

1 October 2023

ALLEGATIONS OF RISKS ARISING OUT OF PUEBLO VIEJO EXPANSION

Att: Diana Martin, Administrative Coordinator, MiningWatch Canada,
Fernando Peña, Representative from the National Space for Transparency in the Extractive Industry (ENTRE)

Cc: Catherine Coumans, Research Coordinator, MiningWatch Canada,
Jan Morrill, Tailings Campaign Manager, Earthworks,
Steven Emerman, Malach Consulting

Dear Ms Martin, Mr Peña,

We refer to our written letter to you dated 8 September 2023, more than 3 weeks ago, in response to your collective public statement of 6 September 2023 titled "Barrick's Major Mine Expansion in the Dominican Republic Brings Extreme and Unreported Risks, says Safety Expert" following what you describe as Mr Emerman's "independent review" of the Pueblo Viejo (PV) El Naranjo Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA). We have yet to receive any response or acknowledgement of our letter from yourselves, Earthworks or Mr Emerman, nor have we received the report in a continued intentional lack of engagement.

In our prior correspondence, beyond raising concerns at your collective decision to deliberately decline participation in the ESIA, we requested a copy of the report from Mr Emerman's review. We highlighted our concern at the lack of reciprocal transparency, and your deliberate decision to not engage with the mine to undertake a site visit or request any technical information, and that Mr Emerman's report had not been made publicly available. Your collective public statement made unsubstantiated claims referencing Mr Emerman's report which had not been released.

We have also noted, that despite our request for the report and highlighting a lack of engagement on your part, Mr Peña has begun circulating the collective statement, transferred onto an ENTRE letterhead, to the neighbouring communities at Pueblo Viejo. Again, the circulation of this statement makes unsubstantiated claims and references the said report that is yet to be made public.

We would like to reiterate the contents of our prior correspondence and urge you to uphold the tenets of transparency that you ostensibly champion. We again make this formal request to share Mr Emerman's report with us.

We trust that you would see no reason to withhold such report from us or the public generally, based on your own calls for transparency, so we look forward to receiving it as soon as possible.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bristow', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Bristow
President and CEO

Copied:

Helen Clark, Board Member, Council Presidente, Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)
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