



August 22, 2024

Dear Matthew Bland,

Thank you for reaching out to the ARRC Task Force to discuss further the possibility to re-engage with us regarding the Martabe Gold Mining Project in Indonesia.

As you know, the Tapanuli orangutan (*Pongo tapanuliensis*) is one of the most threatened great ape species and has a limited geographical distribution in the Batang Toru ecosystem on Sumatra. Considering the fragility of this population and the severity of ongoing threats, it now appears unlikely that any proposed mining exploitation for the northern pits could be conducted following best practice guidance and without further threatening its survival and viability. Furthermore, the planned mining activities are proposed within a site classified as a Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) and Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE), which underscores its high conservation value and renders any mining activities in this area highly problematic. The current location of the mine has encroached on Tapanuli orangutan habitat and so the project has already had impacts on their population (including indirect impacts). Adding these legacy impacts to the impacts of exploiting the northern pits make this mining plan even less offsettable.

Our initial conditions for engagement still prevail and we would still need to resolve some outstanding issues (i.e., data sharing) as stated in our letter dated March 28 2024, but we have further reached the conclusion that we could only re-engage under the additional following two conditions:

- If Jardines/PTAR agree to stop any further exploration/exploitation of the northern pits that are located within the current KBA/AZE site; and
- If Jardines/PTAR do not pursue any change to the current limits of the KBA/AZE boundaries.

The mine should further explore and concentrate its activities to the South of the current mining operation. Although this may be less profitable, the different parties involved need to factor in the economic impacts on their reputation, the high cost of offsets, and the incalculable costs of threatening the survival of a great ape species.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Genevieve Campbell'.

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