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Dear Mr Offenheiser,

Thank you for the letter of 19 February bringing to my attention concerns over comments attributed to members of Perú's Sociedad Nacional de Minería, Petróleo y Energía (SNMPE). I also wish to acknowledge the letter's co-signatories.

Please be assured that we take such concerns seriously, especially as they contradict supportive statements about prior consultation which the SNMPE has previously issued. It is however inappropriate for ICMM to opine on the policy of SNMPE. Instead, we have shared your letter and drawn your concerns to SNMPE's attention and encouraged them to respond to your concerns and outline an official position. This is the process we have followed in the past when civil society organisations have criticised our corporate members.

As you may be aware, Aidan Davy our Chief Operating Officer participated in a panel event held in Perú jointly hosted by Oxfam and the Peruvian Ministry of Culture to discuss the issue of prior consultation. Aidan advises that SNMPE members representing mining, oil and gas interests were also in attendance and publicly signalled their commitment to prior consultation. I trust this message has also been brought to the other signatories' attention.

We value the constructive relationships ICMM has established with Oxfam and other civil society organisations aimed at promoting responsible mining. Our member companies have committed themselves to this objective through our founding principles which include the implementation of effective and transparent engagement with our stakeholders. In turn, our national association members play an important role in reaching a further 1700 companies around the world providing a platform for sharing good practice.

Yours sincerely,



Tom Butler
CEO