

LETTER TO OUR READERS

At Buenaventura, a Peruvian company with over 65 years in the mining business, our work is guided by the conviction that mining is one of the fundamental drivers of the country's development and decentralization. We place particular value on this sector's role as a generator of progress in the communities near our operations and projects.

For this reason, we seek to ensure that this positive impact is a reality, through collaboration between company, community and authorities. If we join forces to reach the same goal, we will achieve our aim: sustainable development.

This is why we conduct our mining activities based on the following four pillars:

- › Forge and maintain relationships based on respect and trust with the communities in the area of influence of our operations and projects.
- › Promote sustainable development based on an approach of shared social responsibility. Under this framework, all of us as stakeholders must act together.
- › Always bear in mind to act with care for the environment, and especially water, which is a vital resource for all human activity.
- › Set high standards for our occupational health and safety policies in each one of our activities.

As part of the first pillar, we actively participate in our communities' life and development by taking part in and respecting their traditions and customs. This helps to forge bonds of trust that lead to the sustainability of different social investment projects. As part of our "open door" policy based on complete transparency, we also engage in communication activities, providing information and clear explanations on the work we do, thus resolving any doubts that the community may have.





THE PURPOSE BEHIND THESE PROJECTS IS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN IMPROVING THE COMMUNITY'S LIVING CONDITIONS AND ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES.

We also strive to promote sustainable development in the communities, fostering economic growth through a range of training programs. These programs significantly increase residents' employability and boost the local economically active population (EAP). In this way, we are able to meet the needs of our mining units and expand their possibilities for development, both in this sector and in others.

As a result of our work, we are able to prioritize the procurement of various goods and services at the local level. When it comes to strengthening local production, we work both independently and in synergy with different government programs.

In so doing, we have continued to implement the Buenaventura PRA in the northern highlands of Lima, and in Arequipa, Moquegua and Huancavelica; along with production development projects in Cajamarca. These initiatives seek to foster development through entrepreneurial undertakings (production projects and local businesses) that fulfill market demands. In 2018, the Buenaventura PRA promoted 90 businesses, networked 5,316 local producers, and generated S/ 6.5 million in sales revenue.

Our social responsibility also includes the construction and upgrading of roads and streets, new and improved schools, and health facilities. The purpose behind these projects is to actively participate in improving the community's living conditions and access to basic services, thus closing gaps and overcoming limitations, while promoting greater local competitiveness that will continue to benefit citizens even when the useful life of our mining activity has ended.

Buenaventura is also concerned about education and health in the country's most isolated areas, and implements various projects such as "Learn to Grow" ("Aprender para Crecer") and "Teach Peru" ("Enseña Perú"). Through these programs, we seek to strengthen teachers' capacities and develop the skills of primary and secondary school students.

Our efforts to provide better education in our communities also include the Full Scholarship Program in Uchucchacua, Orcopampa, La Zanja, Julcani and San Gabriel, as well as our support for institutes of higher learning (especially the University for Andean Development – UDEA, in Lircay, Huancavelica).

To benefit local residents' health, we have carried out countless medical campaigns in our areas of influence for over ten years.

In Huancavelica, we have provided free medical care in partnership with the Peruvian American Medical Society (PAMS), with over 19,854 doctor's appointments, 555 surgeries, and the donation of equipment and supplies to the Lircay Hospital.

Another of our main focuses of action is our particular concern for the quantity and quality of water. As part of our efforts, we prioritize water recirculation and reuse, especially during metallurgical processes. To this end, we constantly carry out participative monitoring activities in the community, with the participation of regional, municipal and community authorities.

We also implement policies to generate environmental assets. As a result, we have dams to store water during the rainy season for use during the dry season, to the benefit of the populations living near our units. We have a storage capacity of nearly 120 million cubic meters of water per year in 13 reservoirs.

These policies also include the afforestation and reforestation of the soils in our units. In 2018, we allocated US\$ 1 million to the revegetation of 92 hectares with 98,029 seedlings from different species. We also carried out the Tecnosoles project as an alternative to traditional mine closure. We are proud to say that this project earned us first place in the "Sustainable Development Award" in the Mining sector.

We also promote the sustainable development of the communities where we operate. In 2018, 55% of the entire hired workforce came from the region, and procurements from local companies surpassed S/ 300 million.

Lastly, we have incorporated safety as one of our core values, with an emphasis on respect for our collaborators' lives, which is an integral part of all our processes, operations, and activities.

This is part of our total commitment to the health and safety of our collaborators, since they are our company's foundation. We seek to innovate our safety standards to help achieve our goal of zero accidents. We believe workplace safety is a value that must be permanently present in each task we undertake, remembering at all times that our families are waiting for us at home, and that "if it isn't safe, we don't do it".

What follows is a detailed report on the activities we carried out in 2018, in which we reassert our commitment to continue working toward sustainability, within a framework of safety, respect for our communities and care for the environment. Our ultimate goal is to promote sustainable development in our areas of influence, and in the country as a whole.

Sincerely,

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