



## STATEMENT

March 3, 2016

Regarding the news of today's pass away of the Indigenous Leader Berta Cáceres, Hydroelectric Agua Zarca would like to communicate the following:

1. Hydroelectric Agua Zarca regrets and condemns the crime of which the indigenous leader Berta Cáceres was a victim; and sympathizes with the grieving family; likewise it rejects all kinds of acts that attempt against the life of people.
2. Hydroelectric Agua Zarca requests the competent authorities to urgently investigate in an objective manner in order to find the authors of this unfortunate event.
3. Hydroelectric Agua Zarca have maintained, maintains and will maintain open spaces for dialog in order to solve any differences of opinion that could arise, based on a policy of mutual respect.
4. Hydroelectric Agua Zarca is a project developed respecting all rights, of both neighboring communities of the project, and the employees themselves.
5. Given to the various speculations Hydroelectric Agua Zarca intensely affirms that there is no direct or indirect connection between the project and the unfortunate event that has ended the live of the indigenous leader.
6. Hydroelectric Agua Zarca regrets that the project is being pointed out based on mere speculation and that a tragedy like this is being instrumentalised in function of particular interests.

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