

Greg Smith

President and CEO of Equinox Gold

Mr. Director, Greetings once again from the representatives of the ejido of Carrizalillo, Mexico, where your company operates the Los Filos mine.

This letter is to remind you that we have not received any response from you regarding our letter of February 6 in which we expressed our interest to negotiate either the continued operation of the mine or, if you so determine, to negotiate the definitive closure of the Los Filos project. As you know, our temporary land use agreement and social cooperation agreement concerning this project expire this coming March 31, which means we have little more than 40 days to undertake a respectful negotiation process concerning the route that you consider most pertinent; continued operation or definitive closure.

We presume that you have not had time to respond because you are busy in the prelude to the [year-end] presentation that your company is supposed to be making at this moment to the full board of directors, in which partners and shareholders will also be present. We hope you will not remark on the festive achievements and agreements with the communities of Xochipala and Mezcala that neighbour ours, but rather put emphasis on the negotiations with our ejido -*which is occupied by approximately 85% of the Los Filos project*-, are paralyzed and at risk because of the recurrent threats and threats from local company representatives that you have not wanted to remove despite several requests from us. Therefore, and as a result, we suppose that you will also discuss these tactics of negotiating with an upper hand, using coercion, disrespect and seeking support from state government officials to pressure us and ensure that we feel under constant threat.

During your report presentation, we ask that you also make mention that the current manager of the Los Filos project "does not have time" to respond to the letters that we send him, despite pointing out in some of these that some clauses in the current social cooperation agreement have been breached. Given this, it should not surprise him that we will mobilize again at the mine gates to express our dissatisfaction for the little respect toward us faced with these repeat claims over breaches.

In summary, we urge you, instead of speaking poorly of us because we want to participate in your productive decline, explain in your meeting why there are breaches of the signed agreement year after year and why you are trying to get us to sign an abusive and arbitrary agreement, which has been immersed in speculation, lies and pressures at the local level from the start and that puts us in a serious position of subjugation.

Following, we reiterate what we have already made known in [previous letters](#): *"As an ejido, we continue to be ready to negotiate renewal of both agreements, but we will not negotiate with your current representatives, who are no longer legitimate in our view. We will negotiate, but not under pressure to negotiate in unequal conditions with the two other communities, given the very different relationship that each has with the Los Filos project. Nor will we negotiate in the presence of our government authorities who, according to you, are witnesses of honor when they really act as another form of coercion."* We hope that the continuity or closure will take place through a respectful direct negotiation process and with regard at a minimum for the respective laws. In summary... "it will take place with respect or not at all".

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