Mr. Barton, Ladies and Gentlemen, members of the Board of Directors and senior Management of Rio Tinto.

My Name is Eddy Velomila and I represent the FANDROMBO platform, the voice of the communities of Anosy...

Let me be clear
After more than 15 (20 years) years of QMM's presence, we're no longer at the stage of promises. We're at the stage of results, or the lack thereof.

The situation is clear.
On the ground:

- local recruitment remains insufficient,
- market access is blocked for local actors,
- concerns about water, health, and the environment persist,
- and the QMM social responsibility programme has not produced any visible, structural transformations at local level

This isn't an isolated perception. It's a lived reality.
So, let's ask the real question...
Where are the concrete positive impacts for local people after decades of Rio Tinto/QMM in Anosy?

The problem isn't technical; it's systemic.
Commitments exist.
But:

- they are not enforced,
- they are not transparent,
- and they are not monitored.

In short: the system may be working for QMM - but not for our communities.
So, the fundamental question:
Is Rio Tinto truly ready to share the value created here?
Or will it continue mining operations where profits are concentrated for Rio Tinto but the negative impact are borne by the communities?

As it is, the current QMM model is not sustainable.
And it will no longer be accepted.
We are not asking for further discussion or debate.
We demand immediate changes.
Our demands are clear:

We want your public commitments and a clear timeline for Rio Tinto to deliver:

1. **Total Transparency**

- Publication of recruitment, contracts, and CSR budgets
- an independent monitoring mechanism to measure results and impact

2. **Economic Justice**

- Genuine priority given to local recruitment
- Guaranteed access to markets for local businesses

3. **Truth about Water, Health, and the Environment**

- Published independent impact assessments and analyses
- Rigorous health monitoring
- Application of the polluter-pays principle

Because the health of the population is non-negotiable.

We want these commitments...Not in five years, but now.

Our position is firm:
We are not against mining. But we reject:

- mining without justice,
- development without inclusion
- wealth without redistribution

In conclusion:

We are not against development, nor against resource exploitation.
But we demand that it be equitable, transparent, and beneficial to all.

Development that excludes the population is not development.
Wealth that does not benefit the community is an injustice.

We demand immediate change: concrete, measurable, and sustainable actions -
All assured by a monitoring system comprised of a local Technical Commission and Social Commissio

Thank you.

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