

Hudbay Minerals documentary film

As the murder and company repression trial against Hudbay Mineral's former head of security continues this week in Guatemala, Investigative MEDIA releases the online version of a film about Hudbay's harmful, repressive and widely resisted mining operations in Uchucarco (Peru), Manitoba (Canada), El Estor (Guatemala) & Arizona (United States).

- **To view:** <https://youtu.be/j7aacPtEI8s>

Interested in hosting screenings?

- Contact filmmaker John Dougherty: 602-810-4849, jd.investigativemedia@gmail.com, www.InvestigativeMedia.com

For information on murder and repression trial in Guatemala, and civil lawsuits in Canada against Hudbay?

- Contact Grahame Russell, grahame@rightsaction.org

Hudbay Minerals film “Flin Flon Flim Flam”

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<http://www.investigativemedia.com/investigativemedia-releases-online-version-of-hudbay-minerals-documentary/>

“Flin Flon Flim Flam” takes an unflinching look into the operations of one of Canada’s oldest miners. Produced by Arizona-based investigative reporter John Dougherty, the film premiered Oct. 18 at the Loft Cinema in Tucson and was broadcast on KGUN-9 on Dec. 13 in a special edition of Tucson’s weekly public affairs show ZonaPolitics.

Mr. Dougherty traveled to northern Manitoba to report on Hudbay’s historic operations, to the Guatemala highlands where Mayan peasants allege they are the victims of atrocities at the hands of Hudbay, and to the Peruvian Andes where Hudbay has clashed with the local community over the company’s largest operation, the Constancia Mine.

The film documents Hudbay’s history in Flin Flon, Manitoba, where the company operated Canada’s most polluting copper smelter for more than 80 years. The smelter contaminated the surrounding area with high levels of toxic metals including arsenic, mercury and lead before it was closed in 2010.

The film highlights Hudbay’s conflicts with indigenous people in Canada, Peru, Guatemala and Arizona. Hudbay is currently defending three civil suits stemming from its former operations in

El Estor, Guatemala in a precedent-setting legal proceeding unfolding in Toronto. Hudbay stands accused of gang rapes, murder and a shooting that left a man paralyzed.

In Arizona, Hudbay is seeking state and federal permits to construct the Rosemont Copper Mine, which would be the third largest open-pit copper mine in the U.S. The documentary focuses on the key environmental, permitting and legal issues that Hudbay must overcome before construction could begin. The mine is projected to produce approximately six billion pounds of copper over 22 years.

The Rosemont Mine would dump waste rock and tailings on more than 3,000 acres of the Coronado National Forest in the biologically rich Santa Rita Mountains. One of several desert mountain ranges collectively known as "Sky Islands", the Santa Ritas host a dozen threatened and endangered species that would be impacted by the mine. These include the only known wild jaguar in the United States that has been repeatedly photographed less than a mile from where the open pit would be blasted.

The documentary exposes how Hudbay is misleading its shareholders and regulators by failing to report a state court subsequently overturned a required air pollution permit issued by Arizona regulators. The film highlights the regulatory hurdles Hudbay must clear, including obtaining a Clean Water Act permit from skeptical federal regulators.

Mr. Dougherty founded InvestigativeMEDIA in 2006 after 22 years as a financial and investigative reporter. He has been a contributor to the New York Times and named Arizona Journalist of the Year three times. He is a member of Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism Hall of Fame.

Letter From Filmmaker

From: John Dougherty

Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2016

After several screenings in southern Arizona and a television broadcast on the Tucson ABC affiliate, I am pleased to announce that my documentary on Hudbay Minerals' worldwide operations and plans for the Rosemont Copper mine in southern Arizona is now available online.

Please share the press release and film links with your contacts and encourage them to share with their friends and associates.

I am also planning to make swing through Canada later this winter or in the spring. I need your suggestions on the best timing and screening locations. At a minimum, I would like to screen the film in Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg and Flin Flon.

I also have plans to translate the film into Spanish and the native languages in Guatemala and Peru.

It is my understanding from a story published in the Flin Flon Reminder that Hudbay is "dismissing" the film as unimportant. I certainly hope we can push the film out in key markets in Canada and increase awareness about the operations of this company so Hudbay cannot simply brush it aside as a mere nuisance.

I look forward to any and all ideas about screenings in Canada.

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