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Subject: RE: explanation needed Valoriza Minería report in the Ethics deliverable 8.3

Importance: High

Dear [REDACTED]

I just got further clarification from Valoriza about the sampling from levels 5 and 4 at San Finx mine. Systematic mapping and sampling of the ore and the host rocks were done in collaboration with the CSIC, in dry, unflooded parts of the 5th and 4th level of Buenaventura zone. These levels were the ones with the best access for sampling and they had also the best and freshest mineralizations. The San Finx mine has an approved work plan to carry out its maintenance work during the provisional work stoppage. In no case has this work plan had to be changed in order to carry out the work of the NEXT project. Furthermore, the NEXT project works at the San Finx mine have not generated any polluting emissions.

I also confirm that during the NEXT field activities at the other tests sites, there have not been any polluting emissions to air, soil or water which would have been generated directly by the NEXT project work.

Furthermore, in the NEXT Deliverable 8.3, *Table 2. NEXT project test sites*, I have only changed one column headline "Potential environmental impacts" to "Potential environmental impacts caused by the NEXT activities". Other parts remain as they were in the previous version.

I hope this will further clarify the situation.

Best regards and have a nice weekend

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Dear [REDACTED]

I was referring to discharge from levels 4 and 5 for which ones they do not have permit, and where the sampling took place.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Actually in my email 4th November 2020 to you, I referred to the pumping issue (see also attachment):
“As any mine, San Finx has pumped out water. Obviously not with the funds of NEXT but with their normal operation. Any mine that operates below water level needs to pump water in order to maintain the operation.”

Best regards
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Dear [REDACTED]

Prompt confirmation from Valoriza would be very much appreciated.

I must say I am surprised by your statement that you are certain that pumping is done as something regular as this is first news to us about this issue.

Regarding emissions, it is about all NEXT activities from the beginning to date.

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Dear [REDACTED]

I could not answer your phone call, I was at the meeting with the representatives of *Sudbury Mining Cluster* for the future mining regions collaboration. Very interesting cluster and they are eager to work with CoMMER (output of MIREU) as well as with the European research projects. This was one of the outcome from PDAC2021 networking.

About the "*Sampling in collaboration of the CSIC, of the 5 and 4 level of Buenaventura zone*", I have to contact CSIC and Valoriza Minería for more details. But it is certain that the pumping is done within their normal maintenance operation and it has not been conducted only for the NEXT.

Do you mean the potential emissions from Valoriza mine?

Regards

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Dear [REDACTED]

Please explain more clearly if the "*Sampling in collaboration of the CSIC, of the 5 and 4 level of Buenaventura zone*" as stated in the Deliverable 8.3 required prior pumping-out of the water from the mine levels 4 and 5 as this is not obvious from the report.

Also, please list any potential emissions to the environment that may have happened during NEXT implementation to date.

Please for your response by 12 March 14h CET.

Regards

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