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The following demands were put forward by the Buyat Bay Fisher communities to the shareholders of PT Newmont Minahasa Raya and Newmont on 11 May 2002

Based on the various sufferings that we have experienced, we, the Buyat Bay Fisher Community, residing in Kotabunan Sub-district, Bolaang Mongondow Regency, North Sulawesi, submit the following calls for immediate action by PT Newmont Minahasa Raya and Newmont Shareholders:

1. PT. Newmont Minahasa Raya (PT NMR) must immediately stop dumping waste into the Buyat Bay and must immediately rehabilitate the environment after the company has finished their operations.
2. All forms of pollution in the Buyat River must immediately be recovered/rehabilitated to sanitary conditions for the Buyat Bay community.
3. Compensation must be paid to the community who has experienced a decline in their fish catch since PT NMR began dumping wastes into the ocean. This compensation must be based on the average fish catch decline amount (50 per cent) from Rp. 500,000, the income of fisher folks per year for each family head and then must be multiplied three times for each year of PT Newmont Minahasa Raya's production.
4. The company must make available permanent facilities of clean water to the public and lamp poles in the Buyat Bay fisher community village.
5. Health check-ups and services for the community and the payment of all medicinal costs for ailments caused by the activities of PT Newmont Minahasa Raya must be provided.
6. Roads starting from the bridge at the Buyat-Ratatotok Village border to the Buyat Bay fisher village must be immediately improved and paved.
7. Losses and destruction of fisher community tools, including fisher nets and boats that have been rendered unusable up until now because the fishing grounds have become further away as a result of the dumping of mine waste into the Buyat Bay must be compensated.
8. Marshlands located behind the Buyat Bay community settlement must be immediately reclaimed. These lands have become mudholes as a result of water overflow and flooding that occurs with heavy rains.
9. Once PT Newmont Minahasa Raya's production/operation has ended or during the post-mining period, all post-mining activities must be transparent and involve the Ratatotok and Buyat Bay fisher communities.

We bring forth these demands based on what has occurred in our local community and what has been experienced and felt by the community.

These demands are expected to be answered by the head of PT Newmont Minahasa Raya and its shareholders.