

Company:	BG Group
Sector:	Energy
Report Year:	2013
Headquarters:	United Kingdom
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MATERIAL ISSUES FOR 2013

Our sustainability report is structured around our material issues, which emerged through the year and were confirmed in a research exercise. They are organised in three groups, with additional case studies on countries with an important sustainability focus for the year:

Safety, health and conduct	Environment and climate change	People and communities
Safety	Environmental performance	People and skills
Security	Climate change	Our local contribution
Health	Emissions to air	Working with communities
Ethical conduct	Water and biodiversity	Human rights
	Unconventional gas	

MATERIAL ISSUES: OUR APPROACH

Materiality has become an important concept for sustainability reporting. In simple terms, it is a requirement for reports to focus on those environmental, social and governance issues that are of real significance to the business and of interest to its stakeholders.

As a resources company running long-term projects, the most material issues for us are very long term. We report annually on progress against these. They are captured in our Business Principles and include: responding to climate change, managing our impact on the environment, working safely and ethically and leaving a positive legacy in the societies where we operate. In any particular year, we expect to report on:

- **OUR SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES, TARGETS AND PERFORMANCE** – for example, our climate change target, our safety data
- **PUBLIC DEBATE AND STAKEHOLDER CONCERNS** – for example, investor concerns on climate risk or human rights, Queensland community concerns around coal seam gas
- **POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE** – for example, security challenges in Egypt, entry into new countries, the new EU Accounting Directive
- **INVESTMENTS AND INITIATIVES** – for example, our new diversity and inclusion strategy or our partnership with Youth Business International.

Many of these issues emerge through our stakeholder engagement with investors, governments, business partners, NGOs, academia and other stakeholders during the year. We also conduct an annual research process ahead of the report, to discuss and confirm the key issues for the report. This year, Addison Group supported this research process, conducting face-to-face interviews and desk research to produce a report on material issues for 2013.