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RE: Have you ever, even once, visited the Goldcorp Inc. affected communities in the Siria Valley, Honduras?

To Whom It May Concern:

Shame on the DJSI North America for including Goldcorp Inc. on the Dow Jones Sustainability Index North America (DJSI North America). What “rigorous indicators” are you using to consider Goldcorp a leader in the areas of environmental and social performance?

Including Goldcorp in this cavalier fashion further strengthens the impunity of the global mining industry, and further guarantees that the gold mining harmed people of places like the Siria Valley will continue to get no remedy or compensation for their suffering.

As you have chosen to include Goldcorp on your index, you have the responsibility to go to the Siria Valley and explain to the gold mining harmed people there why Goldcorp is on your list. With advance notice, I can guarantee you meetings with the people who continue to suffer extreme health harms today The DJSI can, of course, set up your own meetings with the Honduran regime and the mining industry, as they are the people and institutions that you ordinarily deal with.

BELOW: a photo-essay prepared by the Siria Valley Environmental Defense Committee, with help from Rights Action

When you are ready to undertake a direct fact-finding mission, please let me know.

With respect, but with utter disagreement as to the role you are playing in strengthening the impunity with which the global mining industry operates,

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**SERIOUS HEALTH CRISIS IN THE SIRIA VALLEY, HONDURAS
CAUSED BY GOLDCORP INC.**

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICTIMS OF MINING CONTAMINATION:

Chronicle of a Death Foretold

By Carlos Amador, July 2, 2012

Below, we present a series of photographs documenting the reality of life in the Siria Valley, Honduras, where a serious endemic health crisis continues to unfold. The health problems were caused by open-pit mining exploitation carried out by Entremares, a subsidiary of Goldcorp Inc. of Canada, at its "San Martin" mining operation.



(1666) Maria Cabrera, El Pedernal

"I am really concerned about my health problems caused by contamination left by the mine. Before the mine came here, we were poor but healthy."

Full Photo Essay:

<http://rightsaction.org/action-content/winners-losers-goldcorps-empire-5-million-donated-health-programs-canada-denial>

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FOR VICTIMS OF HEALTH HARMS IN SIRIA VALLEY, HONDURAS**

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