

Statement Denouncing Violence in Mining Debate  
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Pacific Rim Mining Corp. is being libeled and falsely accused of involvement in the horrible murder of Juan Francisco Durán Ayala. Violent loss of life is tragic and happens all too often. Our sincere condolences go out to the family and friends of the victim.

The people at Pacific Rim abhor violence in any form. We advocate for our rights only in a passive manner within the law. We have conducted ourselves accordingly throughout our time in El Salvador, including the most recent community consultation process with the National Environmental Strategic Study.

Despite our consistently professional behavior throughout our time in El Salvador and investigations clearing us of any involvement, we are again being maliciously and falsely tied to a horrible act for the third time. **There has never been a shred of evidence even suggesting any hint of our involvement...for good reason. We *had* absolutely no involvement and unequivocally reject violence as a tool in the mining debate.**

We condemn the unjust accusations being made against us and point out they are being made by the same opposition leadership who have organized and funded armed invasions of our Santa Rita project, threatened our employees and community supporters, and destroyed our property. To the credit of our people, we have never retaliated against those who have perpetrated violence against us.

We call on the Prosecutor General and National Police in El Salvador, as well as the US Embassy in El Salvador to investigate this crime and bring those responsible to justice, as they have in the past. We will cooperate fully.