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By email

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San Sebastian Gold Mine, Inc.
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Re: Commerce Group Corp. and San Sebastian Gold Mines, Inc. v. Republic of El Salvador (ICSID Case No. ARB/09/17) – Annulment Proceeding

Dear Sirs,

I refer to our letter of December 19, 2011 notifying the parties of the stay of the proceedings due to non-payment of the requested advance.

Five months have passed since the date of our above-mentioned letter without receipt of the outstanding payment.

In accordance with ICSID Administrative and Financial Regulation 14(3)(d) and (e), if the proceeding is stayed for non-payment for a consecutive period in excess of six months, the Secretary-General may, after notice to and as far as possible in consultation with the parties, move that the *ad hoc* Committee discontinue the proceeding.

Accordingly, if payment is not received by June 19, 2012, the Secretary-General will move that the *ad hoc* Committee discontinue this annulment proceeding.

Sincerely yours,



Marco Tulio Montañés-Rumayor
Secretary of the *ad hoc* Committee

cc: Members of the *ad hoc* Committee