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New environment provisions do not stop the Crucitas Project

Vested rights protect the projects of Industrias Infinito S.A.

- Use of high technology will guarantee harmony with new environmental policy

None of the environmental actions announced by the President of the Republic, Abel Pacheco and his minister of environment and energy, Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, will affect the activities of Industrias Infinito S.A. (IISA), since the same provision, made public on June 5, points out that “any right acquired before the publication of the current decree will be respected”

“Industrias Infinito has fulfilled, over the past nine years, all the requirements demanded by the Costa Rican legislation for the development of the mining activity and, thus, by the end of last year, we legitimately received a concession that belongs to us”, IISA’s general manager, Jesus Carvajal, emphasized and added that, precisely, this concession is already a vested right.

Carvajal thinks that, with these measures, President Pacheco is fulfilling with transparency a promise of the campaign and trusts that the head of state will also comply with and respect their legal system, which is an essential aspect to the good image of Costa Rica that, “as we know, tries to open sources for the national development by looking for foreign investment”, the official specified.

Environmental commitment

The application of the latest technology available for the destruction of cyanide, the decision made by Industrias Infinito to do a superficial extraction (no explosives will be used), the characteristics of the area of extraction (there is no virgin nor primary forest) and the commitment to develop ecotourism, forest and communal development projects, are the best guarantee that the Crucitas Project adjusts to the new environmental policy of Costa Rica.

“ The groups opposing the project have as a reference point a model of extraction and processing that has nothing to do with the one we will develop in the area”, Carvajal explained. He asked the authorities and the interested groups no to confuse people with versions and even with photographs of projects carried out in deserts, that do not correspond with the truth of the Crucitas Project.

Neither the seven nearby villages (all of them support the project), nor the river beds and streams, nor the acquiferous mantles, nor the flora and fauna will be exposed to a risk due to possible spillage of cyanide, because this substance will be handled with the most modern technological controls of the world.

“The Crucitas Project will confine the use of cyanide to a closed plant that will have a series of stainless steel tanks where the substance will be mixed the gold bearing clay. The residual clay resulting from the process will then be transferred to other plant of destruction of cyanide, which will guarantee that the processed material will not expose the environment to any risk”, Carvajal explained and detailed that it will be the first plant in Central America and the fifth in Latin America with this kind of high technology.