

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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Map Ta Phut, located in Rayong Province, 200 km. East from Bangkok. Map Ta Phut area, a large industrial complex principally heavy-chemical industry base which utilizes natural gas from the Gulf of Thailand, is the great regional economy in Eastern Seaboard. However, the operation of the plants brought problems especially malodors. Local residents complained and demanded the government to have the plants implement measures against malodors. The good governance to improve such problem was to set up a committee, composed of three parties; government agencies (principal and local government, local residents and the industries, to work intensively and transparency for improving the problems. This corporate governance brings them to the direction for solving the problems gradually. The committee can get most information about the problem in each case from the local residents and they will discuss together to find the sources, after that the solution will be held at the meeting and the committee will survey and investigate by checking the process conditions of the plants and request the plants to correct the mistake in the limited time while the local residents are checking the condition of malodors. The problems have been solved 3 from 4 major points. At present, this committee still has a meeting continuously to discuss about malodors situation. This is the best way for the good governance to cooperate with the communities in the form of a committee.