

## **The Las Pavas dispute (Consortium El Labrador\*)**

Find below information regarding recent developments on “The Las Pavas Case”:

### **ProForest has been commissioned to coordinate the assessment visit**

Daabon Group has commissioned ProForest, [www.proforest.net](http://www.proforest.net), a respected organization which focuses on the sustainable management of natural resources, and which has strong environmental and ethical commitments, to assess the Las Pavas case. A team of independent specialists (Colombian-British) will focus on the case, including an expert on land rights issues, and an NGO with experience in the region. The assessment will include analysis of the legal history and available documentation of engagement with the community and analysis of the environmental management plan for Las Pavas.

A report will be produced with recommendations and conclusions and Daabon will make the report available to industry stakeholders.

### **Consortium meeting with Christian Aid Colombia 14-10-09**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2009, The Consortium El Labrador visited the installations of Christian Aid Colombia in Bogota. The aim of the meeting was to open a constructive dialog and listening to Christian Aid concerns.

From the meeting it was clarified that Christian Aid is not representing the community involved in the conflict but supporting the NGO Desarrollo y Paz del Magdalena Medio that is actually acting on behalf of the community.

The Consortium presented the approaches used to handle the situation both: legal and social engagement. Their feedback was listened to and will be taken in consideration. Christian Aid expressed its support towards The Consortium initiative to commission a third party organisation to do an assessment on the case and to produce conclusions and recommendations.

We extended an invitation for a joint visit to The Las Pavas area (Social team from Daabon as well as Christian Aid). We believe that if both parts visited the area and talk directly to the community good conclusions could come on board to solve the situation, some time speakers are not as effective as would be a much more direct contact. The initiative and invitation was not accepted by Christian Aid.

C.I Tequendama extended an invitation to visit the “Alianzas” projects developed in the Magdalena Medio, since those projects are the benchmark for the new developments in South of Bolivar. A visit was considered irrelevant for the purpose of The Las Pavas case, but a future visit was not ruled out.

We would like to thank Christian Aid for accepting our request of meeting and we hope the discussion would have a positive impact on the ongoing process to solve the situation.

### **Open to dialogue**

Daabon has been approached by different stakeholders of the industry in different markets; we are open to a constructive dialogue. Each of the enquiries had been taken seriously and had been answered with transparency and great detailed. We have launched a web access [www.daabon.com/pavas](http://www.daabon.com/pavas) through which all stakeholders could follow up the latest development on the case. We have never been involved in land conflict, but we hope we come to a final conclusion that would be beneficial to all parts involved.

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