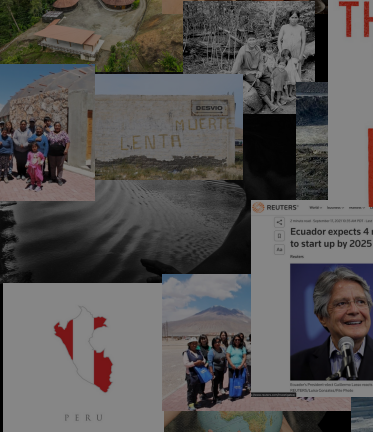
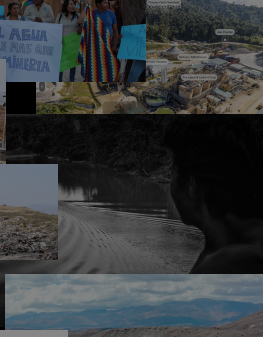
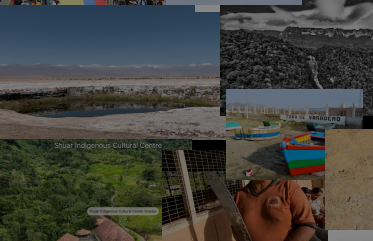


MINES: THE EFFECT OF EXPLOITATIVE CAPITALISM IN LATIN AMERICA



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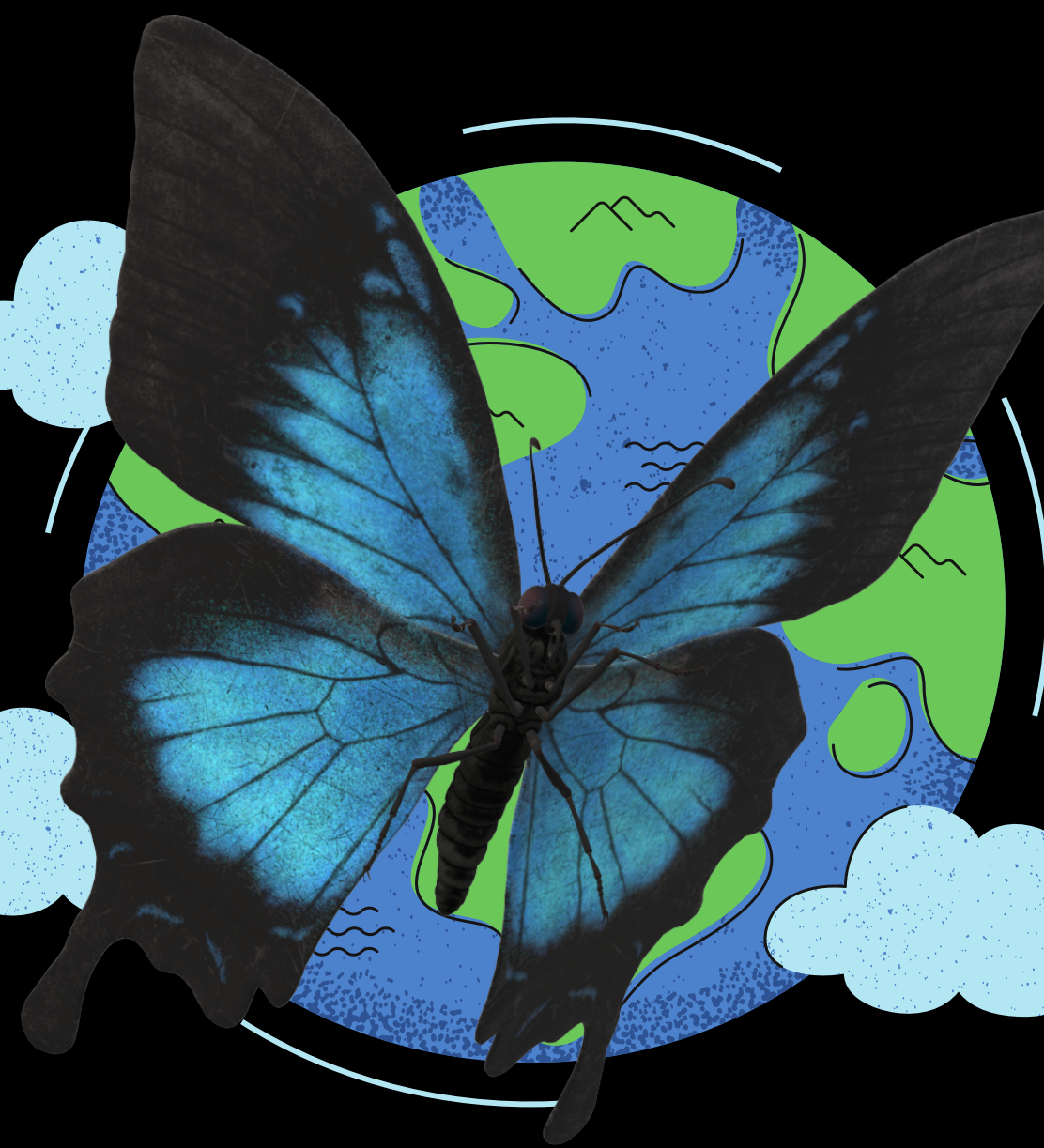
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INTRODUCTION



This zine is meant to showcase the research of the independent research mining group in the Democracy and Media Lab at the University of California, Berkeley. In a wider scope, our research is meant to call attention to the exploitation that is happening right in front of our eyes within the chambers of governments that support oppressive neoliberal capitalist policy. In today's society, we see the constant degradation of our land, a violation of human rights amongst our people, and a growing fight to save humanity. Our indigenous communities for centuries have fought for their land with their bodies, voices, spirit, and the power they harness as a community. For centuries we have seen our land bruised and beaten, our people treated like mules of labor, our politicians lying to us, and our voices crushed. We all now face the extinction of the human race through the rapid change in our climate. If those in power continue to bulldoze through our communities and take every last drop of life from our earth, not live long. Corporations and politicians alike need to understand that we are each connected to one another through the earth in the same way cotton stitches are connected through the shirt they bind. The neoliberal ideologies that run through the veins of our global system will no longer be allowed to pump their poisonous doctrines in our territories and they will no longer be allowed to act freely. We don't want to burn bridges, rather develop new ones and rebuild the infrastructure of our global systems. Let us enact equitable and ethical economic policies, create a vibrant political system for our people, and let us stop the suffering and the aching the hegemony creates every day. We feel the pain of our land, we hear the cries of our communities, we are tired from the exploitation of Western powers, and we are ready to inhabit a new system for global unity and cooperation. It is time to stop rewriting the text of the centuries before and begin painting the path of the future, only this time we will do it right and we should do it together.



"Indigenous people have always known that the earth is not a commodity to be bought and sold. We have always seen ourselves as part of the natural world, not separate from it."

Peru and Bolivia

Major Mining Operations



The Damage of the Antamina Mine

Environmental and Human Rights Violations

The Antamina Mine, jointly owned by Teck Resources, a Canadian corporation, discharges minerals (silver, copper, zinc, molybdenum, and lead) extracted from its operations located in the Andes Mountain Range into the sea of Puerto Punta de Lobitos. Since approved by the General Directorate of Captaincies and the Coast Guard in 1999, the dumping of mineral extracts has led to the decrease of wildlife in the bay, causing the people of the town to lose their jobs and main means of survival. What used to be a populated and flourishing city since pre-Inca times, the town is now riddled with plastic bags and bottles, tires, remains of dead animals, and stagnant pink foaming waters. One can also find thousands of human remains from ancient tombs due to the lack of protection against maintaining the final resting places of ancient communities. For those in the modern days, houses are made of cans, wood, cardboard, and whatever resources could be found in the surrounding area. The residents of Puerto Punta de Lobitos endure skin and respiratory ailments as a result of the destitution caused by the mass pollution Antamina discards as well as the lack of healthcare provided to those living in Puerto Punta de Lobitos. Instead of financing projects to clean up the town or provide resources to make up for the contamination, or restoring the living conditions of the people who once lived through communal fishing, Antamina financed a festival with cumbia concerts and motocross competitions despite accumulating approximately \$2.2 million in copper production in 2020.



**LOOK OUT
WORLD!
AMERICA
IS ON THE MOVE!**



The People V Hubday Minerals

CASE 1: CAAL V HUBDAY MINERALS INC. AND HMI NICKEL INC

Fact: In a complaint filed in Canada in March 2011 against Hubday Minerals (headquarter in Toronto, Canada), 11 Mayan Q'eqchi women from Guatemala claimed the company was engaged in gang rapes committed by its private security guards on the Fenix nickel mining operation in El Estor, Guatemala.

Truth: Hubday Minerals permitted the rape of 11 Mayan Q'eqchi women by security personnel. They are put in a dangerous situation as they are subjected to the tyrannical power of Hubday.



CASE 2: GERMAN CHUB V HUBDAY MINERALS

Fact: A victim of a shooting at the Fenix project filed a lawsuit against Hubday Minerals on December 10, 2011. The complainant, who suffered a paraplegic injury as a result, claims that the security head for Hubday's Fenix project attacked him in September 2009 and shot him at close range.

Truth: As Hubday Minerals continue to mine on indigenous land, indigenous peoples suffer the fatal consequences of mining. They attempt to silence their voice in exchange for profit.



German Chub NB Media (Co-op 2012)



Protesters outside the Hubday Minerals Inc. (Toronto Star 2020)



The Fenix site's mining (The Guardian 2019)

**"THE RED DEAL IS NOT
JUST ABOUT STOPPING
PIPELINES AND MINING
PROJECTS. IT'S ABOUT
DISMANTLING THE
COLONIAL SYSTEM THAT
ENABLES THOSE
PROJECTS TO EXIST IN
THE FIRST PLACE."**



MAJOR WESTERN MINING OPERATION IN

ECUADOR

FRUTA DEL NORTE MINE



The Fruta del Norte mine owned 100% by LundIn Gold Inc (Canadian and Swiss Company) is an open-pit copper mine that is located within a 150 km long copper-gold sub-province in the Cordillera del Condor region in south eastern Ecuador. The mine averages 340,000 ounces of gold per year off the backs of local workers and on the religious land of the Shuar people.

SCHUAR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE



"The government has given away land that is not theirs to give, and we have a duty to protect it. Where there is industrial mining, the rivers die and we lose our way of life." Domingo Ankuash, Shuar chief

"Companies do not have to continue granting concessions on our lands, we will not accept more entries into our territories"

Josefina Tunki, Community President



WHAT WE SAY

"We hope that Lenin Moreno's government will comply with the announcement made to the indigenous movement on Monday, December 11, to suspend the delivery of new mining concessions and address as a priority the serious violations of human rights and nature in the Cordillera del Cóndor" Comisión Ecuémica de Derechos Humanos, INREDH said in 2017

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WHAT WE KNOW

"TO SURVIVE EXTINCTION, HOWEVER, WE MUST ENFORCE INDIGENOUS ORDERS IN AND AMONGST THOSE WHO HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THEY WILL NOT STEP THIER PLUNDER UNTIL WE ARE ALL DEAD. THE ASPIRATIONS FOR JUSTICE STEMS FROM DEEP ROOTED TRADITIONS, PRACTICES, AND KNOWLEDGES EMBEDDED WITHIN THE LAND ITSELF." - THE RED DEAL PG.43

CHILE



LA NEGRA AND ATACAMA SALT FLAT

Owned by Arizona and Albemarle Corporation of Charlotte, North Carolina, **La Negra Chemical Plant** is found 27 kilometers southeast of Antofagasta, in the industrial sector of the city. The plant produces technical grade and battery grade lithium carbonate. **The Atacama Salt Flat** extracts natural brine that is obtained by pumping from the core of the Salar de Atacama and is disposed in open-air pools. The salt flat transports all its concentrated brine to **La Negra** where the it is purified for lithium production.

- 2021 Report by Political Geography 87: Injustices facing the Atacamenno indigenous people exposes neo-colonial extrativist reality
- 2022 serious offense: not complying with the regulations established
- 2022 minor offense: Over-extraction of brine at the salt flat
- Constant battle for clean water by the Atacama people in the Chilean Andes, resulting in migration into the cities



CHILE



EL ABRA MINE

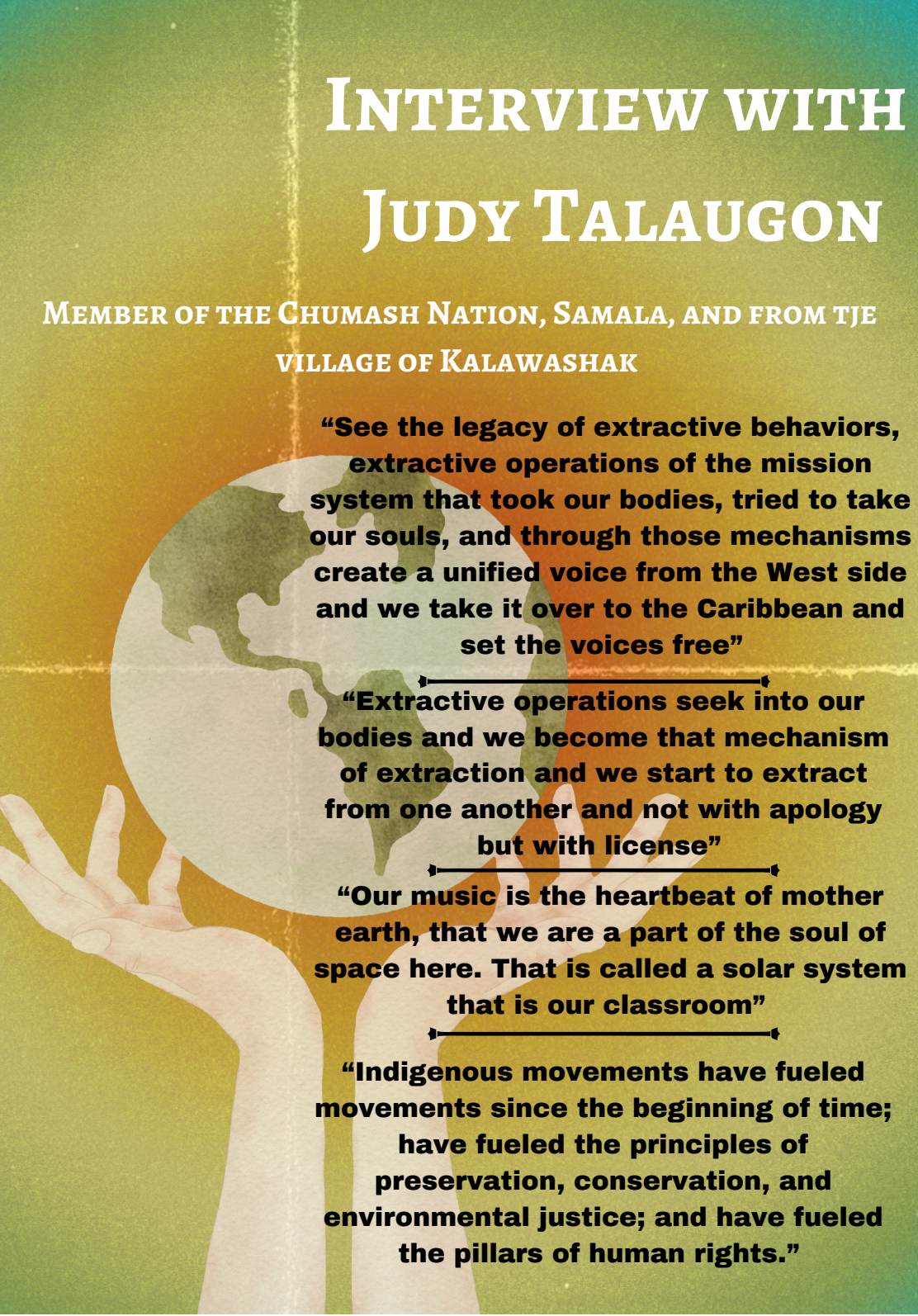
Owned by Freeport McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. of Phoenix, El Abra is an open-pit copper mining complex is located 47 miles north of Calama in Chile's El Loa province, Region II. 51% of the mine is owned FCX; 49% by the Corporación Nacional del Cobre de Chile (CODELCO). The El Abra operation includes a solution extraction/electrowinning facility with a capacity of 500 million pounds of copper cathode per year, a 125,000 metric ton-per-day crushed leach circuit and a similar-sized run-of-mine leaching operation.

- Alto El Loa communities near El Abra are exceed the safethreshold of the Hazard index because of the outdoor settled dust from outdoor mining operations, resulting in increased non-carcinogenic and carcinogenic risks
- 2016: Worker died from elecrocution after being left alone and operations resumed as normal the next day
- 2016: Worker died in the acid of an unloading terminal; operations asked to stopp but partial operations still continued the next day



INTERVIEW WITH JUDY TALAUGON

MEMBER OF THE CHUMASH NATION, SAMALA, AND FROM THE
VILLAGE OF KALAWASHAK



“See the legacy of extractive behaviors, extractive operations of the mission system that took our bodies, tried to take our souls, and through those mechanisms create a unified voice from the West side and we take it over to the Caribbean and set the voices free”

“Extractive operations seek into our bodies and we become that mechanism of extraction and we start to extract from one another and not with apology but with license”

“Our music is the heartbeat of mother earth, that we are a part of the soul of space here. That is called a solar system that is our classroom”

“Indigenous movements have fueled movements since the beginning of time; have fueled the principles of preservation, conservation, and environmental justice; and have fueled the pillars of human rights.”

Conclusion

As Western mining companies have gravely affected Indigenous communities like the Q'eqchi' Maya, the Alto El Loa, the Atacama, and the Shuar people their voices are silenced by these powers. They have turned their land into a place of commerce. The human rights violations that they've committed ought not to go unheard of. It is these exploitative companies that will bring their land to nothing if not stopped. They have polluted their land, water, and air they will not pollute their culture. Indigenous peoples of these countries have fought on the front lines of justice for hundreds of years. And their work will be known. The mining companies ought to be held accountable for their actions, if not by the government then by the people.



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