

Lima, February 22, 2016

Mr. Gary J. Goldberg
Presidente and CEO
Newmont Mining Corporation

Dear Mr. Goldberg

You will be visiting Peru to participate in the Opening Plenary of the VII Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) Global Conference, to be held between February 22nd and 25th in the city of Lima.

We celebrate the existence of an initiative like EITI that promotes transparency along the mining, oil and gas activities, in which traditionally there have been a great degree of opacity and too much corruption. In addition, we commend that a mining company like Newmont is part of this initiative and promotes its existence and consolidation in the countries where it operates.

However, we sincerely regret and strongly oppose that, while you open an event that promotes transparency in extractive activities, your company (Newmont Mining Company) and Buenaventura Mining Company (its partner in Minera Yanacocha) engage in a systematic, arrogant and abusive campaign to violate the human rights of Mrs. Máxima Acuña de Chaupe and her family, peasants from the Celendín Province in the Cajamarca Region), who have refused to sell their lands to Yanacocha wishing to remain as small agricultural producers.

There is no doubt that, as president and CEO of Newmont visiting Peru, you have prepared well before your trip. If so, surely you are aware of the case. You would know it's been years now that Newmont and Buenaventura is harassing this family and violating their human rights, and that Yanacocha is acting ignoring the internal protocols of Newmont and the Voluntary Principles of Security and Human Rights, voluntarily assumed by major mining companies in the world. You would know that Peruvian Justice ruled in favor of the Chaupe and that the case has also been taken to the Inter American Human Rights Commission of the Organization of American States (OAS), who has emitted a precautionary injunction in favor of the Chaupe family.

Being yourself a well informed person of your companie's doings, you would know that in the last few weeks Newmont and Buenaventura (associates in Yanacocha) have increased the abuses on the Chaupe family: physically sieging their lands preventing the family's mobility; surveilling them with drones and violating their intimacy; physically attacking their pet; destroying their crops; etc.

Given the circumstances, we demand from you two fundamental things: that you order the immediate halt to the permanent harassment to Chaupe Family and that you disclose who are the persons responsible for these actions, so they can be denounced and processed.

Only on the basis of strict respect for the human rights of populations living in the territories where extractive activities are carried out is that we can lay the foundations for a dialogue damn and responsible about the role of mining in socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable strategies to generate the welfare of the people.

Sincerely

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