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Offer before foreign press correspondents

Optimism due to dialogue willingness offered by President Abel Pacheco

- Crucitas Project adjusts to environmental policy of Costa Rican head of office

President of the Republic, Abel Pacheco, expressed yesterday in a meeting with foreign press correspondents that he was willing to talk about the future of the Crucitas mining project, even though he expressed several doubts regarding the “environmental damage caused by this type of mining due to the use of cyanide”, an ACAN-EFE cable recorded.

When consulted on this, the general manager of Industrias Infinito, Jesus Carvajal, expressed his satisfaction at the opportunity to engage in a dialogue offered by the President, and he stated that “once Mr. Abel gets to know our model of mining development in detail, he will not object to it because it is based in the most modern technology for the destruction of cyanide”, Carvajal said.

Carvajal added that he shares the concern for the environment with head of office Pacheco and he affirmed that, apart from the high technology, “Crucitas will be an exemplary model of economic and social development; of rational use of natural resources and of commitment with human development”, he pointed out.

Regarding the announced intention to eliminate the mining concession, exploitation rights granted through a resolution of the MINAE number R-578-2001, on December 17 of the previous year and published in the Gaceta on March 21 of this year, Jesus Carvajal indicated that “for the time being we are not going to refer to the legality protecting our concession, because after we explain our project to the President, that will have been overcome.”

Likewise, Industrias Infinito S.A. has not considered “the conditions of a compensation”, the Manager pointed out.

Setena is visiting Crucitas Project today and tomorrow

Today, officials of the Secretaría Técnica Nacional Ambiental (SETENA), initiated an inspection tour in Crucitas, Cutris (95 kilometers North of Ciudad Quesada). This tour will continue until tomorrow, as part of the inspection process of the Environmental impact study presented to the SETENA last March.

“The Environmental impact study, a public document, gathers all technical aspects guaranteeing the sustainability of the Crucitas Project. We want to talk to President Pacheco about this study, about our model of mining development, and about our social and environmental commitment, now that he is offering us this valuable opportunity”, Carvajal concluded.