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Dear Ms. Bailie,

Thank you for your [response](#) to Business and Human Rights (BHRRC). However, we feel that the questions raised in our press release remain unanswered. Would you be able to provide the following information?

- Evidence that the small freshwater lagoon called Lagoa do Pirucaua that overflowed is not a tailings dam. In a [report](#) prepared under the National Policy for Dam Safety, with assistance from the Mining Dams Divisions and Safety Services, Lagoa do Pirocaua appears listed as a mining [dam](#) (barragen de mineração). If this is not a dam why does the Ministry call it a dam?
- Clarification of why Equinox Gold didn't register Lagoa de Pirocaua before March 25th, when it was operating; the National Mining Agency (ANM) lists it as registered on March 31st, 2021, as "[desativada](#)" (closed).
- Clarification of why the Secretaria de Estado de Meio Ambiente e Recursos Naturais (SEMA) of Maranhão is reporting two failures. On April 8th, SEMA published an [article](#) that says there was a failure in another structure above Lagoa do Pirocaua that caused the failure at Lagoa do Pirocaua. In an article published on April 9, the government of Maranhão [echoes this information](#).
- Proof that the small freshwater lagoon is not an old garimpo lagoon, historically used for artisanal mining.

I look forward to your response.  
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Viviana Herrera Vargas".

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