

Rights Action – July 18, 2012

**GOLDCORP FOUND GUILTY  
BY INTERNATIONAL HEALTH TRIBUNAL  
FOR HEALTH HARMS, HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL  
CONTAMINATION**

**FROM THE VERDICT:**

***“We find Goldcorp guilty for its activities in Honduras, Guatemala and Mexico, which we find to be seriously damaging to the health and the quality of life, the quality of environment, and the right to self determination of the affected Indigenous and campesino communities.”***

**BELOW:** Media Release from a Popular International Health Tribunal, that took place July 14-15, 2012, in the shadow of Goldcorp Inc’s open-pit/ mountain-top removal, cyanide leaching mine, in Mayan Mam territories of San Miguel Ixtahuacan, department of San Marcos, Guatemala

**WHAT TO DO / HOW TO GET INVOLVED:** See below

- Get on/off listserv: [www.rightsaction.org](http://www.rightsaction.org)
- [www.facebook.com/RightsAction.org](http://www.facebook.com/RightsAction.org)
- <http://twitter.com/#!/rightsaction>

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Thank-you / Gracias a la vida  
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The Peoples’ International Health Tribunal came to a close today shortly after the reading of the judge’s final deliberation. The panel summarized the facts of the case against Goldcorp that they had heard in the previous day of testimonies regarding health issues, heightened birth defects, the contamination of the environment and lack of consent, as well as the psychological impacts of community division and the criminalization of dissent and the collective health of the community regarding issues such as addiction, an increase in sexually transmitted diseases and gender violence.

The distinguished panel (<http://healthtribunal.org/more-details-2/jury-members/>) delivered a guilty verdict to Goldcorp, the host countries of Honduras, Guatemala, and Mexico, as well as the Canadian Government for supporting and promoting in various ways the irresponsible mining investments in Mesoamerica. For the reasons above described, we find Goldcorp guilty for its activities in Honduras, Guatemala and Mexico, which we find to be seriously damaging to the health and the quality of life, the quality of environment, and the right to self determination of the affected Indigenous and campesino communities.

Following the verdict, the judges read recommendations to the communities and demands of Goldcorp and of the States (national, departmental, state and municipal governments).

- Final verdict: <http://healthtribunal.org/the-final-verdict/>.
- (Rough) transcript of the Tribunal: <http://healthtribunal.org/resources/the-tribunal-live/>.
- Media contacts: <http://healthtribunal.org/get-involved/join-a-delegation/>.
- M4 statement: <http://vancouver.mediacoop.ca/newsrelease/10674>.
- Press release on Rabble: <http://rabble.ca/news/2012/07/peoples-tribunal-goldcorp-guilty-damaging-environment-and-indigenous-communities>.
- Report about mining resistance throughout Guatemala: <http://intercontinentalcry.org/goldcorp-found-guilty-human-rights-violations-health-harms-environmental-contamination/>.
- Photo essay: <http://www.mimundo.org/2012/07/14/2012-07-14-the-peoples%E2%80%99-international-health-tribunal-in-images/>.

**More information:** [www.healthtribunal.org](http://www.healthtribunal.org)

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### **WHAT TO DO – DONATE MONEY**

TO MAKE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS (in Canada and the USA) for courageous community organizations in Honduras and Guatemala – like many grassroots groups that participated in this Health Tribunal – that are working and struggling for community development, the environment, human rights and justice, 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 can be made (in Canada and the USA):

<http://www.rightsaction.org/tax-deductible-donations>

DONATIONS OF STOCK can be made: [info@rightsaction.org](mailto:info@rightsaction.org)

### **WHAT TO DO – KEEP ON WRITING – THESE ARE “OUR” PROBLEMS**

Keep on sending copies of this information, and your own letters, to your own Canadian and American politicians (MPs, Congresspersons, Senators) and other government officials, and to your own media. North American resource extraction companies operate around the world with the full support of North American governments. Please send copies to pension funds across North America – like the Canada Pension Plan – that are invested in and profiting from most North American resource extraction companies around the world, with no real concern for environmental, health or human rights concerns.

### **WHAT TO DO - GET INFORMED / GET INVOLVED**

- SPEAKERS: Contact us to plan educational presentations in your community

- EDUCATIONAL DELEGATIONS TO GUATEMALA & HONDURAS: Form your own group or join one of our delegations to learn first hand about community development, human rights and environmental struggles
- NEWS: [www.democracynow.org](http://www.democracynow.org) / <http://therealnews.com/t2/> / [www.upsidedownworld.org](http://www.upsidedownworld.org) / [www.dominionpaper.ca](http://www.dominionpaper.ca) /
- BOOKS:
- Eduardo Galeano's "Open Veins of Latin America"
- Howard Zinn's "A People's History of the United States"
- James Loewen's "Lies My Teacher Told Me"
- Naomi Klein's "The Shock Doctrine"
- Paulo Freire's "Pedagogy of the Oppressed"
- Dr Seuss's "Horton Hears A Who"

## **RIGHTS ACTION**

Since 1995, Rights Action has been funding and working to eliminate the underlying causes of poverty, environmental destruction, repression, racism and impunity in Guatemala and Honduras, as well as in Chiapas (Mexico) and El Salvador. The Canadian Rights Action Foundation, founded in 1999, is independent from and works in conjunction with Rights Action (USA) that was founded originally in 1983. Since 1995, Grahame Russell and Annie Bird have been co-directors of Rights Action; Grahame is founder and director of Rights Action (Canada).

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