the river has become an active highway, bringing people and equipment deep into the Amazon.

Alfredo Ugarte says: “Now we see 60/70 boats daily, so that shows how life here has changed”.

Machinganga leaders are concerned about all the traffic and environmental impacts that frequently accompany massive gas projects like this one.

The project has had 5 gas spills since 2004, despite promises to protect the environment by foreign donors, including the US who helped finance the project through the world bank and IDB (interamerican development bank).

Local residents are monitoring company operations, river traffic, water quality and social changes.

PlineoKategari says: “We care about nature, protecting the environment, and we’ve always been conservationists. So we think it’s unfair, after such a long time, after all of our conservation efforts, that the government could give concessions to the multinational companies that benefit other countries and Lima’s wealthy class”.

In Asharate, …gas money has been used to build a new swimming pool, office building, market and fairground, yet, communities all round Camisea still lack clean drinking water; they also say that fishstocks…are declining in the Camisea river, forcing them to travel several days to find fish to eat. So far, revenue from the gas project has done little to change rates of poverty, illiteracy and malnutrition in communities meant to benefit from the project. “The boom…generates benefits that don’t last”. Many jobs are temporary, lasting only the first phase of construction which demands a lot of unskilled labour; …the few remaining jobs require technical training.

Many indigenous people are migrating to cities in search of jobs;

For this development to serve everyone in the country…the governments and companies must respect the rights and culture of the local communities.

“What we want is for our human rights to be respected, to be consulted and to be offered protection against the environmental pollution and social problems we are living”.

Oxfam America and its partners are calling on the companies and the government to secure the free, prior and informed consent of local communities for all oil and gas projects.

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