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*Via email to Amanda Romero (Amanda Romero romero@business-humanrights.org) and Mauricio Lazala (lazala@business-humanrights.org)*

Dear Ms Romero and Mr Lazala,

Thank you for providing BHP the opportunity to respond to allegations as highlighted in the following article “*Áncash ocupa segundo lugar en pasivos mineros y urge protección de las cabeceras de cuencas*” – 23 de enero de 2019, La República: <https://larepublica.pe/sociedad/1399590-ancash-ocupa-segundo-lugar-pasivos-mineros-urge-proteccion-cabeceras-cuencas>.

Antamina is one of the largest copper and zinc mines in the world, located in the Ancash region of the Andes mountain range. Antamina, while jointly owned by BHP (33.75%), Glencore (33.75%), Teck (22.5%) and Mitsubishi Corporation (10%), is independently operated.

At BHP, sustainability is one of our core values set out in *Our Charter*. This means putting health and safety first, being environmentally responsible and supporting our communities. As shareholders in Antamina BHP is committed to supporting Antamina to be a successful and high performing operation, consistent with best industry practices and standards. Along with the other shareholders, we oversee that appropriate prevention measures and responses to material risks are adopted by Antamina.

As indicated in the article there were unfortunately two concentrate spills, one in July 2012 caused by a failure inside a valve station and one in April 2017 caused by third party drilling to complete public road works. As you can see from Antamina’s response (attached), in both instances the company responded quickly to contain the spill, notify the community and ensure the appropriate cleanup and remediation actions were put in place. These actions ensured no water bodies were contaminated as a result of the spill and the appropriate health and environmental monitoring were conducted afterwards to fully mitigate damage or impacts.

Given Antamina is an independent operator, should you require further detail on specific efforts associated with the spills, we request you direct these enquires to Antamina.

Kind regards,



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Attachment: Detailed response by Antamina