

Dear Thomas Shrake, President and CEO of Pacific Rim,

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I urge the Pacific Rim Board of Directors to recognize the social conflict that the mine is causing and to make the moral decision to:

1. Immediately withdraw from Cabañas and cease all efforts to mine the El Dorado site.
2. Immediately withdraw your lawsuit against the government of El Salvador.
3. Cooperate fully with the official investigations surrounding the murders of Dora Alicia Sorto Recinos, Ramiro Rivera and Marcelo Rivera, providing full disclosure about all monetary transactions you have conducted among community members and local government officials.

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