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CERREJÓN'S DECLARATION

Cerrejón welcomes all citizen participation exercises and acknowledges the benefits that public and objective impact assessment bring to responsible mining. As it's widely known, Cerrejón's performance has been evaluated by multiple auditors, analysts, experts and several initiatives from different stakeholders. In every case, our operation has been recognized as a leader in the implementation of the highest international standards as well as a responsible company towards community, employees, contractors and the environment.

Cerrejón is also proud to have helped create more than 14,000 worthy and permanent jobs in La Guajira, contribute significantly to national and regional finances (1.9 billion dollars between 2012 and 2013), make annual purchases of over U\$130 million in Colombia –including La Guajira-, to work jointly with communities in promoting progress and welfare for the people of La Guajira and to develop multiple programs that benefit the communities neighbor to our operation.

We would like to express our concern over the inappropriate practices evidenced in the Trial of Cerrejón that took place in La Guajira at the beginning of August. The event took place without the possibility of defense, accusations were accepted without evidence or based on generalizations and Cerrejón was indicted as the cause of all the ills afflicting La Guajira. These practices question the legitimacy, objectivity and validity of these types of trials. We respect and value difference and opposition to mining, but positions cannot be formed or justified from biased judgments.

We therefore feel the need to reject serious accusations presented during the event such as “to have used company resources to achieve their objectives”, “to be a mafia that hands out money to buy consciences”, “to having political quotas that legislate in favor of the company” and “to

have been complicit in forced disappearances, displacement, and murder to counter attacks on the railway line." These accusations are unfounded, have never been heard in Colombia and it's impossible to happen in a company that operates transparently and based on ethical principles and policies committed to them.

We must draw attention to other inaccuracies: Cerrejón uses only 0.62% of the land in La Guajira, this represents 13,021 hectares, a much smaller figure than the 69,000 hectares that define the mining title; Cerrejón does not hold the property over that amount of land. Also, the reduction of agricultural activity is a national trend and it's not just a situation taking place in La Guajira. It's just worth mentioning that 40 years ago coffee exports represented 50% of the national export and today they only represent 2%, to blame mining of this situation is a fallacy.

It should be noted that we have permanent engagement with the majority of organizations that participated in this event, with some of them we develop joint programs; and we have invited other organizations to talk.

Finally, we reiterate our willingness to maintain constructive work and dialogue with all organizations and communities in La Guajira, relations based on mutual respect and on the commitment to continue working in a responsible manner to promote sustainable development and the strengthening of democracy and coexistence in La Guajira.

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