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Dear all,

Suspension of legal process for defamation

I am writing further to my previous letters to you dated 7 February 2023 and 17 March 2023 and to your letter to me of 15 March 2023.

The Jewish holiday of Passover, which we have just celebrated, honors the concept of freedom. I believe in freedom - the freedom to work, the freedom to prosper, the freedom to express oneself, the freedom to disagree and the freedom to make mistakes.

There is always room for discourse and disagreement – I strongly believe I built critical infrastructure, created direct and indirect employment and catalyzed development of the natural resource sector in the Democratic Republic of Congo by investing huge sums of money and bringing good partners – and indeed I have been criticized harshly by many. While it is rarely a pleasant feeling, I welcome constructive criticism and fair reporting. However, I am sure we can all agree that no one should accept groundless libel and defamation reports. Sadly, over the years I have been subject to many such claims, which have greatly affected my reputation, my ability to work, and above all - my family.

Like all of you, I care deeply about the future of the great nation of DRC. As part of the new start for DRC and its people, as well as for me, I recently concluded an historic settlement with the democratically elected government of the DRC. With an estimated 2 billion dollars' worth of cash and assets being transferred by my company Ventora to the DRC, this settlement represents the largest-ever consensual transfer to an African state in the history of the region. Just imagine what these funds could do to improve the lives and livelihoods of everyday citizens. From building new schools and hospitals to providing better quality of life and medicine to the sick, this massive influx of revenue will mean a great deal to so many who so urgently need it.

I am open to hear all criticism. I have previously invited you to conduct a professional discussion in good faith, in full transparency with all relevant documentation. I am still hoping my offer to sit and hear each other will be answered positively.

This is spring time, Easter for the majority of Christians in the DRC, the season of renewal and rebirth. A season, if you wish, of clean slates.

In the spirit of the holidays and of fresh starts - which I believe we all deserve - I have decided to unilaterally suspend the defamation lawsuits I recently filed against NGOs, media and individuals. This is the reason for my letter to you today. I am taking this step in order to create an atmosphere that is appropriate for you to accept my previous invitation for a transparent roundtable meeting.

I hope you receive this gesture of good faith in the manner in which it is intended and will now accept my invitation for a meeting at which we can conduct an open and productive discussion.

Sincerely,

Dan Gertler