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Patrick Alley is a director of Global Witness and co-founded the organisation in 1993. He took part in Global Witness' first investigations into the Thai-Khmer Rouge timber trade in 1995, and since then has taken part in over fifty field investigations in Southeast Asia, Africa and Europe, and in subsequent advocacy activities. Based on the organisation's experience in tackling conflict diamonds, and former Liberian President Charles Taylor's arms for timber trade, he is focusing on the thematic issue of conflict resources and the use of natural resources in post-conflict environments, with a particular focus on the Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia and Cote d'Ivoire. Alley leads Global Witness' work on forest issues, in particular challenging industrial scale logging in the tropics, and the role of forests in combating climate change. In addition he is involved in the strategic leadership of Global Witness.

FREDERIK BALFOUR

Frederik Balfour, has been covering Asia since 1992. Prior to becoming *BusinessWeek's* Asia Correspondent in 2000, he was stationed in Hanoi Vietnam with *Agence France Presse* for four years. During that stint he also reported from East Timor, Thailand, Indonesia and the People's Democratic Republic of Lao. Balfour has covered a wide patch of territory for *BusinessWeek*, from the boardrooms of Hong Kong to the battlefields of Iraq, where he was embedded with the U.S. Third Infantry Division in 2003. He now divides his time between Hong Kong and Shanghai, and still covers Southeast Asia. A Canadian citizen, he holds a Masters from the London School of Economics and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of California at Berkeley where he specialized in economic development. He also has a Masters of Journalism from the University of California at Berkeley, where he wrote a thesis on mail order brides, and a Masters in Economics from the London School of Economics. He has written for the *International Herald Tribune*, the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, the *Sunday Times*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Newsweek*, *Satellite & Cable*, the *Australian Financial Review*, the *Globe & Mail*, and the *Vietnam Investment Review*. He has also been a regular radio contributor to the BBC, NPR, ABC and Voice of America. Balfour has also reported from Mexico, Guatemala, France, England, India, Pakistan, Kuwait, Cuba and throughout Southeast Asia. Balfour first visited Asia as a student in 1985 when he backpacked around China, a trip which included hitch hiking into Lhasa.

PRADEEP THARAKAN

Dr. Pradeep Tharakan has nearly 15 years of experience in the fields of climate change mitigation, clean energy deployment, and the energy-environment nexus. He is just completing an assessment of the status of biofuels development in Asia. In his current position as the deputy team leader for the US Agency for International Development (USAID)/ECO-Asia Clean Development and Climate Program (2006-2009), Pradeep is responsible for the promotion of clean energy deployment and greenhouse gas reduction activities in six Asian countries. Program focus areas include: renovation of inefficient coal-fired power plants, energy efficient lighting, public energy efficiency funds, and clean energy project investment support. Pradeep Tharakan has a PhD in environmental science, and masters degrees in business administration and public policy.