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In Manitoba, a Hudbay Minerals mining operation is being challenged by First Nations. In Guatemala, Mayan Qeqchi people await decision from Canadian court concerning their civil suits filed against Hudbay Minerals in Toronto court.

CTV news:

MANITOBA FIRST NATIONS SERVE EVICTION NOTICES TO MINING COMPANIES

<http://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/manitoba-first-nations-serve-eviction-notices-to-mining-companies-1.1348803>



MCCN Chief Arlen Dumas and his band are demanding that Hudbay Minerals Co, Ltd. halt their operations and vacate the land. (File image)

(CTV Winnipeg, July 1, 2013) Two Manitoba First Nations are serving eviction notices to mining companies they say are operating illegally on their land.

A delegation from Red Sucker Lake First Nation descended on the work camp of Mega Precious Metals Inc., a mineral exploration company, to stop working and vacate the land immediately. Mathias Colomb First Nation (MCCN) issued a similar order to Hudbay Mining and Smelting Co., Ltd. and the Province of Manitoba.

Red Sucker Lake chief Les Harper said in a press release that Mega's operations the band voted on April 13 to halt the mineral exploration on their territory. MCCN delivered two previous stop work notices to Hudbay on January 28 and March 5.

The bands claim they are protecting their land and resources and demanding respect for their treaty rights and that promises of job training and environmental protection have not been kept.

Provincial officials said consultations with the bands are still ongoing. Former Assembly of First Nations chief Phil Fontaine was hired as a mediator before the exploratory licenses were issued.

Read more: <http://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/manitoba-first-nations-serve-eviction-notice-to-mining-companies-1.1348803#ixzz2XyxLugsU>

Awaiting legal decision:

MAYAN-QEQCHI PEOPLE versus HUSBAY MINERALS

In early March 2013, pre-trial motions to dismiss were argued in Toronto courts concerning three civil suits filed in a Toronto court against Hudbay Minerals, for a killing, for gang rapes and for a shooting-paralyzing in Mayan Qeqchi communities in Guatemala, where Hudbay tried to operate a mine, 2008-2011. The judge has yet to render her decision.

- Background to 3 civil suits: "Precedent Setting Lawsuits In Canada, In Courtroom 808": <http://rightsaction.org/action-content/precedent-setting-lawsuits-canada-courtroom-808>
- For information about the struggle of the Mayan Qeqchi people for justice and reparations: info@rightsaction.org
- For background on lawsuits: www.chocversushudbay.com

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