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Re: Article “Atentado contra líder indígena del pueblo tolupan”, Movimiento Amplio por la Dignidad y la Justicia (MADJ), 17 October 2017

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Azunosa is a leading company in Honduras with more than 39 years of history in the country. It provides more than 3,000 direct jobs and creates a source of income for more than 13,000 people. Azunosa was also the first sugar mill in Central America to obtain BonSucro certification in 2014.

As part of the AB InBev family of companies, Azunosa is committed to respecting the rights of individuals and communities it works with.

In line with its commitment to improving the livelihoods of rural populations in Honduras, Azunosa has collaborated with the government through the National Agrarian Institute (INA) on the “Programa de Desarrollo del Campo” (rural development program) which aims to provide smallholder farmers in the region with opportunities to access land and earn a source of income. Azunosa is not involved in choosing and obtaining this land or administering the program. Furthermore, these farmers are not growing sugar for our company, but rather pursuing a wider variety of crops.

Azunosa condemns any form of violence. We take all allegations into potential abuses seriously and employ a global policy governing human rights across all our operations. We will conduct a review of the allegations to ensure that the activities of our operation, including our community engagement initiatives in Honduras are conducted in accordance with the highest ethical standards and comply with all relevant national and local laws.