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B2Gold appreciates the role that Business & Human Rights Resource Centre (BHRRC) plays in promoting and protecting human rights for vulnerable people while engaging with business to increase transparency and accountability of important issues.

The respect of human rights is a core value of B2Gold and we are aware of and carefully monitor any issues raised in the context of mining or within the countries that we operate.

B2Gold has been operating in Nicaragua under fully compliant permits since 2009. Our practices include open and participative public consultation, not just for permitting purposes, but also throughout our operating presence in order to collaborate with local stakeholders. We have the support of many stakeholders in the communities where we operate and continue to engage openly with stakeholders to address concerns that they may have.

Our work in communities includes investments in health, education, economic development and in particular environmental stewardship. Our projects are based on development strategies that provide sustainable livelihoods for many individuals. Many of these projects are directed at promoting local environmental awareness and protection, improved agricultural production and the establishment of agriculture-based secondary industry, such as a milk processing facility recently commissioned in Santo Domingo.

B2Gold welcomes the opportunity to share more about the community projects we have done in the regions of Santo Domingo, Rancho Grande or wherever we are located.

Sincere regards,

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