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Letter to: Investors in and shareholders of Goldcorp (formerly Glamis Gold) mining company.

Letter from: ADISMI, a community-based, Maya Mam organization in municipality of San Miguel Ixtahuacan where Goldcorp is operating an open-pit, cyanide leaching mine.

Tuj tb'i qajaw kyk'amonxe jun q'olb'eb'il, kuchiwt b'an atee twitz tx'otx', ja ma tzaj q'on tun kynaje tun Qma tuj Kyaj.

(In the name of our creator, receive our greeting, wishing that it finds you well in the land where the creator has permitted you to live).

With this letter, we wish to express to you the following. With the arrival of the company (Glamis Gold, now Goldcorp) in 2002 through until today, gold mining has provoked many problems in our communities and territories. Far from bringing us the development proposed by your representatives and our governments, this development has brought us the following:

1. DEATH

In 2005, a private security guard of your company Montana Exploradora of Guatemala (subsidiary of what was previously known as Glamis Gold, now Goldcorp) killed a bus driver of one of the buses that transports passengers in our region. This is what you call security?

2. BROKEN HOMES

Since 2006, when you began setting off explosions to open the earth to extract the gold and silver from our lands, 57 homes – where people from our communities live – have been divided or cracked. Do we not have the right over our lands to live out our own lives according to our Maya Mam cosmovision?

What for you are wealth and riches are for us destruction and death, through the use of chemicals prohibited around the world, as you well know.

3. DEPLETING WATER SOURCES

Mining for gold and silver provoked the drying up of wells that supplied water to 40 families, water wells that were used for families and animals.

Because of the perforations and the water that leaves underground sources, our water supplies have dried up. What source will now provide our water?

Perhaps gold and silver can quench our thirst?

4. IMPRISONMENT, ARREST WARRENTS AND FALSE LEGAL CHARGES You, with your investments, come to our land and talk about development and security, but in January and February of 2007, Fernando PÉrez and Francisco B·maca were taken like criminals to jail by the national Guatemalan police and the army, after their homes were broken into in the middle of the night by your company, in our lands. Warrants were also issued to capture:

Francisco SalomÚn B·maca, Pedro Alejandro de LeÚn, CristÚbal Eduardo PÉrez, Rene PÉrez Vel·squez and Patrocinio Vicente LÚpez.

Because of the power your company has, and the investments you have made, 14 arrest warrants have been issued for community members: L·zaro Mariano PÉrez Hern·ndez, Porfirio Faustino MÈndez, Felipe Gregorio MejĪa, Leoncio Felipe GarcĪa, Mario Faustino Bravo, Ceferino B·maca, ValentĪn Melecio Ju·rez, Ismael CastaÚn, Jorge B·maca, Pedro PÉrez Hern·ndez, Gregorio B·maca, Francisco de LeÚn, Santiago MejĪa and Macario Cinto, ... and all of this because these community members claim they were cheated when people from your company came to take away their lands with force and coercion, what you call ìdevelopmentĭ.

5. DEATH OF ANIMALS BECAUSE OF CONTAMINATED WATER Our way of life is balanced with nature. We don't contaminate water sources and rivers, much less poison our animals, while you only come to take what is ours, and to kill our animals with chemicals. Are we not people like you? Perhaps you think only you have the right to live a dignified life?

6. INCREASE IN VIOLENCE

Since the arrival of your investments, violence has gone up in our communities, in our towns. Our way of life has been broken with nature, and community relations are threatened everyday, more and more, by the attitudes of the people who arrive in our territories. Before, families were not divided.

Today, if we raise our voices against what is happening, the ìsecurityĭ forces of the company tell us we don't have rights.

While you may believe only the white man has rights, we indigenous people also have rights. We existed before the construction of States. We are the true owners of this land, we are the great continent of Abya yala.

In light of this situation, we ask and invite you, shareholders of the company and people of Canada, to come and see for yourself the situation of which we are speaking. Though your company says that

everything is good, they don't speak the truth. We demand that you leave our territory as soon as possible and leave us in peace.

We ask national and international organizations to investigate the violations of our rights as Indigenous peoples, in particular the rights of the Maya Mam people of Guatemala affected by the Goldcorp mining company.

To the members of the United Nations, we demand complete monitoring of the actions of transnational companies that are present and working in indigenous territories.

Of you all, we are thankful.

Kindly,

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