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Valcambi - Yanacocha

Dear Mr. Wiedmer,

With reference to your letter dated 28 September 2016, we would like to thank you for sharing with us the news about the recent events that occurred on September 18th , 2016. Also we believe it is important to be truthful and transparent about the facts surrounding this case.

Our internal monitoring system has picked up on the incident within 24 hours after it occurred and triggered according to our manuals in place all the necessary internal processes in order to analyse the situation and to decide what further steps must be taken based on the facts and our findings.

Given what we found and what is available as facts (Interviews, Videos)), we will continue to watch and review all developments very closely.

Regarding the land dispute between members of the Chaupe family and Yanacocha, we welcome the steps Newmont and Yanacocha have committed to, following the publication of the Yanacocha Independent Fact Finding Mission (YIFFM) report by the independent non-profit organization, RESOLVE. We trust these could be the first steps for resolving the issue, by intensifying efforts to hold good-faith dialogue with the Chaupe family.

With kind regards,

Valcambi sa

Michael Mesaric
CEO

Simone Knobloch
COO



Please find attached the materials we have been looking at and we are referring to:

- The [statement](#) Newmont issued regarding the possessory defense Yanacocha conducted on September 18th following the Chaupe family planting a new crop on Yanacocha property outside of the area under judicial dispute. You may also find a link to that statement [here](#).
- The [section](#) on Newmont's website dedicated to information and facts surrounding the Chaupe family land dispute.

Please find also attached a map that shows the following:

- Where the Chaupes' current house is located
- The demarcation line (horizontal yellow line) between the southern parcel (which is not under legal dispute) and the northern parcel where their house is located
- The plots that the Chaupes planted on the southern parcel, land which is not under legal dispute

In the aftermath of the 18th September possessory defense:

- The [video](#) of the possessory defense, taken by representatives from Yanacocha
- A [link to a statement](#) from the local police, debunking the claim that Maxima was severely beaten, also confirmed by medical records released following the action.