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Activists cause unnecessary strain due to San Juan River

Nicaragua Makes Official Contact with Mining Company

- Is a modified environmental study going around?

A three employee delegation of the Nicaraguan Attorney General's Office, led by the Environmental Attorney Assistant, José Luis García, met last Friday August 20th, with Industrias Infinito representatives to obtain direct information about the Crucitas Project details.

This is the first official contact of the Nicaraguan government after three weeks characterized by a wave of publications on Nicaraguan newspapers. These publications were based on information coming from our country and given by one of the few persons that go against the eco-mining model to be developed in the marginalized location of Crucitas of Cutris.

“We are very pleased with the attitude shown by the Nicaraguan Government. They are not biased in favour of the “anti-mining” group, but they are requesting further information from us”. Jesús Carvajal, Industrias Infinito's General Manager, said.

“This visit from the Nicaraguans made us evaluate all the technological aspects that strength our mining model, and it mainly allowed us to make perfectly clear that Crucitas Project will not contaminate the San Juan River as it was tendentiously said”, he added.

Carvajal emphasized that this is an absolutely unnecessary provocation that seeks to affect the good relation between both countries by harassing us with a malicious campaign of misleading information. “We are witnessing the last and most desperate attempt of a small “anti-mining” group that has resorted to terror and has divulged information with a lack of technical arguments and environmentally irrational arguments without demonstrating a truthful interest for the environment”.

High Technology protects San Juan River

The Nicaraguan group strongly emphasized the management, processing, and destruction of cyanide, an essential product for gold processing. It also took into account the distance from the project to the San Juan River, the alleged contamination of its tributaries, the water supply necessary for the process and the transportation of cyanide from its origin to the Project.

“Each of the questions was answered extensively and documented by experts during an extended four hour work session”, Carvajal indicated. He also reminded them that Costa Rica is going to be the fifth Latin American country using modern technology, therefore the Crucitas Project will become part of the exclusive group of mines where it is successfully applied around 20 world countries.

The Nicaraguan officials explained that their mission was consultative and insisted on not being able to reveal any criteria. They also met with officials from the Geology and Mines General Office and from Secretaría Técnica Nacional Ambiental, SETENA, who is analyzing the project’s feasibility.

“These gentleman also assured that their purpose was not to file any reports in our country, as it was widely spread on a regional newspaper”, the Manager added.

Modified environmental impact study?

Finally, Industrias Infinito will do everything possible to locate a copy of an allegedly modified version of the Crucitas Project Environmental Impact Study (EIS) that is circulating around Nicaragua. We believe it has been modified due to the direct questions that were brought up and supposedly originated from that document.

“This meeting was distinguished by both parties’ good faith. They brought up some questions based on a supposed copy of our EIS made by people who had triggered this unnecessary situation in bad faith. We could not think of any other possibility but the circulation of a modified document”, Carvajal said.