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In 2005, IRN celebrated 20 years of fighting river-wrecking infrastructure projects and promoting environmentally sound and socially just water and energy development.

We have had plenty of successes – as well as disappointments – over these past two decades. Most heartening for us has been our role in supporting the growth of a well-connected global movement against destructive dams, and the role that all of us in this movement have played in forcing down the number of large dams completed every year.

According to big-dam industry data, the annual rate of dam completions plummeted from around 600 in the mid-1980s to less than 100 by 2005.

The global movement's growth has been matched by IRN's own growth. We began as a handful of volunteers putting out the *International Dams Newsletter* in a space borrowed from a California rivers group. By the end of 2005 we had 17 staff and full-time consultants, mostly in our Berkeley main office, but also working from São Paulo, Hanoi and Berlin.

IRN and our allies have persuaded governments and financiers to back away from destructive dams; made sure that the voices of dam-affected communities were heard by the World Commission on Dams (WCD); helped communities secure reparations for harm caused by large dams; and brought together dam-affected people and their allies in national, regional, and international meetings.

Among our key accomplishments in 2005 were:

- *Helping coordinate meetings of the African Rivers Network, in Kenya; Rivers Watch East and Southeast Asia, in Cambodia; and the Latin American Network against Dams, and for Rivers, Communities and Water, in Guatemala.*
- *HSBC, one of the world's largest private financial institutions, became the first bank to incorporate the World Commission on Dam's decision-making framework into their lending policies. Also, the two biggest public banks in Europe pledged to take WCD standards into account for any large dam from which they source carbon credits.*
- *A string of publications including "Foiling the Aluminum Industry: A Toolkit for Communities, Activists, Consumers and Workers," the five-volume "Chixoy Dam Legacy Issues Study," and a 340-page book (in Portuguese) entitled Tenotã-Mô: Warnings on the Impacts of Hydroelectric Dams Planned for the Xingu River.*

Our biggest disappointment in 2005 was the approval by the World Bank and Asian Development Bank of financial support for the Nam Theun 2 Dam in Laos. IRN had been working for more than a decade to stop this deeply flawed project. While the dam will go forward, our efforts forced the developers to increase the number of people eligible for compensation by at least 35,000.

We've accomplished a lot in the past 20 years – and with your help we're confident we can build on our successes, learn from our failures, and continue to make real progress towards our vision of a world in which development sustains nature and strengthens communities.

With gratitude for the help of all our supporters,

Patrick McCully  
Executive Director



*P.S. In 2005 the Board began discussing the creation of a "supporting organization" for IRN, a separate funding entity under Section 509(a)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In early 2006, the Fund for International Rivers (FIR) was established exclusively to support the work of IRN. Bequests and gifts to the FIR are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. For inquiries on how you can help build this fund and ensure IRN's long-term sustainability, please contact our Development Department, 510.848.1155 ext. 301.*

# Financial Statements 2005

## Statement of Activities

Year Ended December 31, 2005 with Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	2005	2004 Total
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>				
Grants	\$0	\$1,531,502	\$1,531,502	\$915,762
Contributions	270,064	0	270,064	155,294
In-kind contributions	19,510	0	19,510	7,335
Contract revenue and service fees	15,188	0	15,188	10,170
Contributions and revenues from fundraising event	57,443	0	57,443	44,940
Direct fundraising event expenses	(23,961)	0	(23,961)	(18,347)
Interest and other income	6,311	0	6,311	4,907
Net assets released from restrictions:	989,583	(989,583)	0	0
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>1,334,138</b>	<b>541,919</b>	<b>1,876,057</b>	<b>1,120,057</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Program Activities				
campaigns	828,616	0	828,616	1,032,541
information and media	115,010	0	115,010	99,586
Supporting Activities				
administration	188,323	0	188,323	188,391
fundraising	163,063	0	163,063	130,740
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,295,012</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,295,012</b>	<b>1,451,258</b>
Change in net assets	39,126	541,919	581,045	(331,201)
Net assets at beginning of year	(35,744)	386,815	351,071	682,272
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$3,382</b>	<b>\$928,734</b>	<b>\$932,116</b>	<b>\$351,071</b>

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## Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2005 with Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

ASSETS	2005	2004
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	369,714	131,549
Grants receivable	306,386	300,000
Other receivables	9,208	2,398
Inventory	0	12,423
Prepaid expenses	7,715	5,863
Total Current Assets	693,023	452,233
Property and equipment	37,511	33,059
Grants receivable	275,000	0
Deposits	2,171	2,171
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,007,705</b>	<b>487,463</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable, including current portion of leases payable	14,748	37,051
Grants payable	0	44,050
Accrued personnel liability	38,158	37,968
Line of Credit	11,528	0
Total Current Liabilities	64,434	119,069
Lease payable	11,155	17,322
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>75,589</b>	<b>136,391</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted	3,382	(35,743)
Temporarily restricted	928,734	386,815
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>932,116</b>	<b>351,072</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,007,705</b>	<b>487,463</b>

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