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Ana Zbona and Mauricio Lazala
Business & Human Rights Resource Centre

Dear Ms. Zbona and Mr. Lazala,

Thank you for your recent email giving Alamos Gold the opportunity to respond to two matters which you have brought to our attention.

- 1. You allege that “environmental activists have been violently dispersed by local authorities while they were camping to patrol the site of your operations in Kirazlı, Çanakkale province, Turkey, in April 2020. The activists were allegedly peacefully protesting against the degradation of Kaz mountains and its forest.”***

This statement is not factual and is misleading.

The removal of protestors is inextricably linked to a series of government decisions made to combat the aggressive spread of COVID-19 between April and June 2020.

Alamos Gold was not privy to such government decisions. Further, we had no involvement or notice of any subsequent related government action, including specifically at our project site. As you are no doubt aware, there has been civil society protest with respect to this project, all of which has been undertaken peacefully and without violence. Our observation is that this was no different.

We respectfully request that you contact the Çanakkale Provincial Hygiene Board, who we understand issued a *communiqué* in April requesting compliance with a COVID-19 directed prohibition of picketing, as well as officials at the Çanakkale Forest Regional Directorate, who we understand issued corresponding administrative fines due to non-compliance, including to a number of protestors. Other institutions with whom inquiries could be made include the Çanakkale Governorship, Çanakkale Provincial Special Administration and the Kirazlı Gendarmerie.

Here are some facts that your readers and the protestors should consider with respect to the Kirazlı Gold Project:



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We have received significant support from local communities after ongoing multi-year consultation on the project. There is support for the economic boost this project will bring to the local economy, including up to 1,000 jobs during the construction period alone.

We continue to invest in host community projects, and to date we have contributed over USD \$25 million in community investments in the region, such as building a water reservoir and a much-needed road. Our recent food and sanitary donations to local communities and the municipality of Çanakkale – which we provide every year on the occasion of the holy Ramadan – were well received given the unique COVID-19 circumstances.

It is disappointing that incorrect and misleading information regarding this project has been circulated on social and other media. We have consistently corrected this misinformation, and will continue to do so. We welcome respectful dialogue and input on our Kirazlı project plan, which has received all government permits, and this includes our plan to preserve the long-term health and viability of the natural environments at and surrounding the project site. Additionally, we would like to reiterate our request to establish a joint monitoring committee with government and non-government experts which is based on the principle of transparency.

For information about our *Kirazlı* Gold Project, please visit our website: <https://dogubiga.com/>

- 2. You state: “Alamos Gold has also reportedly been making donations of sanitary equipment in the area of your Esperanza project in the state of Morelos, Mexico, suspended since 2013. While we acknowledge the efforts to contribute to the fight against pandemic, we are writing to invite you to respond to civil society’s concerns that that donations are allegedly used as a strategy to embellish the company’s reputation among locals, who have a history of protests against your operations in the area”.*

To support the fight against the spread of COVID-19, which is a serious global challenge, we have provided support to host and surrounding communities, not only in Morelos but also in Sonora, Mexico. We have done so in guidance and agreement with local and federal health authorities and following all official protocols issued in this sensitive matter; we have distributed health and sanitary packages such as cleaning, hand sanitizer, food supplies and medical advice when required. In addition, we continue to be diligent in taking precautions to help prevent the potential spread of COVID-19 by working with local health authorities. All of this has been done in addition to our various programs related to education, environmental and other community projects that we have jointly developed over the years.

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We would welcome dialogue with the civil society actors that have brought forth complaints that our contribution to the global fight against the spread of COVID-19, including in the communities in which we operate, should somehow be viewed in negative light because it may “embellish” our reputation.

We agree and certainly hope that as a result of all our community involvement and engagement with local stakeholders (a small portion of which has included donations in connection with fighting the global spread of COVID-19) that local populations see us making a sincere and long-term commitment to their communities.

Respectfully, in this instance, such efforts are undoubtedly saving lives.

It is our commitment to strive for excellence in health and safety, environmental management, community engagement, security and human rights. Throughout our operations, we continuously promote and welcome open communication and dialogue among employees, our host communities and stakeholders.

As always, we welcome you to reach out to us at any time.

Sincerely,

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