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Dear Mr. Jones, Mr. Bracale, Mr. Winshop and Mr. Vincic,

I write to you as officials of the HudBay Minerals and CGN companies, with my deepest concerns over the recent armed attack on community members in Las Nubes, Chupon and La Union, Izabal, Guatemala.

According to eye-witness testimony, CGN security guards shot and killed community leader and schoolteacher Adolfo Ich Chaman and wounded eight others, including a minor, upon orders from CGN security chief Mynor Padilla.

It has been brought to my attention by the Guatemala Human Rights Commission, the Defensoria Q'eqchi and the AEPDI (Asociación Estoreña Para el Desarrollo Integral) that this attack is the most recent in a long history of land dispute between CGN and the community of Las Nubes, including threats, attacks and attempted removal of communities from land with rich nickel deposits.

As a supporter of indigenous people's rights, the ILO convention #169 and the UN declaration on human rights, I respectfully request your participation in an immediate and thorough investigation of this incident, including past interactions between CGN security guards and local communities. It has been brought to my attention that local paramilitary groups may have participated in the attack; the results of the investigation will clarify this information.

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I also request information on the training of CGN security guards, including the content and duration of the training period, and background of those providing the training. Accountability and transparency for the actions of CGN security guards in communities around the mine is of utmost importance to prevent future incidents of aggression. I have been informed that the violent displacement of the communities (La Paz, La Revolucion, La Pista, El Chupon and San Luis Chacpayla) in 2006 and 2008 was carried out by CGN security guards, including the sacking and burning of homes. Does HudBay engage in consistent oversight and/or monitoring of the contracted security personnel at the Fenix Mine? If so, is this information available?

I have been informed that negotiations between the communities of El Astor and CGN resulted in agreements with some of the families, who state that the full terms of the agreement have not been fulfilled (relocation, land, roads, a school, a health center and US\$3,000 per family). Thus some families have returned to the town of Las Nubes, where the attack occurred. A thorough CGN evaluation of the fulfillment of these agreements is a necessary step to seeking resolution.

The incidence of violence in the region of the CGN mine is deeply disconcerting, including threats, attacks and kidnappings of local community leaders and their family members. Future violence must be avoided through investigation, apprehension, and conviction of those responsible for this and past incidents.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this critical matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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