

Belo Sun Standby Statement on APBI Report

Belo Sun has reviewed the APIB report on its Volta Grande Project. Regrettably, the report contains factual errors and makes negative assumptions that misrepresent both the project and the way the Company conducts business. [These mistakes could have been avoided if the APIB had taken the time to discuss its findings with the Company before publishing its report.]

Contrary to the report's misinformed and alarmist claims, Belo Sun has always operated in full compliance with Brazilian law and regulations in all aspects of its business, including permitting and land acquisition. The Company's consultations with the local indigenous communities met the standard for free, prior, and informed consent set out in ILO 169 and the Company has established positive and constructive relationships with the indigenous communities in its sphere of influence. All indigenous communities potentially affected by the project were consulted and they all support the project and want to see the mine built. Their continued support for the project is a testament to this relationship, and we assure that there have been no instances of forced relocations, and none are planned for the future at VGP.

As there is currently no operating mine at Volta Grande, all of the APIB's fearmongering about the impact of a mine on the local environment and population is nothing more than speculation. There are risks in any mining operation, but Belo Sun is committed to minimizing and mitigating those risks through its commitment to the principles and practices of responsible mining and the use of best practices. For example, Belo Sun has developed a closed-loop water management system that will enable it to operate the mine without taking water from the river. Even though it is not in operation, the Company has signed onto the International Cyanide Management Code and took the unusual step, for a development project, of setting up an independent expert tailings management review committee. Belo Sun is also committed to building an engineered downstream designed tailings dam which is the safest, most stable design in the industry.

Currently, Belo Sun's work plan in support of its environmental plan for indigenous communities (the "PBA-CI") is being reviewed by FUNAI - the federal indigenous affairs agency. This is a critical step in reactivating the construction license previously obtained by the Company. Also, Belo Sun has never failed to comply with all requirements from federal and state authorities and will continue to comply with any further requests for additional information that may be deemed necessary. Finally, allegations that Belo Sun provided conflicting information to investors and the Brazilian regulatory authorities are baseless.

Belo Sun looks forward to taking the next step in transforming one of the world's best projects into one of the world's best gold mines for the benefit of all the people of Para State.