



Dear Lady Zuluaga and Christen Dobson

Lydian Armenia previously provided a detailed [response](#) on the defamatory cases filed by the company including the one against Nazeli Vardanyan (NV). In addition, we would like to state the following:

1. Lydian Armenia filed a lawsuit against NV for her public **groundless allegations** of the Company on corruption, not for the questions raised by NV during the public event.
2. The Armenian judicial system consists of three levels:
 - The First Instant Court
 - Civil Appellant Court, and
 - Cassation Court

Lydian Armenia was successful in first two instants - the First Instant Court on Common Jurisdiction and Civil Appellant Court of Armenia. Both found that the statements made by NV in respect of the company are of defamatory nature and significantly damaged the company's business reputation. The courts additionally concluded that ***NV's statements were aimed to create a negative sentiment towards the company.***

3. We would like to address the statement in your email - *"Vardanyan was not notified because Lydian Armenia gave the wrong address for her in its court filings"* – This is factually incorrect as NV brought this statement up in the court too, but being attorney at law, **failed** to support her own statement before the court.

We strongly believe that respect towards public speech is an absolute category that unfortunately not all stakeholders of the Amulsar Project follow. This should be an ethical norm to follow for those who represent legal community.

Once again, we would like to reiterate our position from the previous response to Business and Human Rights Center: ***"For years, unchallenged misinformation and defamation disseminated by different groups negatively impacted thousands of Project stakeholders, including communities, employees, contractors, and suppliers. Thousands of people have lost jobs, livelihoods, and the ability to be able to sustain their families in their own communities due to unprecedented illegality lasting for over 2 years. Over 500 people have had to out-migrate from affected communities since the start of the illegal blockades of the Amulsar Project in 2018"***.



Finally, the company respects its values and commitment to engage with all stakeholders, including NV and others that made false accusations and allegations. We are truly hopeful to elevate the engagement on more constructive and mutually respectful manner and level.

Best regards,
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