

Hudbay Minerals: Mining with impunity in times of Covid19 Messages from mining harmed communities in Peru and Guatemala

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/hudbay-minerals-mining-with-impunity-in-times-of-covid19>

“Hudbay can continue to play with our poverty and suffering but we will continue to fight on this long road in search for justice and dignified reparation for all the harm they caused in 2007 and 2009.”
(Angelica Choc, one of 13 plaintiffs in Hudbay lawsuits)



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OUR VALUES

Dignity and Respect, Caring, Openness, Trustworthiness

At Hudbay, our values guide our actions and decisions, big and small. They are the measuring stick for how we relate to one another, to community partners, stakeholders and the world around us. Our values are who we are.

On May 22, 2020, Hudbay holds its AGM. The executive team will try to reassure the board and investors that Hudbay remains profitable.

Financial benefits are the concern.

Not for Hudbay harmed people and communities in Peru and Guatemala.

As Hudbay gathers to talk profits, they were caught trying to cover-up an outbreak of Covid19 at their 'La Constancia' mine in Peru: <https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/hudbay-minerals-in-peru-covid19-be-damned>.

In January 2020, after yet another court decision against Hudbay in favour of Mayan Q'eqchi' plaintiffs from Guatemala, CEO and president Peter Kukielski told the Financial Post there was "no doubt" Hudbay would settle the landmark Hudbay lawsuits: "We obviously want to get that behind us." (<https://business.financialpost.com/commodities/mining/hudbay-minerals-seeks-to-extract-value-from-its-own-camp-before-joining-ma-frenzy>)

Within weeks of Kukielski stating that Hudbay would settle, Hudbay's team of lawyers at Faskens filed a motion to appeal the decision.

Messages from mining harmed communities in Peru and Guatemala

- Angelica Choc speaks on behalf of Lote 8 gang-rape victims in Guatemala: <https://youtu.be/avQcpLKTotY>
- Mateo Castenada, “criminalized” community leader from Peru, speaks of the impacts of ‘La Constancia’ mine: <https://bit.ly/3e9KImZ>
- Angelica speaks on behalf of herself and German Chub: https://youtu.be/_YK9LzbdS4
- German Salcedo, community leader from Velille District, Peru, sends message to HudBay: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53vPYpcg3TA>

More information

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We are not “all in this together”
There should be no “going back to normal”

Rights Action’s COVID-19 Response Fund

<https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/rights-action-covid19-response-fund-update>

Rights Action continues to prioritize getting emergency funds to partner group in Guatemala and Honduras – including Angelica Choc and Q’eqchi’ community members in the mining-harmed communities of Guatemala. Their Covid19 response work is about saving lives. The funds we are sending are drops in a bucket, and they are important.

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