



Río Blanco Copper S.A.

FOR PUBLIC OPINION

The company rejects all types of violence and reinforces its respect for human rights.

Due to recent news published in the media about alleged human rights violations inside the camp of the former Minera Majaz (in August 2005), **RIO BLANCO COPPER S.A.** announces to national, regional and local authorities and the general public the following:

1. Río Blanco Copper S.A. is the name of the company under which we have been working since December 2007. It represents the interests of a financial group completely different from those represented by Minera Majaz S.A., which was the owner of the mining project during the time of the deplorable acts mentioned above.
2. We are grateful for the vigilance of the media, other civil institutions and the relevant authorities concerning the correct development of our company's activities, and we feel confident that the truth of these acts will be established and judged in an irrefutable and impartial manner. We have the firm conviction that any type of aggression against the Human Being is extremely serious and deserves an exhaustive investigation and sanction by the authorities, who must not leave these acts unpunished. Unfortunately, our own managers and staff have also not been immune to this kind of violence and aggression in the past. We offer all our support and cooperation to the relevant authorities.
3. Río Blanco Copper S.A. reiterates its desire to continue with its investments in the mining industry in Peru, and its indubitable corporate policy to comply with the Law, protect the environment, and respect the communities, their rights, customs and their legitimate aspirations for peace and development. We are looking forward to the harmonious development of our company's activities with society and nature.
4. We reiterate once more our call for the widest and the most open dialog with all parties involved with the Río Blanco Project, and we reaffirm that Río Blanco Copper S.A. will not begin any mining activity without previous authorization from all entities as required by law or without adequate social consensus.

RIO BLANCO COPPER S.A.

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