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GOLDCORP IN GUATEMALA

More Harms and Abuses; Same Impunity and Huge Profits Flowing North

CRACKS IN THE GROUND NEAR GOLDCORP'S "MARLIN" MINE DUE (MOST LIKELY) TO UNDERGROUND TUNNELING

BELOW: Communique from FREDEMI, the San Miguel Ixtahuacan Defense Front, about the latest harms caused by Goldcorp's "Marlin" mine, operating since 2005.



(All pictures by FREDEMI, October 13, 2012)

FOR THE RECORD ... IMPUNITY versus COMMUNITY DIGNITY AND RESISTANCE

Rights Action is honored to continue funding and supporting FREDEMI and the mining-harmed communities of San Miguel Ixtahuacan. Since 2005, many groups have been involved in this struggle, documenting and denouncing the myriad of harms and violations that Goldcorp has caused, continues to cause ... and to no avail in the short-term. There is no end in sight, and there has been no remedy, whatsoever, to anyone for any of the harms or violations caused, to date.

[See this recent Al Jazeera film and news report about the survival, resistance and courage of Diodora Hernandez, a Mayan Mam woman shot point blank in the head because she will not sell her small plot of land to Goldcorp: <http://rightsaction.org/action-content/goldcorp-mining-interests-and-shooting-diodora-hernandez-two-years-later-and-still-no>]

There is no political will or honesty, whatsoever, amongst the governments of Guatemala and Canada, to assume any role in holding Goldcorp – an extraordinary cash cow – to account for and to remedy the harms and violations it is causing. Neither have any shareholders,

investors and other profiteers – from public pension funds like the Canada Pension Fund, to private investors – acted with anything but narrow-minded greed, profiting from this incredibly profitable mine, always turning a blind eye to the on-going harms and violations.

Are statements of ‘no honesty’ and ‘no political will’ too harsh? What else might one label the complete inaction? Are comments about ‘narrow-minded greed’ too harsh? What else might one label the motivations of those reaping all the benefits from this?

Yet, the struggle of FREDEMI and the mining harmed communities is not in vain – they continue to serve as shining lights of resistance and dignity and for that deserve all respect and as much support as possible.

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WHAT TO DO / HOW TO SUPPORT: See below

FISSURES IN THE GROUND NEAR GOLDCORP’S “MARLIN” MINE IN GUATEMALA

October 25, 2012

FREDEMI (San Miguel Ixtahuacan Defense Front)

Héctor Pérez, a Mayan Mam man from the community of Agel, and four other families have reported gaping fissures in the ground on their property in the community of Agel, by Goldcorp’s mine in the Mayan Mam territories of western Guatemala. At their widest, these cracks in earth measure almost 2 meters across.



These cracks are found in the earth in Agel, bordering the neighboring village of Maquivil. At this spot, known as Kyaqjul in the village of Maquivil, Goldcorp has built a large air vent to feed the underground tunnels. The people who live around these fissures are very worried about their lands and homes collapsing in. These fissures have been denounced to the village authorities in Agel ... to no avail. Moreover, Goldcorp has recently dug a new well, in this Ktaqjul section of Agel, to get water for its mining operation. The villagers fear also a further drying up of their water sources.



FREDEMI, the San Miguel Ixtahuacan Defense Front, sends this information nationally and internationally. FREDEMI invites any concerned people and organizations to come and see for themselves. FREDEMI holds Goldcorp responsible for these harms that cause so much insecurity and injustice for the families of Agel.



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