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Stop bullying Mexican landowners and respect workers' rights

Dear Mr. Crossgrove,

I am writing to you in my capacity as General Secretary of IndustriALL Global Union, which brings together 50 million mining, energy and manufacturing workers in 140 countries to express grave concern at recent developments at the La Platosa mine in Mexico. You will recall I wrote to you on previous occasions on behalf of the International Metalworkers' Federation (IMF), a founding member of IndustriALL Global Union.

Please find attached the letters I have today written to the Mexican authorities, which are self-explanatory.

I would urge you to sit down without delay with representatives of the ejido La Sierrita to resolve the violations of the 2008 land use agreement.

I am also taking this opportunity to express indignation at your company's unacceptable labour practices and in particular its repeated failure to allow workers to form unions of their own choosing without interference. The latest example of this behavior occurred last week in the union elections at La Platosa, which were marred by a number of irregularities.

In this instance I would also urge you to meet with Section 309 of the mine workers' union SNTMMSSRM to discuss the immediate reinstatement of leaders and members dismissed in violation of ILO Conventions No. 87 and 98, including Jorge Luis Mora, Jose Remedios Masiel Rios, Gerardo Pacheco Alvarez and Guillermo Horona Perales.

I look forward to your early response.



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