
CRITERIA FOR CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

Adrian Dominican Sisters

The following statement is issued by the Adrian Dominican Sisters, with the approval of the General Council, as a Congregational position for our corporate investments. This position is based on the enactments of our General Chapters of 2004, 2010, 2016, as well as prior Chapters. We charged ourselves with the responsibility to evaluate our Congregational investments in relation to Gospel social values and principles. We strive to effect change toward justice in the policies and operations of corporations in which we hold investments.

1. **Peace/Nonviolence**

We encourage world peace through the production of non-military goods and services; we strongly support efforts made by corporations engaged in military production to convert to peacetime work.

We will not invest in major military contractors, defined as any company that derives more than 4% of its revenues from military systems-related contracts and/or *any* of its revenues from nuclear weapons systems-related contracts, as follows:

Military Systems. Military systems are all weapons-related systems and non-weapons military systems designed for use in battlefield situations, including launch and guidance systems, delivery, deployment, transport, refueling, and command, control and communications systems, their components, maintenance, testing, research and development. This category includes contracts with the U.S. Department of Energy for nuclear weapons and weapons systems.

Nuclear Weapons Systems. Nuclear weapons systems include nuclear weapons, their components, maintenance, testing, research and development including launch and guidance systems, delivery and deployment systems, testing facilities and components of the above. This category includes all of the systems and components necessary for building, guiding, deploying and detonating a nuclear device as well as the device itself.

2. **Human Rights**

We promote the protection of human dignity and human rights in the global economy through fair labor practices throughout the supply chain, including: the right to organize; adequate benefits; prohibition of child labor; safe working conditions; empowerment of employees through training and development; and participatory decision making, including management and board membership.

We discourage investment in corporations that are known to be discriminatory in their policies related to hiring, wages, promotions and governance due to prejudices in the areas of gender, age, race, religion, culture, ethnicity, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or political affiliation.

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We will be alert to human rights issues in our global economy, including: human trafficking, internet censorship, patenting of life forms, access to water, and mining and energy operations.

3. **Environment**

We encourage expanding investments in sustainability-focused investment opportunities, including: wind, solar, recapture of landfill gas, and the use of recycled materials.

We discourage investment in:

- a. Corporations that utilize thermal coal and oil sands.
- b. Corporations that produce nuclear energy and new nuclear power plants.
- c. Corporations that dispose of hazardous waste improperly.
- d. Corporations that have been cited for water, land, and/or air pollution and have not taken corrective measures.
- e. Corporations that destroy the land by mountain-top mining, clear cutting timberland, or harvesting rainforests.
- f. Corporations that produce hazardous/toxic chemicals, ecologically destructive herbicides and/or pesticides.
- g. Corporations that promote and encourage hydraulic fracking as a sole means of extracting natural gas from shale rock.

4. **Community Reinvestment**

We expect corporations to invest in the communities in which they operate. We urge corporations to support the principles of free, prior, informed consent whereby the local community has equal voice in decision making regarding development projects. We support investment in creating resilient communities.

We will not invest in financial institutions which receive less than a satisfactory rating from federal regulatory agencies under the Community Reinvestment Act.

5. **Quality of Life**

We expect corporations to produce goods and services that contribute to the quality of life.

We will not invest in corporations that manufacture tobacco products.

6. **Domestic and International Lending**

We advocate for the responsible use of monies by banks, insurance companies and brokerage firms.

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We discourage investment in financial institutions:

- a. whose loans undermine a country's socio-economic development; and/or
- b. that engage in predatory lending.

We will not invest in World Bank Bonds.

7. Health Care

As Catholic providers of health care we understand health care delivery as an essential expression of the healing ministry of Christ and not as a mere economic commodity that can be bought and sold. We believe health care is fundamentally different from most other goods and services because it is essential to human dignity and necessary for the common good. Its primary purpose is to bring healing and create a healthy community, not earn a profit or return on capital for shareholders. We affirm investments in affordable and accessible health care and medicines for all, especially those who are most in need.

We will not invest in publicly held, for-profit health care provider companies, e.g., hospitals, physician organizations and management groups, and long-term care or rehabilitation centers.

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