

DISCUSSION PANEL

Community Dialogues in Alto Loa: Bridging Indigenous Leaders and Minera El Abra Together

Thursday November 9, 2017. 14:00 hrs. Hotel Santiago, Chile
Registration for the Seminar at gecamin.com/Enviromine.Srmining

The relationships between mining and metals operations and their local communities, including indigenous communities, should be founded on respect, meaningful engagement and mutual benefit. Often these relationships are complex. This is particularly the case in relationships with indigenous communities, which have characteristics that set them apart from the wider community, such as distinct systems of decision-making, social and political institutions, and wealth generation and distribution mechanisms. In addition, their cultures are often closely associated with natural resources. Individual companies have responded in varying ways to these concerns, including, for example, explicit policy measures toward indigenous peoples, and formal and informal agreements and partnerships with indigenous communities and organizations local to operations.

The Minera El Abra Community Dialogue Program is a space to listen and be listened to, to develop and deepen a mutual understanding and to learn the perspectives of others and reflect on our own point of view. Since 2016, the Minera El Abra Community Dialogue program have brought together over 160 participants among community members, company practitioners and experts in 6 workshops to discuss topics such as: environmental management, archeological cultural heritage, indigenous consultation, leadership strengthening, among others. The results have exceeded the expectations of all participants and they show that listening to each other helps create and strengthen the bonds of trust, which are an indispensable condition for an inclusive and people-centered development.

PARTICIPANTS

Moderator: **Sebastián Donoso**, Donoso & Asociados, Chile and Centre for Public Policy UC, Chile

Panelists: **Pedro Vergara**, Member (Partner) of the Chiu Chiu Community
Karen Salinas, Member (Partner) of the Ollague Community
Esther Quispe, Member (Partner) of Ascotan Community and Community Monitor for the Salar de Ascotan Management Plan.
Javier Muñoz, Universidad Católica del Norte, Chile
Carla Martínez, Community Dialogue Manager, Freeport McMoran, Minera El Abra, Chile

SESSION FORMAT

The session will begin with a presentation titled **“Community Dialogues in Alto Loa: Bridging Indigenous Leaders and Minera El Abra Together”** by Carla Martinez, Community Dialogue Manager, Minera El Abra, Chile. The Panel Discussion will follow with questions and answers made by the moderator as well as the audience.

- 14:00 Presentation by Claudia Martinez, Community Dialogue Manager, Minera El Abra, Chile.
- 14:30 Panel Discussion is opened by Moderator, Sebastián Donoso, followed by questions and answers, and general discussion.
- 15:20 Closing remarks by each panelist and the moderator.
- 15:40 Coffee break at Foyer.

QUESTIONS FOR PANELISTS

The following are just a few of the questions that will be made to the panelists. If you'd like to suggest your own, please send us your comments to enviromine.srmining@gecamin.com.

- What benefits have to focus the dialogue between the company and indigenous communities on mutual interest specific topics?
- What differences do you perceive with other dialogue processes developed in the past?
- What are the lessons learned from the process?

TARGET AUDIENCE

The panel is guided to be of benefit for professionals, executives, academics and the general public who work in, but are not limited to the following positions or areas:

- Community relations officers
- Environmental professionals
- Project managers
- Corporate affairs professionals
- Sustainability professionals

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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