

**The Puerto Vega – Teteyé Corridor in Putumayo has been cleared of anti-personnel mines and declared free of suspicion of contamination**

- *Thanks to an alliance led by Gran Tierra Energy and implemented by the Colombian Campaign Against Mines today Putumayo has 30,675 hectares of land investigated and declared free of contamination in the Puerto Vega Teteyé area.*
- *This important humanitarian demining project has been implemented with additional support from the High Commissioner of Peace, and sponsored by Ecopetrol, the United States Department of State and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.*
- *Over the course of the past three years 285 antipersonnel mines, improvised explosive devices and unexploded munitions have been discovered and cleared and nearly 3,000 residents of nearby towns have attended mine risk education workshops.*

**Puerto Asís, Monday December 13, 2021.** Today Gran Tierra Energy came together with its partners the Colombian Campaign Against Mines, the High Commissioner of Peace, Ecopetrol, the United States Department of State and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to announce that the Puerto Vega-Teteyé corridor has been cleared of all anti-personnel mines and declared free of suspicion of contamination. 30,675 hectares have been cleared in partnership with local communities. This project has been a priority for Gran Tierra Energy because it responds to one of the most significant Human Rights threats to the communities near our operations. The prevalence of anti-personnel mines and other explosive devices that are an unfortunate legacy of the decades-long conflict in the country and a constant threat that has restricted and impacted the right to life, mobility, education, food security for local communities.

Over the course of the past three years hundreds of men and women from 36 local communities in the surrounding areas were hired to support this extensive effort which also includes remediating crude spills, also resulting from the conflict. To date, 285 antipersonnel mines, improvised explosive devices and unexploded munitions have been discovered and cleared and nearly 3,000 residents of nearby towns have attended mine risk education workshops provided through this project.

During the event Manuel Buitrago, Colombia President and Country Manager of Gran Tierra Energy stated that, “Today is a very historic day. We are proud that thanks to this alliance we can announce that Puerto Vega – Teteyé corridor has been cleared of anti-personnel mines and is declared free of suspicion of contamination. Gran Tierra is also proud that we will continue to move forward on this project beyond what we had originally committed as we want to see all of Puerto Asís and the surrounding areas free of mines, removing a major legacy threat to public safety in the area. Demining is a critical first-step to enable community development and normalization.”

The Colombian Campaign Against Mines Director pointed out that, “In Putumayo there is an effort by the community, private companies, NGOs, local and national governments to

improve everyone's life quality. This is how we build community and move towards inclusion and peace.”

Gran Tierra Energy will continue to support initiatives that help to promote and protect human rights in Colombia and those who have suffered the most from the armed conflict. Today’s event in Puerto Asís also included the participation of representatives from beneficiary communities, survivors of previously exploded devices and members of the community who, after their respective training, worked as part of the Humanitarian Demining teams and were an important part of ridding their own territories of the contamination left behind.