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**MINING INDUSTRY "PHILANTHROPY" - ROBIN HOOD BACKWARDS:
Take from the poor and give to the rich**

As the list grows of environmental and development harms and human rights violations caused directly or indirectly by Goldcorp's open-pit, cyanide leaching mining operations in Honduras and Guatemala, the company is donating some of its enormous profits to well-funded universities in Canada. In addition to harms and violations, Goldcorp leaves 1% of its profits in Guatemala!

All benefits from this "development" model flow north. All harms and violations stay in the exploited countries.

BELOW: a Vancouver Sun article.

WHAT TO DO: see below. To get on-off this elist: info@rightsaction.org. Please redistribute this info all around ... in particular to students, professors and alumni you know of from UBC.

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MINING COMPANIES OPEN THEIR WALLETS

[Vancouver Sun, January 15, 2008]

Fourteen donors from the B.C. mining community have come up with more than \$20 million toward the \$32.5 million in private funding required for a new Earth Systems Science Building at the University of B.C. Construction of the \$75-million building is expected to begin next year, with completion scheduled for the fall of 2010. Simon Peacock, dean of science at UBC, said everyone in the industry is being approached about helping finance the project, and he expects that the private-sector financing will be in place by the end of this year.

Donors include Goldcorp, the Lundin Group, Pan American Silver Corp., Breakwater Resources, Silver Wheaton Corp., Selwyn Resources, Northern Peru Copper, Global Copper, Imperial Metals, Northern Dynasty Minerals, Western Copper, Silver Standard Resources, as well as Ross Beatty, and Catherine McLeod-Seltzer. The new building will contain about 95,000 square feet of teaching and research facilities -- including theatres, research labs, seminar spaces and offices. Peacock said he is extremely grateful for the mining industry's generous contributions. "It's relatively rare to find tremendous industry support like this for what is fundamentally an academic building," he said in an interview.

For further information: www.science.ubc.ca/essb, Contact: Briar Wells, Wilcox Group, 604-488-1100.

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