

July 27, 2007

Wayne Murdy, Chairman
Britt Banks, General Counsel and Executive Vice President
Newmont Mining Corporation
1700 Lincoln Street
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Mr. Murdy and Mr. Banks:

As members of the faculty and administration of the Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver, we are writing to express our deep distress over the ongoing conflict and controversy at the Minera Yanachocha in Peru. We are particularly concerned about reports we have received from multiple and highly credible sources regarding the safety and treatment of those involved in protests against the mine and its policies and about the surveillance and threats against Father Marco Arana and Ms. Vasquez Chuquilin.

We know that Newmont Mining Corporation and Minera Yanachocha are enormously influential actors in Peru and particularly in the communities involved with the mine. In light of that, we ask that Newmont make public statements here and in Peru condemning acts of intimidation, surveillance, threats and violence, such as those that have been reported by Father Marco and Ms. Vasquez Ch. of GRUFIDES during the past several months. We are not accusing Newmont of engaging in these terrible acts; but whoever is responsible for the surveillance, threats and violence needs to know that Newmont Mining Company abhors and strictly prohibits the use of such tactics by all persons associated with the company, directly and indirectly. We hope Newmont and Minera Yanachocha will make clear that anyone found complicit will no longer be employed by or have contracts with the company. We ask that Newmont issue public statements here and in Peru condemning the use of police force and arrests against people who are participating in educational, organizational and protest activities concerning Newmont operations in their communities. We also ask that Newmont meet with police authorities and urge them to use restraint in responding to non-violent protests.

We ask that Newmont, in public statements here and in Peru, make clear to its employees, contractors, security forces, public authorities and the general public that Newmont defends the rights of community activists who advocate for environmental and social accountability. We ask that Newmont and Minera Yanachocha urge local authorities in Peru to undertake an exhaustive investigation into the source of the acts of intimidation and violence against GRUFIDES and other community organizations and individual activists and that Minera Yanachocha give public assurances that it will provide full cooperation with the investigation.

We hope that we can receive a positive response from you indicating that the Newmont Mining Corporation here and the Minera Yanachocha in Peru will issue such statements

and demonstrate with those statements their commitment to social responsibility and human rights.

Sincerely,

E. Thomas Rowe
Associate Professor

Agreed to and signed on behalf of the following members of the GSIS community:
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