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Exploring Human Rights Due Diligence

Methodology

The methodology consisted of two main components. The first was legal and comparative research and analysis of the legal framework applicable to human rights due diligence, including the concept of due diligence as applied in other areas of law, and how human rights due diligence may be applied as a legal test by courts in the near future. The second component consisted of empirical research, including an anonymous online survey of 152 companies and interviews with 14 company representatives on their human rights due diligence practices. In addition, a business-only roundtable was convened, and a session entitled Human Rights Due Diligence in Law and Practice was convened at the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights in Geneva during November 2015. Survey and interview respondents represented business operating in all areas of the globe, in a broad range of sectors. The analysis focused in particular on the extractives (mining, oil and gas), financial, technology and health sciences sectors.

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