

# Goudeerlijk: Het verhaal van Papua

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## Gestelde vragen:

### *Pacific Nikkel Mijnbouw Maatschappij*

1. *Why did U.S. Steel found the Pacific Nikkel Mijnbouw Maatschappij in 1962, together with the Oost Borneo Maatschappij, Nederlandsche Handel Maatschappij and Wm. H. Müller & Co?*
2. *How much money did U.S. Steel expect to make from its share in the Pacific Nikkel Mijnbouw Maatschappij?*
3. *How does U.S. Steel view its part in the Pacific Nikkel Mijnbouw Maatschappij?*

### *PT Pacific Nikkel Indonesia*

4. *Why did U.S. Steel, as part of PT Pacific Nikkel Indonesia together with Koninklijke Nederlandse Hoogovens, Wm. H. Müller & Co, Lawson Mining and Sherritt Gordon Mines Limited, sign a contract with the Indonesian government in February 1969 for the exploration and exploitation of nickel and other minerals in West Papua?*
5. *This was six months prior to the Act of Free Choice, so before Indonesian sovereignty over the territory was made formal. Why did U.S. Steel sign a contract with a country that had no sovereignty over the area of the prospective mining?*
6. *Why did U.S. Steel illegitimately recognize the Indonesian government as West Papua's sovereign in February 1969?*
7. *How much money did U.S. Steel expect to make from its share in PT Pacific Nikkel Indonesia?*
8. *How much did U.S. Steel invest in PT Pacific Nikkel Indonesia between 1969 and 1982?*
9. *How does U.S. steel view its part in PT Pacific Nikkel Indonesia?*

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10. *What responsibility does U.S. Steel bear for the operations of PT Pacific Nikkel Indonesia in an area where human rights were widely violated by the Indonesian government?*
11. *To what extent did U.S. Steel's participation in PT Pacific Nikkel Indonesia constitute corporate social responsibility?*
12. *Did U.S. Steel inform its shareholders of the human rights violations in West Papua between 1963 and 1982?*
13. *Did U.S. Steel foster positive contributions to West Papuan society between 1962 and 1982?*
14. *Did U.S. Steel minimize negative impacts to West Papuan society between 1962 and 1982?*

15. *How does U.S. steel view the current deforestation, environmental devastation and human rights violations connected to nickel mining in West Papua?*
16. *How does U.S. Steel view the slow motion genocide which is ongoing in West Papua since 1963?*

Antwoord van persvoorlichting:

Thank you for your note. I do not have any information on this from the 60s and 70s.