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Chubb Shareholders Support Comprehensive Reporting on Indigenous Rights Risk—A First for the Insurance Industry

A 16.5% proxy vote signals desire for comprehensive reporting on Indigenous rights risk

<u>New York, NY</u> – The 16.5% vote in support for comprehensive Indigenous Rights Risk reporting at the May 17th Chubb Limited Annual General Meeting signifies a sizeable amount of shareholder interest in fully understanding how the insurance company underwrites projects with human rights impacts, specifically to Indigenous Peoples' right to free, prior and informed consent (FPIC).

In advance of the AGM, Domini Impact Investments proposed that Chubb "publish a report, describing how human rights risks and impacts are evaluated and incorporated in the underwriting process," including "the extent to which Free, Prior and Informed Consent, as articulated in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, is considered or evaluated in the underwriting process." The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) approved the proposal following Chubb's request to omit it.

<u>Stakeholder consultation</u> is an important part of the underwriting process to gather all relevant data, evaluate project impacts and estimate risks. This includes risks from impacts to rights holders, such as Indigenous Peoples. Since 2020, the Gwich'in Steering Committee has been encouraging Chubb not to insure or underwrite oil and gas projects in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, which contains land that is sacred to the Gwich'in and calving grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd, which the Gwich'in depend on for their subsistence and cultural practice for thousands of years.

Chubb's current disclosures and its Opposition Statement to the proposal do not explain how it considers and evaluates human rights risks in underwriting, but instead reference its Code of Conduct and environmental commitments, and philanthropy, with only general support of Indigenous Peoples, without explaining how Indigenous Rights or FPIC are incorporated into business decisions that may impact Indigenous Peoples.

"Bringing this proposal before other investors, working in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples in shaping and informing our engagement, and seeing this building level of support, reinforce that Indigenous Peoples' rights should be part of its underwriting processes," said Mary Beth Gallaher, Director of

Engagement at Domini Impact Investments. "The intersection of climate change, human rights, and the role of communities in protecting not only their rights, but also sensitive and biodiverse ecosystems is part of the full picture shareholders have encouraged Chubb to consider with this vote."

"Because Chubb does not disclose its approach to free, prior and informed consent screening or due diligence, shareholders have concerns about mispricing risk in its underwriting of projects that impact Indigenous Peoples," said **Kate Finn, Executive Director of First Peoples Worldwide**, which works with Indigenous leaders to forward priorities in corporate engagement. "The reporting that shareholders have requested from Chubb is only one step for comprehensive Indigenous Rights Risk assessment and would follow the operationalization of human rights due diligence inclusive of Indigenous Peoples' participatory rights, land rights and all rights as enshrined by the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples."

While Chubb's recent oil & gas and conservation policy effectively ruled out supporting such projects in the Refuge, it lacked any human rights or Indigenous Peoples' rights policy. Noting Chubb's leadership as the first American insurer with policy to protect the Refuge, **Bernadette Demientieff, Executive Director of the Gwich'in Steering Committee** said, "Companies cannot divide our people from this sacred place. We must be involved in all decisions where there are impacts to our land, animals, and communities. We call on Chubb and all companies to respect our rights, including our right to free, prior, and informed consent."

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