

GUATEMALA: July 14th

Gathering in San Miguel Ixtahuacan, Guatemala, in solidarity with people and communities harmed by Goldcorp Inc's open-pit, cyanide leach mine

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People's Council of San Marcos

THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION OF THE MAYAN-MAM PEOPLE OF SAN MIGUEL IXTAHUACAN

Greetings to all, in hope that your daily activities demonstrate respect to the people of Guatemala and the Mother Earth.

The Parish of San Miguel, La Casa del Pueblo and ADISMI -- all united in the Committee for the Defense of the People of San Miguel Ixtahuacan (FREDEMI) -- invite you to participate in a formal gathering on the 14th of July 2009 at 9:00am in the park of San Miguel Ixtahuacan, in solidarity with the people affected, threatened and criminalized as the result of the on-going operations of the mining company in San Miguel, Montana Exploradora, a subsidiary of Goldcorp Inc.

The gathering will show support for the community consultations that are taking place in the municipality of San Miguel. Consultations of the local communities are a fundamental human right, exercised in conjunction with the collective rights of the community, including the right of participation, decision-making, access to information and the right to the free determination of the people through dialogue, consultation and consensus.

Following the event, lunch will be provided for all participants. In harmony with our Mother Earth and Our Creator, we welcome you to join us on this day.

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Consejo de los Pueblos

LA CONSULTA COMUNITARIA DEL PUEBLO MAM DE SAN MIGUEL IXTAHUACAN

Reciban saludos cordiales con deseos de éxitos en sus actividades diarias en beneficio del pueblo de Guatemala y la Madre Tierra.

La Parroquia de San Miguel, La Casa del Pueblo, Adismi, unidos en el Frente de Defensa Miguelense (FREDEMI), le hacen una cordial invitación a participar el día 14 de julio, en el parque de San Miguel Ixtahuacan, a las 9 de la mañana a un encuentro entre Pueblos, en solidaridad con los afectados/as, amenazados/as y criminalizados/as por la empresa Montana Exploradora (Gold Corp).

También dicha actividad será en apoyo a las consultas comunitarias efectuadas y a efectuar en el municipio de San miguel. La consulta comunitaria es un derecho fundamental, de cuyo ejercicio depende la vigencia de otros derechos colectivos como: el derecho de participación, decisión, información y el derecho a la libre determinación como Pueblos mediante el diálogo, consulta y el consenso.

El evento se desarrollará por la mañana y terminara con un almuerzo para todos.

En armonía con la Madre Tierra y nuestro Creador un cordial saludo.

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