

**Response to Business & Human Rights Resource Centre  
December 8, 2017**

**RE: Almaden Minerals Community Activities in Mexico**

Almaden Minerals has been informed that Business Human Rights.Org intends to republish two articles in Spanish that mention our operations at the Ixtaca project in Mexico. We are concerned that both articles fail to mention important information. Furthermore, some of what is reported is incorrect. We appreciate the opportunity to provide our feedback.

Almaden has been engaged in mineral exploration in Mexico since 1992.

In 2010, Almaden made a significant discovery of gold and silver at Ixtaca. With a view to defining this discovery, Almaden continued its exploration efforts and extended community activities.

The Ixtaca project is in its early stages. As of November 30, 2017, Almaden has held seven large community meetings that have been attended by more than 2,500 people. Almaden has also held 25 community dialogue sessions and organized 23 visits to mining operations. The intent of these visits is to give local residents a first-hand look at the mining industry. Almaden operates a mobile information office that has visited more than 35 communities and has established a community Liaison office in Santa Maria Zotoltepec.

Almaden is committed to ensuring that our operations offer tangible benefits to local communities. So far, Almaden has employed 70 people. Rather than bring in external contractors, Almaden has trained a local workforce. All employees receive training in first aid and proper environmental practices. Almaden has also provided scholarships, supported several cultural events and provided tangible assistance to local schools.

The Company believes that it is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations in Mexico. With the approval of the Mexican government and the support of local communities, Almaden hopes to eventually commence mining operations at Ixtaca.

Almaden welcomes community input and feedback with a view to developing the Ixtaca project in a manner that is socially, environmentally and economically responsible.

More information regarding Almaden's interaction with communities in Mexico is available at <http://www.almadenminerals.com/RESPONSIBILITY/Commitments.html>.