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Leon Teicher
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Dear Mr Teicher:

NB Power has been a consumer of coal from the El Cerrejon Coal Company since the mid-1990s. We currently purchase approximately one million tons of coal per year for use in our Belledune generating facility.

During the past year, a number of our customers have been conducting a campaign on behalf of the residents of the former village of Tabaco and other communities in the area of the mine. They are seeking fair compensation and relocation for the people who live in the area of the mine.

At a recent meeting I had with the Atlantic Region Social Network, I was informed that in November the El Cerrejon Coal Company will be entering negotiations with the National Union of the Coal Industry. It is our understanding that the union will be presenting a negotiating proposal for the health, education and welfare of the communities in the mining region.

While we have not conducted our own direct research, we have noted a number of press articles which indicate that strong tactics have been used in the continued operation and expansion of the mine.

As you enter into these negotiations, we respectfully encourage you to work in partnership with the Columbian government to negotiate in good faith with the union and the affected communities, and to conduct these negotiations openly and fairly.

In addition, we encourage all parties to respect and uphold internationally recognized labour norms and human rights and the collective rights of the affected communities to collective negotiation, collective relocation and reparations.

We appreciate our past relationship and look forward to working with you in the future.

Kind Regards,



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