

**Avesoro response regarding news report: *Aureus Mining Drag[ed] To Court By Aggrieved Citizens***

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Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited Avesoro Resources (formerly Aureus Mining) to respond to the following items:

- “Aureus Mining Drag[ed] To Court By Aggrieved Citizens” *Global News Network Liberia*, 13 April 2017: <http://gnnliberia.com/2017/04/13/aureus-mining-drag-court-aggrieved-citizens/>

In response, Avesoro sent the following statement:

“Avesoro Resources has strong community relations and places significant emphasis on supporting, empowering and collaborating with our host communities. The recent statement, dated April 23 2017, by the residents and leaders of Kinjor (available at <http://gnnliberia.com/2017/04/25/citizens-kinjor-larjor-communities-react-lawsuit-aureus-mining/>) is evidence of the strong partnership we have developed and of our commitment to our social obligations and economic contributions under our Mineral Development Agreement. The Company legally acquired over 150 acres of land for the purposes of resettlement with the deed probated by the court and archived at the National Records and Archive Centre. Avesoro has constructed a local school, church and mosque, and the construction of the Kinjor medical clinic is complete and ready to be turned over to the Ministry of Health of the Government of Liberia for operation. The company remains committed to actively supporting and developing partnerships with our local stakeholders.”