

To: The Women and Men Human Rights Defenders (W/HRDs) of Khao Lao Yai-Pha Jun Dai Forest Conservation Group

We, undersigned organisations, social movements, and activists, from 40 countries from all continents of the world, have learned about your important struggle of reclaiming the land and forests you care for. We understand that the Thor Silasitthi mining company encroached on this land 26 years ago. Many of us are engaged in grassroots struggles against mining and other destructive projects, and have faced similar indifference from government authorities and provocations from companies as you have in your struggle.

First, we want to express our support and solidarity with your struggle to reclaim the land and forest. In particular, we learned about the recent important actions in September by which you have successfully reclaimed the mining zone and the stone mill.

We are impressed by your staying power and that you are engaged in this struggle already for 26 years. In this process of reclaiming your lives, livelihoods, land and homes, you have lost four comrades. We are inspired by the rituals and ceremonies you have celebrated during the occupation actions. These ceremonies demonstrate a profound care and respect for the area and speak to how important these places are for the present and future well-being of your communities.

We stand with you. We join you in demanding from Thai authorities to defend the collective interests of the communities, not the private and profit-driven interests of mining companies. They must attend your demands and close the mining activities in the area. They must ensure the safety and wellbeing of all involved in the recent actions, in particular those who have received death threats. And they must not forget the call for justice for those community activists who were killed in the past. On this matter, too, we stand with you.

Although many of us are far away from Thailand, be sure that we are connected with your struggle. We are committed to continue monitoring closely the situation and give visibility to your struggle through our own communication networks. Your struggle is not only important to ensure your communities' future, but it also encourages the struggles in other countries and regions. You are an example for the world of what a strong movement is about.

You are not alone in your important struggle. May it be victorious soon. It is already a strong and inspiring example for other struggles in Thailand, and for all of us who are in other countries around the world.

In Solidarity, on 30 November, 2020

Organizations:

Aalamaram – India

Acción Ecológica – Ecuador

ADECRU – Mozambique

Amelerions notre Environnement – Democratic Republic of Congo

Asamblea De Vecinos Por El No A La Mina Esquel – Argentine

Asociación Conservacionista Yiski – Costa Rica

Bloque Oscar Alfaro – Bolivia

Cardamom Hill Research – Switzerland

CENSAT – Friends of the Earth Colombia – Colombia

Centro Cientifico Tropical – Costa Rica

Cercle Rosa Luxemburg – Switzerland

Colectivo Voces Ecológicas – Panama

Community Forest Watch – Nigeria

Conceverde San Rafael De Heredia – Costa Rica

Defenders in Dordrecht – Netherlands

Ecovital – Brazil

FASE-Espirito Santo – Brazil

Focus on the Global South – South East Asia

Fórum Carajás – Brazil

Forum Ökologie & Papier – Germany

Friends of the Earth International – International

Global Forest Coalition – International

GRAIN – International

Grupo Guayubira – Uruguay

ICRA – France

Impulso Socialista – Colombia

Indus Development Organisation – Pakistan

JATAM network - Indonesia

Justiça Ambiental – Friends of the Earth Mozambique – Mozambique

M4 - Movimiento Mesoamericano Contra El Modelo Extractivo Minero – Meso America

Maiouri Nature Guyana – France

Missão Tabita – Mozambique

Movus - Movimiento Por Un Uruguay Sustentable – Uruguay

MST- Movement Of Landless Rural Workers - Espirito Santo – Brazil

Muyissi Environnement – Gabon

Nature-D-Congo – Benin

Payday Men's Network – USA

Penny – USA

Pkf Foundation – Switzerland

Procesos Integrales Para La Autogestión De Los Pueblos – Mexico

Project Sevana South-East Asia – Thailand

Proyecto Gran Simio -Spain

RAPAM – Mexico

Rede Brasileira de Justiça Ambiental – Brazil

Refeb – Ivory Coast

RIAO-RDC – Democratic Republic of Congo

Salva la Selva – Spain

Sawit watch – Indonesia

School of Democratic Economics – Indonesia

Soralo – Kenya

Suhode Foundation – Tanzania

Sustaining the Wild Coast – South Africa

Synaparcam – Cameroon

The Corner House – United Kingdom

TUK Indonesia – Indonesia

Unión Universal Desarrollo Solidário - Spain

Wetlands & Birds Korea – South Korea

World Rainforest Movement (WRM) - International

Youth Volunteers for Environment – Ghana

Youth Volunteers for Environment – Ivory Coast

Individuals:

A.E. van Wyk – South Africa

Agathe Torti – France

Alexander Mága – Germany

Anicet Gervais Kouame – Ivory Coast

Anne Forget – France

Annie Avril – France

Asunción Libertad Torres Gosálves – Spain

Barbara van Dyck – Belgium

Benoit le Turcq – Germany

Bernard David – France

Brewster Kneen – Canada

Brian Gibbons – USA

Carlos Cambra – Panama

Catherine Roche – France

Cecilia Castilla Gómez – Spain

Claudio Sergio Nadal – Argentine

Cris Vigiano – Brazil

Dani Sánchez-Vizcaín – Spain

Danijel Dubičanac - Croatia

Daniela Oñate – Chile

Doris Warnstedt – Germany

Elder Andrade de Paula - Brazil

Emily Mason – Ireland

Encarna González – Spain

Fabienne Oubrayrie – France

Fernando Antônio Cuervo Cifuentes – Colombia

Flavia Buceta – Uruguay

Francisco Serrano – Peru

Fredrik Larsson – Sweden

Guillermo Tobón – Colombia

Henry Sak – Canada

Hugh Lee – Ireland

Isa Belinfante – Netherlands

James Gray – USA

Jane Sawcer – United Kingdom

Janice Lemos – Mozambique

Jean-Michel Amillard – France

Jesus Antonio Espinosa – Colombia

Jim Loveland – USA

Joan Vicenç Lillo – Spain

John Orbell – United Kingdom

Jos Martens – Netherlands

Josefina Paz Besomi – Chile

Judith Pincemin – France
Karen Rothschild – Canada
Kenneth Ruby – USA
Lydia Culzoni – Argentine
Luisa Memore – Italia
Maginel Galt – USA
Marc Reina – France
Marta Moschetti - Italy
Maria Angeles Mauri Espuny – Spain
Maria Elena Misó – Spain
Marie Melotte – Canada
Martine Rouillard – France
Michael Miller – France
Michael F. Schmidlehner – Brazil
Michele Belford – Australia
Mylene Marchand – France
Myrim Goldminc – France
Neus Calvo – Spain
Pascal Paquin – France
Patricia Sosa – Mexico
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Peter Saltanis – USA
Peter Clausing – Germany
Philippe Favreliere – France
Philippe Dauibrese – Netherlands
Ramón Soriano – Spain
Sara Díaz – Mexico
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Simon Bailly – France
Sylvie Dalbin – France
Tom van Hettema – Netherlands
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Valérie Couché – France
Vanessa Apecechea - Uruguay
Vicky Penalva – Argentine
Victor Bravo – Argentine
Victor Kamendrowsky – USA
Willi Feuerstein – Austria
Yücel Çağlar - Turkey

