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30 June 2025

Dear Sirs,

RESPONSE LETTER (REF: AL OTH 24/2025)

We write to you in response to the letter dated 6 March 2025 (Ref: AL OTH 24/2025) (**Letter**) to MDC Industry Holding Company LLC (**Company**) regarding an allegation of intimidation in the Santander region of Colombia against human rights campaigners, Ms. Mayerly Lopez Carreno and Mr. Hernan Alberto Morantes. We take the allegation seriously and have discussed it with Aris Mining Corporation (**Aris Mining**), the majority shareholder and joint venture partner in Proyecto Soto Norte (**PSN**).

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Please excuse the delay in the response. We have no record of receiving the Letter. We obtained a copy of it from this [website](#) once Aris Mining informed us of a similar letter received by it.

We set out below additional information about the Company and our role in PSN.

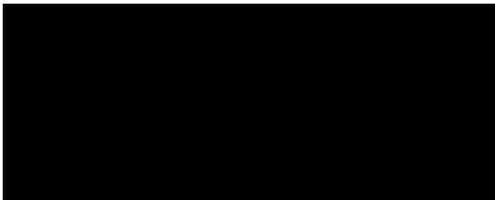
The Company is a financial sponsor and the minority owner of 49 per cent of Proyecto Soto Norte (PSN). The Company does not have day-to-day involvement in PSN's operations and does not maintain a presence in Santander or Colombia. Aris Mining, as the majority owner, has operational control of PSN. Accordingly, we refer you to its response letter dated 28 May 2025 (Ref: AL OTH 21/2025) (**Aris Mining Response**). We encourage you accept the Aris Mining Response, which addresses the allegation, invites the United Nations Special Rapporteurs to visit the Soto Norte region, and details Aris Mining's policies and processes to preserve human rights and protect the environment.

As the minority shareholder of PSN, we are committed to ensuring the highest standards of human rights protections. This is consistent with our mandate as a responsible global investor. We wish to emphasise the robust policies and processes detailed in the Aris Mining Response, which includes human rights diligence and grievance policies applicable to PSN. We also want to emphasise Aris Mining's exemplary track record in developing similar projects within Colombia.

In conclusion, we wish to reiterate the Company's unwavering commitment to the preservation of human rights and the protection of the environment. We continue to uphold the highest industry standards, consistent with being a responsible global investor.

We remain available to provide on request additional information or clarification.

Yours sincerely



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