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**INFORMATION RELATED TO THE AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE
URANIO DE RETORTILLO CONCENTRATES PLANT**

To the members of the Nuclear Safety Council:

We are writing to you in relation to the serious and worrisome news that appeared yesterday in the media, in which express reference is made to the mandatory report that the CSN must issue in the procedure for granting the authorization to build the Retortillo uranium concentrates plant (hereinafter, "the Report")

As you can see, the news refers to an alleged source of the Government that states that "the Government will wait for the procedure to be processed but will say no" to the authorization, and cites a second source, which is mentioned as "directly involved in the procedure", which believes that the mine "will never see the light of day" and that there is still "a long way" for the CSN to issue its Report.

Berkeley Minera Spain, S.L.U. ("BME") has received this news with surprise and extreme concern. First, because the reference to "a long way" for the issuance of the Report does not correspond to the information received officially from the CSN. Thus, dated October 3rd, the CSN sent a communication to BME requesting certain additional information, of a very specific scope, which must be assumed to be the only one missing for the issuance of the Report. In that communication, it was given until the end of this month to send the information, which clearly indicates that the CSN's issuance of its Report is close, and, therefore, is consistent with the two-year term for its preparation of the Report that the CSN made public at the time.

In our opinion, the published news moves away completely from the official communications and seems to announce a decision already taken, arbitrarily and prematurely, without waiting for the conclusions of the Report. This puts in question the legality, impartiality and objectivity with which any administrative procedure must comply by constitutional mandate (articles 103 and 105 of the Constitution) and questions the independence of the CSN, for which BME has the greatest respect.

Additionally, we consider that the published news puts at risk the capital of the investors who have supported the project, violating the rules of the stock markets, where as you know, BME is listed since last July.

For all these reasons, we believe it is necessary to put the information published to your knowledge, and we would like to request a meeting of our President Paul Atherley with the President of the Nuclear Safety Council as soon as his agenda allows.

Best regards.

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