

## COMMUNITY UPDATE – OCTOBER 2008

The purpose of this communication is to update the representatives of the communities and NGOs that welcomed the shareholder group in February 2008. A previous update was sent in June 2008 detailing the goals and objectives of the Marlin Mine Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA).

### BACKGROUND

In February 2008, representatives of socially responsible investment institutions and research organizations<sup>1</sup> travelled to Guatemala and spent ten days meeting with non-governmental organizations, communities, Goldcorp officials, and government representatives.

It is recognized that the stories and experiences gathered by the group over ten days could not provide a complete account of the multiple impacts felt by local communities.

The investors, who were members of the group, felt that the most effective way of addressing the issues was by filing a shareholder proposal requesting an independent Human Rights Impact Assessment (HRIA) of the Marlin Mine. The investors believe that an assessment of *human rights* impacts would cover many of the concerns raised by the individuals and organizations we met with in Guatemala, including the right to personal security, water, safety, and housing. Goldcorp agreed to work with the shareholders to arrange for an HRIA at the Marlin Mine and to follow the terms of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) negotiated between the shareholders and Goldcorp that outlines the company's commitment, as well as the general principles of the HRIA.

The MOU (attached) stated that the HRIA process would be overseen by a steering committee and be guided by the tenets of transparency, independence and inclusivity.

### ASSESSMENT STATUS - UPDATE

It must be made clear that the HRIA has not yet begun – to date all tasks and decisions of the Steering Committee have been focused on confirming the principles and process for hiring the independent HRIA assessment team who will then work to ensure that the input of communities defines the HRIA process and, of course, findings and outcomes.

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<sup>1</sup> The Ethical Funds Company; Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC); the Pension Fund for the Employees of PSAC; National Pension System's Ethical Council (Sweden); Shareholder Association for Research and Education (SHARE), Jantzi Research; and GES Investment Services (Sweden).

## The following tasks have been completed:

1. The selection of the Steering Committee members:
  - Manfredo Marroquin, Executive Director of the NGO, Accion Ciudadana. Local organization for Transparency Internacional in Guatemala. This NGO is dedicated to monitoring the government for corruption.
  - Bill Brassington, Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) Staff Pension Fund (representing the shareholder group)
  - David Diesley, Vice President and General Counsel, Goldcorp Inc.
  
2. Guatemala Country Profile:
  - The Steering Committee distributed a request for proposals for a Guatemala country profile to identify and describe the human rights and socio-economic context in Guatemala. The finalized country profile was received in July 2008, and is posted on the HRIA website (see below).
  
3. Selection of the Assessor and Peer Reviewer:
  - The Steering Committee distributed a request for proposals for the HRIA;
  - The request for proposal was widely distributed in Spanish and English and the submission deadline was extended to allow for maximum response;
  - The Steering Committee received 32 proposals;
  - The Assessor and Peer Reviewer were selected in September 2008<sup>2</sup>. On Common Ground (<http://www.oncommonground.ca/>) will be carrying out the HRIA and International Alert (<http://www.international-alert.org/>) will be hired as the peer reviewer.
  
4. HRIA Website
  - A website that will house all HRIA documents has been launched. Information and relevant documents can be found both in English and Spanish ([www.hria-guatemala.com](http://www.hria-guatemala.com)).

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<sup>2</sup> In order to fairly assess the proposals, the steering committee evaluated each proposal, placing importance on the assessors' specific experience in human rights, indigenous communities, mining as well as the overall quality of the proposal.