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Dear Dear Oakland City Council Members and City Administrator,

On March 17th we sent you an article from our website that asked the question “Who Owns TLS?” via an email that asked "WILL A COAL COMPANY TAKE OVER OAKLAND'S TERMINAL OPERATIONS?” We pointed out our web site, NoCoalInOakland.org, where we posted those questions.

Now the major Utah newspaper, the Salt Lake Tribune, is also asking, and answering, that question. That article is attached to this email.

You may have shared the question we had in the No Coal in Oakland campaign: Why aren’t the developers lining up other commodities instead of coal?

Now we know.

The company planning to operate our new bulk terminal, Terminal Logistics Solutions, portrays itself as an Oakland-based company that will bring jobs and economic development to Oakland by building a “multi-commodity” terminal on City-owned land near the foot of the Bay Bridge. In our article, we analyzed documents suggesting that TLS might be a front wholly controlled by Bowie Resource Partners, a coal company with mines in central Utah.

Today, an investigative reporter for the Salt Lake Tribune published a story digging deeper into the question of who is TLS: “Proponents buried coal’s role in Oakland export terminal; now questions remain.” A copy of that story is attached.
According to the Tribune, Bowie's executive chairman John Siegel acknowledged his firm has a “vested interest” in TLS, but Jerry Bridges, President and CEO of TLS “did not respond to repeated requests for comment.” Utah Gov. Gary Herbert who signed a bill allocating $53 million of public funds to finance the terminal for Bowie told the newspaper that his office will oversee the project and “there should be absolute openness and transparency at every step of the way.”

No Coal in Oakland agrees with Gov. Herbert that there should be “absolute openness and transparency at every step of the way,” but so far secrecy and opacity have prevailed. Jerry Bridges should give a full explanation of this deal which involves millions of taxpayers’ dollars and prime waterfront land that belongs to the people of Oakland.

Please prevent this coal company takeover of our Oakland public land. Please stop coal from being stored and shipped from Oakland.

BAN COAL NOW!

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