

NOMINATION FORM: Global Business & Interfaith Peace Awards

Note: Nominations are open to CEOs (present or past) of companies who have championed interfaith understanding and peace.

Nominee Contact Information

1. Nominee Full Name: Douglass Robison
2. Corporate Title: President & Founding Partner
3. Company Name: ExL Petroleum LP
4. Company Headquarters Location (Country): United States
5. Engagement with the UN Global Compact and/or the Religions Freedom & Business Foundation*
 - ☐ Company is a signatory of the UN Global Compact
 - ☐ Company has joined Business for Peace
 - ☐ Company has signed the Religious Freedom & Business Foundation's pledge to protect freedom of religion
 - ☐ Company intends to join one or more of the initiatives listed above in the next six months, please specify Religious Freedom & Business Foundation pledge

* Nominees are invited to:

1. join the [UN Global Compact](#) and its [Business for Peace](#) platform and,
2. make the Religious Freedom & Business Foundation's [corporate pledge to protect freedom of religion or belief](#) (FoRB)

Nominator Contact Information

1. Nominator Full Name: Scott Dinger
2. Corporate Title: Chief Operating Officer
3. Company Name: ExL Petroleum LP
4. Email Address: Scott@exlpetroleum.com
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6. Relationship to the Nominee: Co-Worker

Please submit a Biography of the Nominee (max 200 words)

Doug is a 1979 graduate of the Texas Tech School of Business with a Business Administration degree and a 1982 graduate of Texas Tech School of Law. Doug has also earned a Texas state-wide reputation as being an expert in the analysis and communication of issues impacting the independent oil and gas community. •At the request of the White House Taskforce on Energy Project Streamlining testified in

Washington, D.C., on Storm Water Discharge (NPDES) proposed EPA rule making. At the request of the White House made a joint presentation to the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Interior, the Commerce Department, the White House Energy Task Force and the Department of Labor on the potential adverse impacts proposed EPA rule making on the domestic oil and gas industry. Was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to serve on the Texas Energy Planning Council in 2004 and co-chaired the Energy Supply Committee with Texas Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson Doug was a co-organizer, sponsor and keynote speaker for the 2016 Asian Pacific Religious Freedom Forum bringing parliamentarians, religious leaders and NGOs focusing on the promotion of religious tolerance and freedom in the Asian Pacific. The Robison Excelsior Foundation (REF Established by Doug in 2010) 501(c)(3) foundation with it's primary focus, but not limited to, assisting organizations who are committed to providing hope and assistance to those in need. Charitable Organizations that REF is working with at the present: Helping Hands, Casa de Amigos, Life Center, Habitat for Humanity, Midland Fair Havens, Mission Center Adult Services, Greater Ideal Baptist Church, New Life Church, Young Life, YMCA, Boy Scouts of America, China Aid

Information about the policy, programme or initiative

1. Please describe a policy, programme or initiative that the Nominee has launched or spearheaded to advance the company's efforts to champion interfaith understanding and peace (max 300 words)

Doug was a co-organizer, sponsor and keynote speaker for the 2016 Asian Pacific (APAC) Religious Freedom Forum bringing parliamentarians, religious leaders and NGOs focusing on the promotion of religious tolerance and freedom in the Asian Pacific. The Asia Pacific Religious Freedom Forum aims to provide an opportunity for collaboration on promoting religious freedom and related human rights between regional leaders from the Asia Pacific, United States, Europe, and throughout the world. The APRFF aims to establish and reinforce existing networks of religious freedom advocates committed to promoting religious freedom in their respective countries and abroad, including the creation of both governmental and non-governmental mechanisms to promote religious freedom and related human rights in the Asia Pacific region. The APRFF will address specific themes related to promoting religious freedom in the Asia Pacific region, including coordinating advocacy efforts and diplomatic engagement, addressing related immigration and refugees issues, and the socio-economic impact of religious freedom. The delegates declared the need to deepen political, cultural, and educational institutions and dialogue dedicated to fostering religious pluralism and tolerance; a commitment to respond to immigration and refugee issues, including providing safe-haven and human services for individuals and communities affected by restrictions and violations of religious freedom and related human rights; a commitment to an awareness of the socio-economic benefits of advancing freedom of religion or belief and an inherent pledge to apply and disseminate this knowledge in our respective communities and countries and throughout the Asia Pacific region; and a commitment to publicly condemn any act of intolerance, discrimination, persecution, or violence perpetrated in the name of religion, and to protecting the rights of religious minorities or other

religious communities restricted from teaching, practicing, worshiping or observing their religious traditions.

2. Which category or categories does the policy, programme or initiative fall into:

- ☐ Core business
- ☒ Social investment & philanthropy
- ☒ Advocacy and public policy engagement
- ☐ Partnership and collective action

3. Does the policy, programme or initiative address any of the following related to Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB)¹:

- ☒ Promote sustainable and innovative business through protecting Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB)
- ☒ Non-discrimination and/or non-harassment on the basis of religion or belief
- ☒ Religious accommodation and inclusion
- ☒ Protecting and promoting freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) in the community
- ☐ Other (describe below, max. 25 words)

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4. Please describe the objective of the policy, programme or initiative and the need, goal or gap that it was designed to address. (max 200 words)

The Asian Pacific Religious Freedom Forum highlighted religious freedom as displayed in Taiwan and facilitated joint efforts of parliamentarians, religious leaders and NGOs towards the promotion of religious freedom in the Asian Pacific region.

5. How was the policy, programme or initiative implemented? What role did the Nominee play? (max 200 words)

Parliamentarians from 29 countries, representative from all major world religions and international NGOs met for three days in Taiwan. The APRFF was a joint schedule of keynote speakers, breakout sessions and informal conversation opportunities. The achieved purpose was to implement and facilitate working relationships between the attendees. Doug was a co-organizer, sponsor and keynote speaker for the 2016 APRFF.

6. What were/are the most persistent challenges in implementing the policy, programme or initiative? How were they/are they being overcome and what was the role of the Nominee? (max 200 words)

Most persistent challenge to religious freedom and tolerance throughout the Asian Pacific region is governmental repression and statutory restriction to such freedoms. Constant world focus on governmental

¹ Article 18 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights states: "Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance."

failure to recognize and promote religious freedom coupled with recognition of advances made towards religious freedom is the key method of seeking change in this area of focus.

7. What are the key lessons learned from launching the policy, programme or initiative? (max 200 words)

Key lessons learned include the tremendous synergy that comes from creating an atmosphere of mutual communication among governments, religious and NGO leaders. There is a great desire to enhance religious freedom and to recognize the benefit such freedoms bring to society.

Impact and Reporting on Progress

1. How do you monitor and evaluate progress on the policy, programme or initiative? If relevant, what indicators and metrics are used? (max 200 words)

Progress realized during the Asian Religious Freedom Forum and from subsequent interactions by the APRFF participants is evidenced by ongoing discussions around the world.

2. What outcomes or impact have been reached to date? Please be as specific as possible and supply available data. (max 200 words)

World religious delegations in the governmental and NGO areas have been invigorated as a result of the APRFF.

3. Is the Nominee's company reporting on its practices, policies, programmes and/or initiatives to champion interfaith understanding and peace? If so, please provide relevant weblink(s) for posting on the Awards' website. If integrated into the company's corporate sustainability report, Global Compact COP or GRI Report, please indicate relevant pages and/or sections. (max 200 words)

Not as a matter of corporate policy.

Additional Information:

1. Are there additional actions the Nominee has taken on an individual level to support interfaith understanding and peace within the organization? If so, please specify. (max 200 words)

Yes, Doug has served as past chairman of the board for China Aid Association and currently serves as Special Advisor to the President.

2. How has the Nominee taken action to support and promote the UN Global Compact's Ten Principles? If so, please specify. (max 200 words)

Yes, through years of work with the China Aid Association and the Asian Pacific Religious Freedom Forum

Please provide any additional information to be considered. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Nominations team nominations@religiousfreedomandbusiness.org

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Taiwan Declaration

Whereas the universal right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion is protected through international law as defined by the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Whereas reports by non-governmental organizations, such as Freedom House and government agencies such as the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom indicate, religious freedom and related human rights in the Asia Pacific region continue to deteriorate, and threaten regional security and stability.

Whereas the International Panel of Parliamentarians for Freedom of Religion or Belief (IPPFoRB) and the Inter-Governmental Contact Group for Freedom Religion or Belief are building and strengthening global efforts to promote this fundamental freedom.

Whereas research by the Religious Freedom & Business Foundation indicates that the advancement of freedom of religion or belief has a direct correlation with the advancement of democracy, basic human rights, economic prosperity, and thriving civil societies.

Whereas restrictions on freedom of religion or belief have directly contributed to forced immigration and increased number of refugees fleeing government sponsored or tolerated persecution, and subsequently created humanitarian crises in the Asia Pacific region.

Whereas religious freedom advocates from both government and non-governmental sectors and religious leaders representing 27 countries gathered in Taiwan, a model for the Asia Pacific region in promoting human rights and freedom of religion or belief, to create mechanisms and partnerships and collectively commit to advancing

freedom of religion or belief and related human rights in the Asia Pacific.

Thus, we the signed declare a commitment to establish and reinforce existing networks of advocates dedicated to promoting freedom of religion or belief in their respective countries and in the Asia Pacific region, including the creation of both governmental and non-governmental mechanisms to promote freedom of religion or belief and related human rights in our respective communities and countries as a whole.

Further declare a commitment to identify opportunities for partnerships with faith-based institutions, non-governmental organizations, businesses, and governments in order to build strategic relationships to promote freedom of religion or belief in the Asia Pacific region.

Further declare a commitment to coordinate and expand advocacy efforts to advance freedom of religion or belief in the Asia Pacific region, including through diplomatic engagement among governments, interfaith cooperation among religious leaders, and collaboration between non-governmental organizations and academic institutions.

Further declare the need to deepen political, cultural, and educational institutions and dialogue dedicated to fostering religious pluralism and tolerance.

Further declare a commitment to respond to immigration and refugee issues, including providing safe-haven and human services for individuals and communities affected by restrictions and violations of religious freedom and related human rights.

Further declare a commitment to an awareness of the socio-economic benefits of advancing freedom of religion or belief and an inherent pledge to apply and disseminate this knowledge in our respective communities and countries and throughout the Asia Pacific region.

Further declare a commitment to publicly condemn any act of intolerance, discrimination, persecution, or violence perpetrated in the name of religion, and to protecting the rights of religious minorities or other religious communities restricted from teaching, practicing, worshiping or observing their religious traditions.

Further declare that freedom of thought, conscience and religion is an inalienable human right, encompassing the right to hold or not to hold any faith or belief, to change belief, and to be free from coercion to adopt a different belief, and that to be fully enjoyed other incorporated rights must also be respected, such as the freedoms of expression, assembly, education, and movement.

Further declare the need to review legislation and laws related to religious belief and expression that limit the freedom of conscience and expression of all citizens, such as blasphemy laws.

Therefore, the signers of the Taiwan Declaration urge all governments, religious institutions, academic institutions, and non-governmental organizations to actively advance freedom of religion or belief by adopting and fully implementing commitments and laws to upholding freedom of religion or belief in their respective communities and countries.

<http://aprff.org/taiwan-declaration.html>