

Statement Regarding Freedom of the Press in El Salvador  
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Pacific Rim Mining Corp. adds its voice to those calling for protection of the rights of journalists and freedom of the press in El Salvador. As community members of San Isidro, Pacific Rim and its employees are very concerned by reports of death threats against journalists at Radio Victoria. Pacific Rim has always advocated for freedom of expression and civil debate without threat of violence and has overtly opposed violence as a means of silencing this debate, whether on an individual basis or amongst organizations dedicated to promoting discussion such as media outlets. Journalists provide an essential service to citizens and communities and regardless of where on the spectrum they fall, deserve to do their job without the threat of violence. For this reason, Pacific Rim joins other human rights defenders including Amnesty International and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in appealing to Salvadoran authorities to protect the rights and lives of journalists.