COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 WITH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 2014

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors EarthRights International, Inc. Washington, D.C.

We have audited the accompanying combined financial statements of EarthRights International, Inc. and the Foundation for Culture and Environment in Southeast Asia, collectively ERI, which comprise the combined statement of financial position as of December 31, 2015, and the related combined statements of activities and change in net assets, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the combined financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these combined financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of combined financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these combined financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the combined financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the combined financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the combined financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the combined financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the combined financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined financial position of ERI as of December 31, 2015, and the combined change in its net assets and its combined cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited ERI's 2014 combined financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited combined financial statements in our report dated April 27, 2015. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of December 31, 2014, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited combined financial statements from which it has been derived.

Gelman Rosenberg & Freedman

May 13, 2016

COMBINED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015 WITH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 2014

ASSETS

		2015		2014
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,457,160	\$	4,082,217
Escrow - litigation fund Accounts receivable		97,317 43,584		77,247 36,684
Advances to field offices		59,357		37,162
Loans receivable		_		63,193
Grants receivable		2,678,796		990,745
Prepaid expenses		52,395		52,597
Total current assets	_	5,388,609	_	5,339,845
FIXED ASSETS				
Land		220,544		220,544
Improvements		11,938		11,650
Buildings Property and equipment		222,052 74,030		-
Property and equipment		74,030		133,722
		528,564		365,916
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	_	(48,399)	_	<u>(108,939</u>)
Net fixed assets		480,165		256,977
OTHER ASSETS				
Deposits		5,960		5,960
Investments, long-term (Note 2)		1,993,836		130,880
Total other assets		1,999,796	_	136,840
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	7,868,570	\$	5,733,662
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	47,955	\$	12,235
Accrued salaries and related benefits	_	112,917		86,795
Total current liabilities		160,872		99,030
NET ASSETS				
Unrestricted:				
Operating		1,991,124		2,212,607
Board designated (Note 3)	_	900,000		900,000
Total unrestricted		2,891,124		3,112,607
Temporarily restricted (Note 4)		4,816,574		2,522,025
Total net assets		7,707,698		5,634,632
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	7,868,570	\$	5,733,662

See accompanying notes to combined financial statements.

COMBINED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 WITH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 2014

2015						
		Unrestricted				
	On eventive e	Board	Total	Temporarily	Tatal	Tatal
REVENUE	Operating	Designated	<u>Unrestricted</u>	Restricted	Total	Total
Contributions Foundation grants Investment income (Note 2) Rental income (Note 5)	\$ 120,771 239,571 50,293	\$ - - - -	\$ 120,771 239,571 50,293	\$ 189,500 4,380,372 (1,020) -	4,619,943 49,273 -	1,809,397 10,288 1,500
Other revenue Net assets released from donor restrictions (Note 4)	78,314 <u>2,274,303</u>	-	78,314 <u>2,274,303</u>	- (2,274,303)	78,314	(966)
Total revenue	2,763,252		2,763,252	2,294,549	5,057,801	2,105,661
EXPENSES						
Program Services: Legal Advocacy and Campaigns ER Schools and Training International Cross-Cutting	1,339,200 279,686 265,868 465,969	- - -	1,339,200 279,686 265,868 465,969	- - -	1,339,200 279,686 265,868 465,969	1,206,845 252,511 292,148 710,260
Total program services	2,350,723		2,350,723		2,350,723	2,461,764
Supporting Services: Management and General Development	300,677 <u>333,335</u>		300,677 <u>333,335</u>		300,677 <u>333,335</u>	197,135 201,060
Total supporting services	634,012		634,012		634,012	398,195
Total expenses	2,984,735		2,984,735		2,984,735	2,859,959
Change in net assets	(221,483)	-	(221,483)	2,294,549	2,073,066	(754,298)
Net assets at beginning of year	2,212,607	900,000	3,112,607	2,522,025	5,634,632	6,388,930
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ <u>1,991,124</u>	\$ <u>900,000</u>	\$ <u>2,891,124</u>	\$ <u>4,816,574</u>	\$ <u>7,707,698</u>	\$ <u>5,634,632</u>

COMBINED STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 WITH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 2014

						ram Serv			2015
						ER			
			Α	dvocacy	S	chools			Total
				and		and	Inte	ernational	Program
		Legal	Ca	mpaigns	Т	raining	Cro	ss-Cutting	Services
Salaries and fringe benefits	•		•		^	~~ ~-~	•		• • • • • • • •
(Note 6)	\$	802,434	\$	123,884	\$	99,876	\$	363,361	\$ 1,389,555
Interns and volunteers		3,250		2,205		16,185		1,820	23,460
Fellowships		72,843		2,198		-		-	75,041
Professional/consulting fees		149,843		17,195		15,475		8,932	191,445
Rent and utilities (Note 5)		74,335		24,811		17,331		34,893	151,370
Telephone and Internet		8,959		4,538		2,143		10,044	25,684
Office supplies and expenses		16,398		10,405		6,807		11,673	45,283
Travel		179,158		84,810		96,429		31,149	391,546
Outreach and conferences		1,064		345		-		1,050	2,459
Insurance		-		-		-		-	-
Banking, financial services									
and currency fluctuation		890		2,710		4,990		-	8,590
Depreciation and amortization		1,957		883		605		1,891	5,336
Subscription/reference									
material		7,604		2,567		76		378	10,625
Program planning		2,093		1,657		4,702		582	9,034
Grants		5,000		-		-		-	5,000
Board expense		465		-		-		-	465
Other		12,907		1,478		1,249		196	15,830
TOTAL	\$ 1	,339,200	\$	279,686	\$	265,868	\$	465,969	\$ 2,350,723

Supporting Services						2014			
	Management and General		velopment	Sı	Total Supporting Services		Total Expenses		Total Expenses
\$	214,632 - - 33,365 18,444 4,793 11,881 10,930 660	\$	240,291 - - 29,624 16,794 5,226 1,837 688 - - 7,264	\$	454,923 - - 62,989 35,238 10,019 13,718 11,618 660 7 264	\$	1,844,478 23,460 75,041 254,434 186,608 35,703 59,001 403,164 3,119 7,264	\$	1,705,039 23,735 44,110 257,062 199,483 34,291 66,393 425,046 5,274 6 238
	- 513 153 79 463 - 64 4,700		7,264 3,908 3,749 - 997 - 21,457 1,500		7,264 4,421 3,902 79 1,460 - 21,521 6,200		7,264 13,011 9,238 10,704 10,494 5,000 21,986 22,030		6,238 (12,739) 9,281 10,580 14,284 30,375 25,230 16,277
\$	300,677	\$	333,335	\$	634,012	\$	2,984,735	\$	2,859,959

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 WITH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 2014

		2015	 2014
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Change in net assets	\$	2,073,066	\$ (754,298)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization Unrealized (gain) loss on investments Realized loss on investments		9,238 (26,987) 8,894	9,281 4,595 895
(Increase) decrease in: Accounts receivable Advances to field offices Loans receivable Grants receivable Prepaid expenses		(6,900) (22,195) 63,193 (1,688,051) 202	32,378 46,865 (63,193) 412,135 (43,740)
Increase (decrease) in: Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Accrued salaries and related benefits Grants payable Plaintiff settlement payable	_	35,720 26,122 - -	 (359) (14,164) (60,000) <u>(100,000</u>)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	_	472,302	 (529,605)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of fixed assets and improvements Purchase of investments Proceeds from sale of investments	_	(232,426) (1,941,938) <u>97,075</u>	 (16,925) (28,190) <u>18,972</u>
Net cash used by investing activities		(2,077,289)	 (26,143)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(1,604,987)	(555,748)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year, including escrow-litigation fund	_	4,159,464	 4,715,212
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR, INCLUDING ESCROW-LITIGATION FUND	\$_	2,554,477	\$ <u>4,159,464</u>
SCHEDULE OF NONCASH FINANCING TRANSACTIONS			
Donated Securities	\$	10,084	\$ 5,114

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2015

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization -

EarthRights International, Inc. (ERI) is a non-governmental, non-profit organization founded in 1995 that combines the power of law and the power of people in defense of human rights and the environment (earth rights). ERI specializes in fact-finding, legal actions against perpetrators of earth right abuses, training for grassroots and community leaders, and advocacy campaigns. Through these cutting edge strategies, ERI seeks to end earth rights abuses, to provide real solutions for real people, and to promote and protect human rights and the environment in the communities where ERI works.

The accompanying combined financial statements also includes the Foundation for Culture and Environment in Southeast Asia (the Foundation). The Foundation was established to afford ERI the legal capacity to hold title to land in Thailand, which it does, and nominatively assist in acquiring visas and other support functions for ERI staff based in Asia. The Foundation enters into limited financial activity with oversight by ERI.

ERI maintains the following programs to carry out the above goals:

Legal - ERI's Legal program seeks to bring power of the legal system to bear directly on earth rights abuses and thereby change the way that governments and corporations conduct business. To do so, ERI uses a variety of legal tools-especially litigation-to attach real costs to human rights and environmental abuses; thus encouraging public and private actors to respect earth rights everywhere.

Advocacy and Campaigns - ERI's Advocacy and Campaigns program seeks to raise awareness and build broad support for earth rights issues. ERI's goal is to ensure that there are strong legal mechanisms for corporate accountability with regard to human rights and environmental abuses, and to prevent abuses in the first place by showing public and private actors that there are heavy costs associated with those violations. ERI's campaigns organize public support for earth rights issues and aim to hold corporate and government human rights and environmental offenders accountable in the "court of public opinion". ERI pursues this work in various national and international forums, such as with the OECD and UN bodies.

ER Schools and Training - ERI's Training program equips the current and next generations of grassroots human rights and environmental defenders with the necessary skills to defend human rights and protect natural resources from harmful and unsustainable development. At ERI's EarthRights Schools, local leaders develop the experience and knowledge they need to work at the community level and to advocate nationally and internationally on behalf of their own communities. ERI currently has EarthRights Schools for Myanmar and for the Mekong region, which brings together persons from the six countries of the Mekong watershed, and focuses on sustainable water resource management and oversight of projects funded by international financial institutions. ERI conducts training for local leaders and legal advocates in the Amazon and Asia, and provides support for the alumni of its schools in these regions. In 2009, ERI launched the Mekong Legal Advocacy Institute, to provide training for lawyers in the Mekong region, and sustaining the Mekong Legal network for these lawyers.

International Cross-Cutting - This is a cross-program area which supports collaboration among ERI's other program areas, as well as supporting cross-program outreach via the use of the website and other social media tools.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2015

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION (Continued)

Basis of presentation -

The accompanying combined financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting, and in accordance with FASB ASC 958-810, *Not-for-Profit Entities, Consolidation.*

Cash and cash equivalents -

ERI considers all cash and other highly liquid investments with initial maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Bank deposit accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") up to a limit of \$250,000. At times during the year, ERI maintains cash balances in excess of the FDIC insurance limits. Management believes the risk in these situations to be minimal.

Investments -

Investments are recorded at their readily determinable fair value. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are included in investment income in the Combined Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets.

Accounts and grants receivable -

Accounts, loans and grants receivable approximate fair value. Management considers all amounts to be fully collectible. Accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been established.

Fixed assets -

Fixed assets in excess of \$500 are capitalized and stated at cost. Fixed assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related assets, generally three to five years. Improvements are amortized over the remaining life of the related improvements, generally three to to five years.

Income taxes -

ERI is exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the IRC). Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made in the accompanying combined financial statements. ERI is also classified as a private foundation in accordance with Section 509(a)2 of the IRC.

Uncertain tax positions -

For the year ended December 31, 2015, ERI has documented its consideration of FASB ASC 740-10, *Income Taxes*, that provides guidance for reporting uncertainty in income taxes and has determined that no material uncertain tax positions qualify for either recognition or disclosure in the combined financial statements.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2015

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION (Continued)

Net asset classification -

The net assets are reported in two groups as follows:

- Unrestricted net assets include earned revenue and contributions and grants received without donor-imposed restrictions. These net assets are available for the operation of ERI and include both internally designated and undesignated resources.
- Temporarily restricted net assets include contributions and grants subject to donorimposed stipulations that will be met by the actions of ERI and/or the passage of time. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the Combined Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets as net assets released from restrictions.

Contributions and grants -

Unrestricted and temporarily restricted contributions and grants are recorded as revenue in the year notification is received from the donor. Temporarily restricted contributions and grants are recognized as unrestricted support as actual expenses are incurred in compliance with the donor-imposed restrictions or as time restrictions are satisfied.

Fair value measurement -

ERI adopted the provisions of FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurement*. FASB ASC 820 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, establishes a fair value hierarchy based on the quality of inputs (assumptions that market participants would use in pricing assets and liabilities, including assumptions about risk) used to measure fair value, and enhances disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. ERI accounts for a significant portion of its financial instruments at fair value or considers fair value in their measurement.

Use of estimates -

The preparation of the combined financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the combined financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Functional allocation of expenses -

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Combined Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

Risks and uncertainties -

ERI invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rates, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the accompanying combined financial statements.

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2. INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE

In accordance with FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, ERI has categorized its financial instruments, based on the priority of the inputs to the valuation technique, into a three-level fair value hierarchy.

The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). If the inputs used to measure the financial instruments fall within different levels of hierarchy, the categorization is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the instrument.

Investments consisted of the following at December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	F	2014 Fair Value		
Mutual funds - equities Mutual funds - fixed income	\$	1,408,664 585,172	\$	108,259 22,621
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$	1,993,836	\$_	130,880

All of these investments are reported at fair value and classified as Level 1. Level 1 investments are investments where values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets in an active market that ERI has the ability to access. Included in investment income are the following at December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	 2015		2014
Interest and dividends Unrealized gain (loss) Realized loss	\$ 31,180 26,987 <u>(8,894</u>)	\$	15,778 (4,595) <u>(895</u>)
TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	\$ 49,273	\$ <u></u>	10,288

3. BOARD DESIGNATED NET ASSETS

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, net assets have been designated by the Board of Directors for the following purposes:

	 2015	 2014
Legal and Myanmar Programs and Organizational Reserve	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000
Litigation Reserve	 300,000	 300,000
TOTAL BOARD DESIGNATED NET ASSETS	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000

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4. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets consisted of the following at December 31, 2015 and 2014:

		2015		2014
Legal Capital Campaign Advocacy and Campaigns ER Schools and Training	\$	2,662,634 893,580 913,967 98,218	\$	1,016,583 528,008 391,365 232,439
Time Restricted	-	248,175	-	353,630
TOTAL TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS	\$	4,816,574	\$	2,522,025

The following temporarily restricted net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses (or through the passage of time) which satisfied the restricted purposes specified by the donors:

		2015		2014
Legal Capital Campaign Advocacy and Campaigns ER Schools and Training International Cross-Cutting Passage of Time	\$	1,043,160 23,928 305,845 363,416 201,582 <u>336,372</u>	\$	924,018 28,655 205,712 199,990 211,563 291,122
TOTAL NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM DONOR RESTRICTIONS	\$_	2,274,303	\$_	<u>1,861,060</u>

5. LEASE COMMITMENTS

Year Ending December 31,

On January 24, 2013, ERI signed a 37-month lease, commencing on May 1, 2013 and terminating on May 31, 2016. Base rent is \$103,158 per year, plus a proportionate share of expenses, increasing by a factor of 3% per year. ERI also maintains short-term operating leases on property in Thailand, Myanmar and Peru. Those leases expire within one year.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments:

2019		51,238
2018		121,479
2017		117,941
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2016	\$	114,505

Rent expense for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$179,444 and \$176,914, respectively.

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6. RETIREMENT PLAN

ERI provides retirement benefits to its employees through a Simple IRA Plan. This plan covers all employees in the United States. ERI contributes 2% of gross wages. Contributions to the plan for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 totaled \$23,416 and \$20,344, respectively.

7. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In preparing these combined financial statements, ERI has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through May 13, 2016, the date the combined financial statements were available to be issued.