



Statement to Public Opinion

In relation to the note published on social media on October 18, 2024, related to the tragic death of Mr. Francisco Pop Icó, the company would like to clarify:

Industria Chiquibul, S.A regrets the death of Mr. Francisco Pop Icó, which occurred on October 17th, 2024, and give our solidarity with his family and the community of Santa Elena, where he was originally from. The company strongly condemns any act of violence, especially those that result in violations of Human Rights.

Industria Chiquibul, S.A., rejects the accusations that attempt to involve our company to this tragic event. Industria Chiquibul is a socially responsible entity, attached and devoted to the law and social wellbeing. Mr. Pop Icó was part of a judicial investigation in 2019 related to our company, in which several people from the community of Santa Elena were implicated in actions outside the law against Industria Chiquibul, S.A. However, during the legal process, and reaffirming our commitment to dialogue and reconciliation, the company presented its withdrawal. On September 26, 2024, the Criminal Court of First Instance based in San Pedro Carcha, Alta Verapaz, annulled the arrest warrants against several community members, including Mr. Pop Icó. Finally, on October 18th, the legal hearing was held, where the judicial process was concluded.

Industria Chiquibul demands that competent authorities initiate a prompt and thorough investigation to clarify the facts and prevent the dissemination of false information. Industria Chiquibul, S.A., adhered to its values, reaffirms its commitment to work responsibly, contributing to the social and economic development of its surrounding communities, committed to the planet, people and their prosperity.

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