



## **NEWS RELEASE**

Minera Yanacocha hereby informs the general public as follows:

- At the “Cuarto Poder” television news magazine aired yesterday April 24<sup>th</sup> by América Televisión, Máxima Acuña de Chaupe held Yanacocha liable for purported harassment and death threat events, even for a shooting that took place yesterday evening against her husband.
- Our company categorically rejects these accusations. Our company does not harass, nor has it harassed, the Chaupe family, and has even less threatened the Chaupe family or fired shots in the area where the family lives. As a matter of fact, our security guards do not carry firearms, so it is impossible for our company to fire shots in the area. In addition, early this morning a group of policemen visited the home of the Chaupe family and proved that there is no evidence that shots were fired in the area.
- There has been a judicial proceeding between the company and the Chaupe Acuña family since 2011, for some land that our company bought more than 20 years ago (in 1996 and 1997) from the Agrarian Community of Sorochuco. Our company enjoyed peaceful possession of said land for more than 15 years, without there being any incident or claim from the community. However, the land was invaded by the Chaupe family 5 years ago, which resulted in the filing of the judicial proceeding referred to above.
- During the course of the ongoing judicial proceeding with the Chaupe family, we have been very careful in order not to disturb possession and we have only taken the steps required to ensure the fulfillment of the resolution issued by the Judiciary, pursuant to which the Chaupe family was instructed not to erect any new buildings beyond the area that they currently occupy.
- The accusations made yesterday are very serious, for which reason it is unacceptable that this information has not even been checked and that the company has not been given the chance to explain its position regarding these events.

- As we have done on several occasions, we ratify that dialogue is the only and best way to find a satisfactory solution for the parties involved.
- We reiterate our invitation for media outlets to contact our press office whenever they have information related to our company. That's the only way media outlets can provide full information to guarantee that people are shown the respect they deserve.

Communications Office  
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