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de Minas



Buenaventura

## **Protestors Block Access Road to Buenaventura's Orcopampa Operating Unit**

**Lima, Peru, June 15, 2009** - Compañía de Minas Buenaventura S.A.A. (the "Company" or "Buenaventura") (NYSE: BVN; Lima Stock Exchange: BUE.LM), Peru's largest, publicly-traded precious metals mining company announced today that protestors from several communities surrounding the Orcopampa mine have blocked the access road leading to Buenaventura's Orcopampa Operating Unit.

The communities' initial claim was related to labor issues to which the Company, in accordance with labor laws, agreed to negotiate with the unions. As a consequence, the communities returned demanding direct negotiations with the Company, while incorporating community and environmental issues into their claims.

This action has affected Orcopampa's production since June 10, 2009. The Company will keep the market informed as to any changes or updates regarding this situation.

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## **Company Description**

Compañía de Minas Buenaventura S.A.A. is Peru's largest, publicly-traded precious metals company and a major holder of mining rights in Peru. The Company is engaged in the mining, processing, development and exploration of gold and silver and other metals via wholly owned mines as well as through its participation in joint exploration projects.

Buenaventura currently operates several mines in Peru (Orcopampa, Uchucchacua, Antapite, Julcani, Recuperada and Caraveli) and also has controlling interests in two mining companies (CEDIMIN and El Brocal) as well as a minority interest in several other mining companies in Peru. The Company owns 43.65% in Minera Yanacocha S.R.L. (a partnership with Newmont Mining Corporation), an important precious metal producer, and 19.22% in Sociedad Minera Cerro Verde, an important Peruvian copper producer.

To request a printed version of the Company's 2008 annual report on 20-F form contact the persons indicated above.

### **Cautionary Statement**

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