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The Bhopal Medical Appeal

DIARY NOTICE: **Press Conference and photo opportunity:**

GROWING SCANDAL OVER OLYMPIC STADIUM SPONSOR

with cross-party MPs, Bhopal disaster survivor, well-known individuals TBA.

Venue: Olympic Stadium in Stratford

Embargoed until 9am Tuesday 15th November

When: Tuesday 15th November at 1pm.

What: press conference to launch a campaign, with cross-party support from MPs, NGOs and campaigners, demanding that LOCOG (London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games) reverse their decision to award Dow Chemical exclusive marketing rights to the London Olympic Stadium.

Dow Chemical have recently been found guilty of SERIOUS MALPRACTICE and have outstanding liabilities pertaining to the Bhopal disaster. They cannot be considered an appropriate sponsor of the London Olympics Stadium.

The campaign urges LOCOG and the Mayor of London (who ducked an official question at the London Assembly) to acknowledge the recent case that saw a wholly owned Dow subsidiary fined by the New York Securities and Exchange Commission and, in September this year, blacklisted by the Indian Agriculture Ministry for bribing officials in order to sell banned pesticides in India.

The campaign also urges Dow Chemical to recognise its ongoing responsibility to the victims of the Bhopal disaster and to acknowledge the continuing contamination, in Bhopal, and the ongoing legal proceedings.

The event will also be the launch of a letter to LOCOG signed by a broad coalition of MPs, Indian Olympian athletes, campaigners, Bhopal survivors organisations and celebrities.

Who: Amnesty International, Bhopal Medical Appeal, Cross-party MPs and MPs representing the Olympic Boroughs. Well-known individuals TBA. Plus the great-great-granddaughter of the last 'Begum of Bhopal' (the Bhopal Royal Family) and herself a survivor of the Bhopal disaster.

Where: Olympic Site View Tube, Olympic Park, Stratford. Nearest station is Pudding Mill Lane DLR. Click here for a map.