Perenco Peru is currently engaged in the development of Block 67 in North-East Peru. The company recently obtained approval from the Peruvian Ministry of Energy and Mines for the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) submitted for the construction of an oil pipeline to export Block 67’s future production.

The EIA process is a very complete and detailed process which involves experts in engineering, biology, anthropology, forestry, hydrology, civil engineering, sociology. The EIA process includes several public workshops and public hearings, in order to define the best project possible. The construction will be closely followed by the relevant administrations, to ensure the company’s commitments contained in the study will be fully complied with.

Iris Cárdenas, Director General of the Bureau of Energy Environmental Affairs of the Ministry of Energy and Mines said that “the pipeline’s Environmental Impact Assessment was approved because it complies with the Peruvian regulations”. These regulations include the original Indigenous in an Isolated Situation law, as well as having the approval of Indepa (the governmental body responsible for the protection of indigenous populations). In particular, she said the pipeline Perenco will build will not affect any indigenous people in voluntary isolation, adding, “up to today the Peruvian government has not categorized any indigenous reserve in the area of influence of the project.” (La Republica, 20/08/11)

In June 2010, the Peruvian Constitutional Court unanimously resolved to declare that “the existence of a community in voluntary isolation or uncontacted has not been demonstrated in the B67 area.” This decision rejected all arguments that had been made on the subject and no evidence of the existence of such communities has been ascertained in the B67 area.

Perenco Peru conducts its operational activities in full compliance with all of the stringent legislation and exceeds the highest industry standards of health, operational safety and the environment. This conduct is adopted by Perenco in its worldwide operations. In Peru the approach to social and environmental responsibilities are proactive and entail the continuous delivery of health, education and local development projects in support of the communities living in the area of influence of our project operations.

An example of Perenco’s social responsibility program in Peru was the project run in co-operation with the regional government, the Peruvian Navy and the local communities. Together, Perenco developed a medical assistance program for the communities living along the Napo, Curaray and Arabela rivers including the communities the closest to the Block 67 borders, which are all more than 30 km away. This program, which consists of a fully equipped and staffed hospital barge, was inaugurated in November 2009 by the French Ambassador for Peru, Mrs. Cecile Pozzo di Borgo and by the President of the Regional Government of Loreto, Mr. Yvan Vasquez Valera. The barge, the first of its kind in the region, offers much needed medical services to more than 16,000 people from 86 communities.

The B67 project complies with the highest social and environmental standards, benefits to the communities and is helping Peru fulfil its aim of achieving energy independence.

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