

February 19, 2016

Mr. Tom Butler
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Dear Mr. Butler:

We write to express our concerns regarding a series of public comments made by members of Peru's Sociedad Nacional de Minería, Petróleo y Minería (SNMPE), which have criticized environmental regulations, the country's indigenous peoples consultation law, and mining opponents. We believe such comments are inimical to ICMC's commitment to promoting socially and environmentally responsible mining. Such comments reflect the continuation of efforts among some within Peru's mining sector to demonize its critics and legitimate efforts to strengthen social and environmental standards. Such statements are unhelpful to efforts to reduce the cycle of conflict and violence that has affected Peru's mining industry in recent years.

We bring to your attention the following comments:

Carlos del Solar, former president of the SNMPE:

"The consultation law is stupid; we don't need it. It is only an obstacle to mining investment."
(La Republica, 3 February 2016)

Carlos Galvez, current president of the SNMPE:

"The mercury [spilled in Chorompampa in 2000] was in steel containers with sealed tops and was stolen. People thought that there was gold in it."
(El Comercio, 5 October 2015)

"Until now, I haven't seen the Ministry of the Environment propose anything. The only thing it knows how to do is say no to investments."
(El Comercio, 5 February 2015)

"If in addition we impose prior consultation for mining activities, to communities that don't have the right profile to be consulted, and anyone who puts on a feather has the right to be consulted, things will be even more difficult."
Semana Económica; 26 May 2014.

Óscar Gonzalez Rocha, president of Southern Perú Copper:

"In recent years, Peru has been negative impacted by the problem of the anti-mining activists, who don't exist in other countries. I don't know if it's for political reasons, or people looking to benefit

from opposing mining or because they're supported by other countries who don't want mining to develop in Peru."

(América Economía, 18 June 2013)

Julio Morriberón, director of institutional relations, Southern Peru Copper

"The cancelation of Tia Maria is due to two reasons: the outbreak of new kind of terrorism: anti-mining terrorism, carried out by violent minority groups that has a large part of the population terrorized. The second reason is the paralysis of the the state and its role in promoting investment and providing gaurantees for it to move forward."

(RPP, 6 March 2015)

We don't believe that comments such as these reflect the values or principles of ICMM. Moreover, they only serve to deepen the polarization around mining in Peru, which is not in the best interest of the government, industry or affected communities. We share ICMM's interest in promoting responsible development of Peru's mining sector. We believe that strong and effective environmental regulations and institutions, including an empowered and resourced Ministry of the Environment and implementation of Peru's indigenous peoples consultation law, are essential for achieving this. Constructive and respectful dialogue is also a critical component.

SNMPE is a member association of ICMM and several ICMM members have operations in Peru. We therefore ask that the Council issue a public statement clarifying that statements such as those above do not represent its views and reaffirming the need for constructive dialogue in Peru's mining sector.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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