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Dear Business & Human Rights Resource Centre,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond. We strongly disagree with the assertions and characterizations in the report from NDR. We do not believe that the NDR report accurately represents the wider community perspectives on Livent, our operations or the significant benefits Livent's operations bring to local communities.

The report is based on misleading narratives from a small number of vocal anti-mining activists. These activists do not speak for the vast majority of the people in the communities near the Salar del Hombre Muerto (SdHM) in Catamarca, Argentina, where Livent operates. Mr. Román Guitián, who is highlighted in the NDR report, is a self-appointed spokesperson and not an accepted representative of local communities. He is a lone voice amongst many very supportive people of Livent in the area. The NDR report also does not represent the latest understanding of climate impacts in the region and the unique geohydrological dynamics of the SdHM.

The SdHM is located in a vast, remote area in the Andes mountains, at an average elevation of 4,200 meters. There are less than 20 people living within a 60-kilometer radius of Livent's operations at the salar. The nearest town is more than a three-hour drive away. And unlike at other salars, there are no other industries at SdHM, and the harsh, high-altitude environment does not support agriculture or commercial livestock. It is therefore not accurate to state that Livent's actions have ever been "devastating" for local livestock or farming. This is simply not true.

At the same time, despite the generally arid conditions at the SdHM, there is a significant inflow of recurring freshwater from higher elevations which supports the local ecosystem. This is generally not well understood by the public. Livent "intercepts" less than 2.0 percent of that very large water flow (more than 210 million cubic meters annually). Moreover, all of the water that Livent uses is pumped far downstream from any other human activity or communities.

A central tenet of salars is that all of the water that flows into the watershed is balanced by the amount of water that is lost to evapotranspiration. Our processes do not add to the natural evaporation that occurs in the ecosystem, and the vast majority of the spent brine from our process is returned to the salar “as is” (minus the lithium). In fact, as noted in the NDR report, Livent’s process for extracting lithium has significantly less land disturbance and generates less waste than that of all other conventional lithium brine operations. Further, biodiversity studies indicate that the overall number and variety of animal and plant species at the SdHM are largely stable (or increasing) and that climate has had the most long-term impacts, not human activity.

Livent has operated at the SdHM for over 25 years and has a long track record for transparency, community engagement and community development. We believe we have one of the strongest sustainability profiles in the lithium industry. In fact, over the past decade, we have worked closely with the local mining authority to develop water and brine usage models for the SdHM to carefully manage our withdrawals at sustainable levels. We have also welcomed many independent reviews of our operations. Most recently, we participated in a voluntary onsite assessment of our operations at the SdHM by independent auditors who evaluated us against the standards of the Initiative for Responsible Mining Assurance (IRMA). Additionally, we participated in an independent analysis of the aquifers and basins of the SdHM by US-based researchers. We expect the findings of these assessments to be available in 2023.

In short: we have nothing to hide and take great pride in our operations and in how we conduct ourselves.

Please refer to Livent’s [2021 Sustainability Report](#) for more information about our efforts to minimize our local environmental impacts and engage with local stakeholders to drive beneficial outcomes for all. We welcome feedback on our sustainability and community initiatives and are committed to continuous improvement in all aspects of our operations.