

Rights Action – May 4, 2011
Goldcorp Impunity Watch

CPP (CANADA PENSION PLAN) INVESTS IN, ENABLES & UNJUSTLY BENEFITS FROM GOLDCORP INC.

ONLINE ACTION TO THE CPP (CANADIAN PENSION PLAN) REGARDING GOLDCORP'S "MARLIN MINE"

BELOW:

An online petition initiative, by CAMIGUA, to tell the Canadian Pension Plan to vote for a Shareholder Resolution that asks Goldcorp to respect international law and voluntarily suspend the Marlin mine in Guatemala.

Click: http://org2.democracyinaction.org/o/6497/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=6657

GOLDCORP ANNUAL SHAREHOLDER MEETING:

May 18, 2011, Vancouver BC. To get involved: miningjustice@gmail.com

EDUCATION DELEGATION TO GUATEMALA (July 3-10): See below

* Please re-distribute this information all around

* To get on/off Rights Action's listserv: www.rightsaction.org

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The CPPIB (Canadian Pension Plan Investment Board) currently has \$256 million worth of shares in Goldcorp, the company that operates the highly-contested Marlin mine in Guatemala's western highlands.

In May 2010, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) issued precautionary measures urging that the mine be suspended in order to ensure the health and safety of affected communities, and as a result of the severity of alleged underlying human rights violations regarding the lack of consultation and consent from local indigenous peoples.

Almost a year later, the Marlin mine continues operating; intimidation and threats persist against those who are critical or outspoken against the mine.

Shareholders have presented a resolution to Goldcorp asking the company to voluntarily suspend operations at its Marlin mine in compliance with the precautionary measures. The proposal comes in the wake of violent confrontations at the mine site and highlights the increasing national and international press focus on this issue.

Through your pension payments, Canadians help finance Goldcorp's operations and alleged human rights abuses in the Americas.

Please take action today to tell the Canadian Pension Plan Investment Board to vote for the shareholder resolution.

(This action was brought to you by the International Coalition Against Unjust Mining in Guatemala (CAMIGUA– La Coalición Internacional Contra la Minería Injusta en Guatemala). CAMIGUA is a coalition of Canadian and United States-based advocacy and solidarity organizations working with Guatemalan allies to support mining-affected communities in Guatemala:
<http://goldcorpoutofguatemala.com/>)

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WHAT TO DO

Join a RIGHTS ACTION DELEGATION to Guatemala (JULY 3-10, 2011) “ELECTIONS; NO DEMOCRACY”

Join a Rights Action delegation to Guatemala from July 3 to 10, 2011. This pre-elections delegation will speak with human rights and social movement organizations struggling to create conditions for truly democratic processes, and limit the control organized crime and big business hold over the state through illegal networks of influence.

MEET WITH:

- * Human rights organizations pressing forward the 'exemplary cases' against war crimes; even as they meet constant setbacks;
- * Land rights movements of communities that support each other against the appropriation of their lands by politically influential plantation owners and organized crime bosses;
- * Indigenous rights movements that seek full recognition of their rights including recognition of traditional authorities and their territory;
- * Justice reform activists who seek to reform legal mechanisms that maintain impunity and criminalize human rights defenders; and
- * Communities defending their territory against transnational interests (mines, dams or biofuels) backed by political power holders.

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WHAT TO DO – DONATE FUNDS

Since 2004, Rights Action has been funding the community development and environmental and human rights defense work of ADISMI (the Association for the Integral Defense of San Miguel Ixtahuacan) in Guatemala and the Siria Valley Enviro-Defense Committee in Honduras, where Goldcorp operates 2 of its open-pit, cyanide-leaching mines.

TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

Make check payable to "Rights Action" and mail to:

UNITED STATES: Box 50887, Washington DC, 20091-0887

CANADA: 552 - 351 Queen St. E, Toronto ON, M5A-1T8

CREDIT-CARD DONATIONS: <http://rightsaction.org/contributions.htm>

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FOR QUESTIONS & MORE INFORMATION about Goldcorp's mining related environmental and health harms and other human rights violations in Guatemala & Honduras, contact: info@rightsaction.org.