



The Las Pavas Case

Communication and Outreach Statement

9th of March 2010

We would like to reassure all stakeholders that Consortium el Labrador¹ is committed to solving the dispute of Las Pavas Ranch. We are respectful of the legal proceedings as well as the ethics and social aspects of the dispute.

This statement aims to give the latest update on the case:

1. On the 23rd of February 2010, the INCODER² issued their final deliberation on the Las Pavas Case. The INCODER has now confirmed that The Consortium El Labrador is the legal owner of the land.

2. The Consortium has continued building up the relation with the local community; the families understand better who the Consortium El Labrador³ is, and also the social projects behind the operation. We have been willing to listening to the community concerns and to answering any of their questions.

3. The Community and the Consortium have now engaged on a process to solve the conflict. A key part of this has been the involvement of a group of independent consultants that is carrying out a study on the case and will issue recommendations in ways forward. This study cofounded and coordinated by Christian Aid and a UK private company. It is estimated that the work will be finished by the 31st of March 2010.

4. The NGO Enlaza Colombia, <http://www.enlazacolombia.org/home/>, has published a report on the Social, Economic and Institutional aspects on the South of Bolivar where Las Pavas Ranch is located. Full Spanish version and an executive summary are now available on www.daabon.com/pavas .

5. The Social department of DAABON has published a detailed report that summarizes the chronology on the case as well as compiled responses to general frequent ask questions from the stakeholder. Full Spanish and English version are now published on www.daabon.com/pavas .

We hope to reach fair solution for all parts involved. We will continue to inform all stakeholders of any developments on the case. In the mean time do not hesitate to contact us should you need further information.

Best Regards;

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¹ Consortium El Labrador is formed by CI San Isidro and CI Tequendama, this last is a subsidiary of the Daabon Group.

² INCODER The government agency for Rural Development www.incoder.gov.co

³ There are dozens of companies operating in the South of Bolivar area.