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'We appreciate their commitment to supporting local and international efforts to secure Atewa Forest against bauxite mining that is certain to destroy the forest, its water services and biodiversity.'

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is time to invest in Atewa's long-term protection, not only for the benefit of Ghanaians, but to the benefit of all life on Earth, which depends on our forests to help fight the climate crisis and prevent pandemics.'

In 2016, A Rocha and partners published a report that showed that protecting Atewa Forest as a national park and a buffer area around it—rather than mining it for bauxite—actually had the highest economic value for the country over 25 years, with tremendous benefits to communities both upstream and down.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) passed a resolution in November of 2020 demanding global action to save Atewa from bauxite mining, joining the international call to protect this irreplaceable forest. In addition to providing clean water to the communities around it, Atewa Forest is home to the endangered white-naped mangabey; the critically endangered Togo slippery frog, and the critically endangered Afia Birago puddle frog, which was discovered in 2017.

Simon Stuart, Executive Director of A Rocha International said, 'There are so many ways in which protecting Atewa Forest would be a better outcome than exploiting it for bauxite. We are glad to see these companies taking this lead by expressing their concerns at a time when we so desperately need a broad consensus to make these better choices for the natural world.'

This press release comes from a group of global nature conservation organisations with the combined number of more than 15 million members and supporters worldwide.

