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While Excellon Resources register a net income of 9½ million dollars, communal land owners in Mexico suffer a lack of basic services

In its recent financial summary Excellon Resources Inc. reported a net income of \$9,483,863 for the year ended July 31, 2007 (November 28, 2007 *Excellon Resources Investor Relations*) while the communal land owners of *ejido* “La Sierrita” keep suffering conditions of poverty and marginality.

The *ejido* La Sierrita (municipality of Tlahualilo, Durango State, Mexico), a community of approximately fifty families, lacks basic infrastructure. The community has no access to running water, drainage, paved roads, basic medical services, nor basic education for kids.

On May 23, 2006 the *ejido* signed the lease of 27 hectares of communal land with Excellon de México. The contract included commitments that the company would employ *ejido* co-owners in the mine which could consequently help to ameliorate their economic and social conditions.

It was not until November 29th, 2007, after three months of unwillingness on the part of Excellon to enter into respectful dialogue, that the company agreed to start talks with the peasants. Land owners and Alejandra Ancheita, Executive Director of ProDesc (the Mexican human rights organization serving as legal counsel to the landowners) met with José Enriquez Rodríguez del Bosque, Excellon’s Mexico Counsel, to discuss the revision of the leasing contract and the inclusion of social benefits. During the first negotiation the two parties failed to agree on the inclusion of social and economic improvements clauses.

A second round of negotiations is scheduled for Thursday December 6, 2007 in Gómez Palacios, Durango. The peasants hope that this time Excellon will present a fair proposal that will include social and economic benefits for the community.

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