

Letter CEDHA to Minera Andes on August 8th, 2011 to:
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Dear Simon et.al.

I have not heard back from anyone at Minera Andes, since our last email. I hope someone will be contacting us regarding our concerns and inquiry.

I'd like to send you a preliminary glacier inventory snapshot taken in GOOGLE EARTH, with the various rock glacier polygons that we have identified. I still have not run this by our external glacier specialist technical advisory team which will give the site and our inventory a more detailed look. Usually this subsequent step will produce ADDITIONAL glaciers, so we can expect the number of our inventory to go up. We already have a preliminary list of more than 200 rock glaciers in the vicinity of the Los Azules project.

If you like, I can send you a few specific rock glacier GPS locations and images so you can see the details, where you can see the proximity of these glaciers to exploratory roads that you've been using, (in some cases, they coincide), in some cases, your roads are cutting right through rock glaciers.

This project, as is, is clearly in violation of the Argentine National Glacier Law as well as San Juan's provincial glacier law. As is, and without proper resolution of the project's glacier impact issues, this project could never have its EIA approved. For this reason, we think it is important for your company to engage with us to discuss what we can do about this situation, how to mitigate any past impacts to glaciers (rock glaciers) and to permafrost, and how to proceed with any further exploration and/or eventual extraction considering the project site and the existence of rock glaciers and permafrost in the area.

Please let me know where we stand with our proposal/request of engagement.

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