

China Railway response regarding allegations of human rights abuses related to the activities of its subsidiary Corriente Resources in Ecuador

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Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited China Railway to respond to the following item:

- *“Large-Scale Mining in Ecuador and Human Rights Abuses: The Case of Corriente Resources Inc. – Executive Summary”, FIDH & CEDHU, 10 Jan 2011: http://www.fidh.org/IMG/pdf/Exec_Summary_Large-scale_Mining_Human_Rights_Ecuador-LD.pdf*
- *Full report is available in Spanish only: http://www.fidh.org/IMG/pdf/informe_intervencion_minera_diciembre_2010.pdf*

In response, China Railway sent the following statement:

我公司参与投资的厄瓜多尔铜矿项目，目前正在进行项目前期研究，还没有进入正式开采阶段，据我们掌握的情况，土著人权利被侵犯是不存在的，此种指控没有任何依据。

近年来，随着我公司海外业务规模的不断扩大，我们在谋求企业自身发展的同时，时刻重视并积极参与当地社会公益事业，积极履行社会责任，努力实现“企业持续发展”和“为当地社会造福”的双赢局面。我们也致力环保，注重节能，坚持以人为本，坚持企业与员工共同成长、共同发展的理念。

[Translation of the original company response provided by Business & Human Rights Resource Centre]

My company participates and invests in Ecuador’s copper project. We are currently undertaking preliminary research projects and have not yet formally entered the mining stage. We are not aware of any violations of rights of indigenous peoples; this claim has no basis in fact.

In recent years our company has continued to expand overseas. As we expand, we are paying serious attention to and actively participating in community social welfare activities, actively fulfilling our social responsibility, and striving for the sustainable development of our enterprises and the happiness of the local community to achieve a win-win situation. We are also committed to environmental protection, focusing on energy efficiency, people-centered operations, and adherence to the concept that our business and employees grow together.