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We have carefully read the statement that you published on the company's website and note that its content persists with the same discriminatory and racist behaviour that the company has been encouraging towards us. You and anyone else who would like to can come and walk freely on the federal road [outside of the mine] without any problem. In other words, you are lying to your investors by stating that we are illegally blocking the road, an act that defames us, criminalizes us, and offends us. Why don't you tell your investors that we closed the mine because you didn't comply with the agreement signed between both parties?

You have sent us written communications asking for respect and to regain our trust, but, as we told your local managers yesterday afternoon, that you first must stop lying and sending messages of respect, on the one hand, while publishing messages of contempt and lies on the other.

If you want to continue negotiations with the ejido, we demand that you rectify as soon as possible the communiqué in which you allege that we have blocked the federal highway, such that it reflects the truth of the situation and does not cause us external problems that have nothing to do with our activities.

So that you are aware that the ejido is acting responsibly, yesterday after we had closed the mine, permission was requested to allow into [the mine] three trucks with cyanide and one with dynamite. Both requests were granted without any problem and the trucks drove in freely along the entire route.

If you want us to treat you with respect, take care with your actions and communiqués, because we will publicly correct them, with the additional effect that this will further inhibit the possibility that we will re-establish dialogue with the company.

The formula is very simple; if you do not respect us, you can leave our lands and let another company come along that will respect us and that will live up to its commitments.

We reiterate that we are willing to dialogue, but with respect and with concrete steps that address the conflict.

The Leadership Council of the Ejido of Carrizalillo, September 4, 2020