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Dear Ms Coumans,

Response to your letter dated 5 January 2024

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 5 January 2024. In this letter, you continue to reiterate serious and unsubstantiated allegations of human rights abuses and forced evictions by North Mara Gold Mine.

Our position remains unchanged and we restate that:

- There have been no forced evictions at Komarera or any other areas surrounding the North Mara Mine.
- No person has been physically harmed by any person affiliated with North Mara Mine.
- We have, and continue to follow, the Komarera compensation plan agreed and approved by the Government's Chief Valuer, Village and Ward Leaders and District Commissioner.
- All Project Affected Persons (**PAPs**) at Komarera have been offered compensation by North Mara based on an independent approved valuation report and the vast majority of PAPs having accepted the compensation have resettled.
- On a quarterly basis local and national Human Rights NGO's conduct site visits to oversee North Mara's interaction with the community and review the development projects being implemented. None of these institutions have raised any incidents on human rights violations or forced evictions.

We assure you that we will thoroughly investigate any claims of wrongdoing made against any person connected with North Mara should credible information be shared with us. In view of you declining to share any evidence or information for us to cross-reference with our records, we have engaged with the Tanzanian Human Rights Commission and provided them with your unsubstantiated allegations.

Yours sincerely,



Mark Bristow
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