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IndustriALL Global Union Calling on Government of Indonesia to Stop Preventable Deaths at Grasberg Copper Mine in Indonesia

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to you on behalf of [IndustriALL Global Union](http://www.industriall-union.org), which represents more than 50 million workers in mining, energy and manufacturing industries in some 141 countries, to bring to your urgent attention the latest four preventable fatalities at the Freeport McMoran—Rio Tinto's Grasberg Copper Mine on 27 September 2014, and to urge the government of Indonesia to enforce health and safety measures to ensure the protection of workers in mines and the full respect of their fundamental rights to a safe and healthy working environment. Furthermore, we call upon Indonesia to ratify the International Labour Organization (ILO)'s Convention 176 on Health and Safety in Mines, as a fundamental step to take in improving health and safety in mines.

It is not long ago that IndustriALL Global Union undertook a global solidarity mission to Indonesia to support and offer condolences to our affiliates and bereaved family members at the unnecessary deaths of 28 miners killed at the Grasberg copper mine, a mine majority owned by Freeport McMoran, which Rio Tinto also has a major investment in.

Therefore, it is with the deepest sense of shock, sadness and anger that we learned of another tragic mine accident at the same mine. This latest mine tragedy, which happened on 27 September 2014, has claimed 4 mineworkers' lives and injured another 5 mineworkers. In addition, two more fatal accidents had already occurred earlier in September.

In the wake of the mine accident at Grasberg on 14 May 2014, IndustriALL Global Union organized a high level delegation to Indonesia to protest at the senseless killing of mineworkers in accidents that have been shown to be preventable. At the end of that mission the delegation concluded that the accident clearly illustrated the urgent need for the ratification of ILO Convention 176 in Indonesia.

It is important to add that IndustriALL Global Union supports the demands of our Indonesian affiliate, the Chemical, Energy and Mines Workers Union - CEMWU SPSI, to:

1. Strongly urge the Police Chief Commander, Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources to thoroughly investigate the accident and to seriously consider the Recommendation passed by the Human Rights Commission on the 14 May 2013 accident, which amongst other things, called for the implementation of law No. 1/1970 on Safety and Health.
2. To call those in charge to account for the accident and be held individually and collectively responsible.
3. Strongly urge the management at Freeport to commit to health and safety and to give assurance that such accidents will not happen again.

IndustriALL Global Union calls on you to intervene immediately to ensure that the spate of mine accidents at the Grasberg copper mine comes to an end, and we reiterate our call for the government of Indonesia to ratify ILO Convention 176 on Health and Safety in Mines.

I anticipate your urgent reply.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a vertical line on the left, a horizontal line at the bottom, and a diagonal line on the right that meets the horizontal one, forming a stylized 'J' or 'R' shape.

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