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INDONESIA: STARFRUIT ENTERPRISE

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NARRATION

OIL WORKERS DIGGING FOR OIL
MEN ON MOTORCYCLES
PIPE DRILLING
MAN DRIVING A HORSEDRAWN
CARRIAGE

Bojonegoro in East Java has been called the
"Texas of Indonesia." 5

The reason? Massive oil reserves, with the
potential of producing up to 240,000 barrels of
crude oil per day. 8.5

OIL DERRICK/FIRE SPEWING
FARMER'S HOME & HIS FAMILY

This potential wealth has left many wondering –
can this industrial growth also help to empower
local people – most of whom are poor farmers?
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PEOPLE ON BICYCLES

The answer, according to many experts: not until
local communities can have a say in their own
economic development. 8

TRAIN PASSING

BAMBANG HUDAYANA (BAHASA) M

BAMBANG HUDAYANA ON
CAMERA

*"Democracy is not just about the distribution of
power, it's also about cooperating to fight injustice
and poverty and to develop society". 9*

NARRATION

BAMBANG LECTURES THE

Bambang Hudayana from the Institute of

COMMUNITY

Research and Empowerment. 4

BAMBANG HUDAYANA (BAHASA)

BAMBANG VOICE OVER SHOTS
AT OIL DRILLING SITE

“Until now, poor people living in extractive industry areas have not been getting enough attention.”

5.5

NARRATION

FARMERS HAULING THEIR CROP

Some eighty percent of the people here are farmers and day labourers – many earning less than two U.S. dollars a day. 8

FLAGMAN DIRECTS TRAFFIC

They dream of a job with an oil company, where even flagmen can earn three times as much.

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OIL REFINERY/FLAME SPEWS

But the harsh reality is that there will actually be few low-skill jobs available in an industry that relies less on labor, and more on capital, and technology. 11

PAN SHOT FROM FARM TO OIL
DERRICK

Worse yet, farmers are losing their precious farmland to the rapidly expanding oil and gas industry. 6

WS. BAYU APPROACHING

Sociologist Bayu Wahyono: 2.5

BAYU WAHYONO

BAYU WAHYONO TALKS ON
CAMERA

“This is what I call the tragedy of the Indonesian countryside//the production units in the villages, and the jobs are gradually disappearing.” 10.5

NARRATION

LOCAL FARMERS HARVESTING
STARFRUITS

Determined to have a say in shaping their own future - local farmers here took action... 5.5

Dian Gamayantini and her neighbors, are finding

WOMEN WORKING ON
STARFRUITS

strength in numbers, pooling another of their
area's natural resources – fruit. 8.5

CU – STARFRUIT

They are growing starfruit - juicy, crisp, rich in
antioxidants and vitamin C - and turning them into
juices, sweets and syrup. 9.5

STARFRUIT PRODUCE -
MARKETING
DIAN ASSISTING A YOUNG
FAMILY WORKER

Dian says that it makes important contribution to
her family's earnings. 4.5

DIAN TALKS ON CAMERA

DIAN GAMAYANTINI "IBU DIAN" (in BAHASA):
*"It's a little extra income. Not much, but it's still
helping a lot..."* 6

DIAN WITH OTHER WOMEN –
EXTRACTING STARFRUIT JUICE

NARRATION

But ensuring that people who feel marginal can
actively participate in community life is never easy.
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OIL WORKER CARRYING TWO
PAILS OF CRUDE OIL

In mining areas all over Indonesia, the Institute for
Research and Empowerment helps communities
like this one to organize and lobby on behalf of
the people's interests. 11.5

VAR. SHOTS OF LOCAL
COMMUNITY CENTRE/
ACTIVITIES

Their aim here is to get the starfruit growers and
the government to work together on plans to
benefit the local community. 8

HEAVY TRUCKS/MACHINERIES

And all this with backing from the United Nations
Democracy Fund, UNDEF. 5

BAMBANG TALKS ON CAMERA

BAMBANG HUDAYANA (BAHASA)
*"Support from the UN Democracy Fund is
impressive because it gets people from private
sector, government and civil society to respond*

positively.” 9.5

NARRATION

WOMAN CHECKS STARFRUIT AT
A FARM

Positive response that Dian hope will one day
make their starfruit famous. 5.5

DIAN

DIAN ON CAMERA

*“Sure everyone wants jobs with the oil and gas
industry, but some of us are thinking let’s do our
own thing. Let’s start our own business.” 11*

NARRATION

FARMER TILLING THE LAND WITH
TILLER EQUIPMENT

The strength and power of Bojonegoro’s people
has always come from the earth’s riches. 5

FLAME

For decades, this flame – the result of natural gas
deposits being released from the ground – an
“eternal fire” has been celebrated for bringing new
wealth to the country. But to ensure prosperity for
all, the flame of people’s desire to shape their own
destiny must also be nurtured.

WOMAN ON MOTORCYCLE
BOYS AT THE BACK OF A TRUCK

YOUNG WOMEN AT RAILROAD
TRACKS.

UN LOGO CLOSING

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