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Letter Writing & Phone Calls Needed

Please consider writing your own letter [based on this letter] to Hudbay Minerals/CGN. Please follow-up your letter with a phone call to ask if they got your letter and when you can expect a response from them. (If they don't respond to you, then call them again.)

- **Copies:** Send copies of your letter to your elected politicians and media, particularly in Canada.
- **See below:** More information, how to support and get involved.

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Dear Mr. Garofalo,

I write with serious concerns about news that armed security guards with the Guatemalan Nickel Company (CGN) illegally entered and attacked Mayan Q'eqchi' people in the remote villages of Lote 8 and Lote 9, El Estor, Izabal, Guatemala. This occurred over June 7-8, 2014.

CGN is your former wholly-owned mining company in Guatemala. Moreover, CGN is co-defendant and co-participant with Hudbay in the Hudbay/CGN Lawsuits in Toronto (www.chocversushudbay.com) and the village of Lote 8 is home to 11 of the plaintiffs seeking justice in the Hudbay/CGN Lawsuits.

It is very disturbing to hear that intimidation and repression tactics continue in this region, and are targeted against remote, poor Mayan Q'eqchi communities that have already suffered violent evictions and repression beyond belief as a result of the nickel mining operation that Hudbay (and the former Skye Resources that Hudbay bought out) owned and controlled from 2004-2011.

Given the long history of repression and violent evictions linked to nickel mining in this region of Guatemala, and given the ongoing civil lawsuits in Canada, Hudbay will be viewed morally, and I hope

legally, as co-responsible for any harms and repression that CGN may commit against the Mayan Q'eqchi' villagers, including the plaintiffs and their family members.

As former owner of CGN and with ongoing corporate links to CGN via the lawsuits, Hudbay has a duty to take all possible steps to ensure the safety of these villagers. Further violations and harms will create further reputational damage to your company and to the Canadian government.

Please respond to this letter, confirming what steps that Hudbay Minerals and its co-defendant, co-participant CGN are taking to ensure the safety and well-being of Mayan Q'eqchi' villagers, in general, and particularly those villagers involved in the Hudbay/CGN lawsuits.

Respectfully,

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What To Do:

Write Hudbay Minerals and CGN, with copies to your media and elected politicians in Canada and the USA, holding Hudbay and CGN responsible for any harm (illegally evictions and repression) that CGN may commit against the Mayan Q'eqchi' villagers, including the plaintiffs in the Hudbay/CGN Lawsuits.

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Emergency Funds

Funds needed for Lote 8 and Lote 9 communities to take actions to peacefully and legally defend their homes and territory.

Tax-Deductible Donations (Canada & U.S.)

To support the on-going work for community development and environmental defense of the Mayan Qeqchi people of El Estor, make check payable to "Rights Action" and mail to:

- United States: Box 50887, Washington DC, 20091-0887
- Canada: (Box 552) 351 Queen St. E, Toronto ON, M5A-1T8

Credit-Card Donations Can Be Made (Canada & U.S.): <http://www.rightsaction.org/tax-deductible-donations>

More Information

- About the community defense and justice struggles of Mayan Qeqchi people in Guatemala: info@rightsaction.org, www.rightsaction.org, www.facebook.com/rightsaction.org
- About the lawsuits against Hudbay/CGN in Canada: www.chocversushudbay.com

Defensora

40 minute film by Rachel Schmidt (2013)

Trailer/ Screenings/ Info: www.defensorathefilm.com

The award winning film "Defensora" documents the Mayan Qeqchi people's struggle, in eastern Guatemala, to reclaim their ancestral lands, to promote community development and environmental well-being, and to seek justice and remedy in both Canadian courts, for the murder, shootings and rapes committed against them by Canadian mining companies (particularly Hudbay Minerals) in Guatemala.
