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To whom it may concern at Hudbay & CGN:

We write concerning what are apparently CGN directed intimidations against the family of Angelica Choc, against legal and human rights supporters of Angelica Choc and against lawyers working for the Attorney General's office.

Parallel to but separate from the "Hudbay Lawsuits" in Canada against Hudbay Minerals and CGN (related to the January 17, 2007 gang-rape of 11 women in Lote 8; the September 27, 2009 killing of community leader Adolfo Ich and shooting-paralyzing of villager German Chub), is the criminal trial against Mynor Padilla, then head of security at Hudbay Minerals' formerly owned "Fenix" mining operation in Guatemala.

Padilla is on trial, since April 2015, for the September 27, 2009 killing of community leader Adolfo Ich, the shooting-paralyzing of villager German Chub, and wounding of 6 men from the community of Las Nubes.

Holding Hudbay and CGN Responsible for Threats and Potential Repression

We write to hold Hudbay and CGN responsible for any repression, beyond the intimidations already occurring, that might occur against Angelica Choc and anyone involved directly or indirectly in the criminal trial.

Hudbay is involved in this trial against Padilla (having paid Canadian lawyer John Terry to give some very misleading “expert witness” testimony at the trial in September 2015); Hudbay and CGN are co-defendants in Canada in the civil lawsuits; and it is rumoured that Hudbay is paying for Mynor Padilla’s defense costs.

CGN Paid Armed & Unidentified Men in Unidentified Vehicles

On February 11, 2015, the criminal trial was suspended when the Attorney General lawyer denounced, in court, that he had been followed by unidentified armed men, in unidentified vehicles. Angelica Choc, widow of the murdered Adolfo Ich, and co-accuser in this trial, reported that she, her lawyers and supporters, had been similarly followed on numerous occasions by unidentified armed men, in unidentified vehicles.

In court that same day, Padilla’s defense lawyers (one of whom has been since charged with illicit association, bribery, influence-trafficking, obstruction of justice and collusion in another lawsuit related to a government corruption criminal network) stated that: “[we] bring our security personnel with us, but the CGN pays for other security personnel who we don’t know ... They move around incognito”.

Days later, back in Angelica’s home community of La Union, El Estor, family members of Angelica Choc report that a silver-grey pick-up truck, probably a Toyota Hilux model, with darkened windows and no license plates, was seen parked outside the homes of Angelica’s sister and son, at different times. This type of truck, again without license plates, is regularly seen coming in and out of CGN’s mining facilities.

Action Needed

Rights Action calls on Hudbay Minerals and CGN to take every step necessary to ensure that none of their company personnel - whether employees, contracted workers, “security” personnel or other men with guns - participate in any more acts of intimidation or threatening or violent behavior.

Sincerely,

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What To Do

Please write your own letter, based on this letter, and/or re-send this letter to Hudbay/CGN, with copies to your own Member of Parliament. Follow-up your letter with a phone call to ask what steps they are taking. When they don't respond to you, call them again.

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More Information

- About the community defense and justice struggles of Mayan Qeqchi people in Guatemala and Canada: grahame@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.

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