

Manifesto for the Blockade of MG-010

The residents and the traditional and Quilombola communities affected by the impacts and violations resulting from the Minas-Rio Complex, operated by Anglo American, hereby publicly announce their peaceful, legitimate, and orderly demonstration on the MG-010 highway.

This action seeks to denounce the ongoing process of oppression, systematic violation of fundamental rights, and degradation of living conditions to which we have been subjected in the municipalities of **Conceição do Mato Dentro, Alvorada de Minas, and Dom Joaquim**.

We reject the institutional complicity and absence of public oversight and regulatory agencies which, for more than 15 years, have failed to protect our lives, our water resources, and our traditional territories in the face of the unchecked expansion of the mining project.

We will no longer accept silence, coercion, or being forced to live under the constant fear of a dam failure. We demand the immediate and full enforcement of the current legislation—especially the Federal Constitution, ILO Convention 169, the State Policy for People Affected by Dams (PEAB), and the "Mar de Lama Nunca Mais" (Never Again a Sea of Mud) Law.

To restore socio-environmental justice in the Médio Espinhaço region, we demand that Anglo American, the Municipal Governments of Conceição do Mato Dentro, Alvorada de Minas, and Dom Joaquim, the Government of the State of Minas Gerais, the Public Prosecutor's Office of Minas Gerais (MPMG), and the Federal Public Prosecutor's Office (MPF) urgently and mandatorily address the following demands:

I. Structural Safety, Independent Audit, and Emergency Response

1. **Independent External Technical Audit:** Immediate execution of an independent audit of the tailings dam's integrity, structural monitoring systems, and hypothetical flood-zone modelling, conducted by an institution selected and approved by the affected communities using a methodology likewise approved by them.
2. **Clarification and Compensation Regarding Siren Activations:** Public clarification of the causes of repeated siren activations within the Self-Rescue Zone (ZAS), accompanied by administrative sanctions and immediate individual compensation proportional to the moral and psychological harm suffered by all families exposed to the distress caused by the siren activations recorded in February and August 2026.
3. **Critical Infrastructure and Emergency Assistance in the ZAS:** Permanent installation and maintenance of a Civil Defence focal point and an emergency medical post in communities located within the ZAS, equipped with rescue ambulances, emergency equipment, and a multidisciplinary psychosocial team available 24 hours a day.
4. **Guarantee of Potable Water Supply:** Immediate, continuous provision of adequate-quality drinking water in sufficient quantity for all communities affected by water scarcity resulting from groundwater depletion, population influx, and contamination of watercourses caused by mining activities.

II. Territorial Rights, Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC), and Community Sovereignty

5. **Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC):** Immediate suspension of all environmental licensing processes, expansion authorisations, and license renewals related to the Minas-Rio Complex until the FPIC process with affected traditional and Quilombola communities has been concluded, in strict compliance with ILO Convention 169.
6. **Guarantee Against Suspension of Negotiations:** Explicit prohibition of suspending negotiations regarding the Resettlement Plan under the justification of conducting the consultation process; both processes must proceed simultaneously while respecting community autonomy.
7. **Territorial Inviolability:** Full respect for the inviolability of traditional and Quilombola territories by Anglo American and any third parties acting on its behalf. Entry without the prior and explicit authorisation of affected communities shall be prohibited for field research, meetings, operational discussions, or implementation of environmental programmes.

III. Comprehensive Resettlement, Land Regularisation, and Housing Dignity

8. **Acceleration of Collective Resettlement:** Immediate commencement of housing construction under the collective resettlement program, along with a reduction and revision of the schedule for delivering homes to families.
9. **Freedom of Resettlement Choice and Complementary Compensation:** Guarantee of dual resettlement options (rural or urban) for all families registered in the Resettlement Plan, including supplementary and compensatory indemnification for those choosing urban resettlement due to the forced disruption of their traditional way of life.
10. **Right to Resettlement Due to Severe Impact on Ways of Life:** Guarantee of resettlement options for all communities whose traditional ways of life have become unviable or have been severely affected by mining operations and who no longer wish to live with the project's socio-environmental impacts.
11. **Equal Rights for the Gondó Community:** Full alignment of the resettlement plan for affected families from the Gondó community with the standards and guidelines of the ZAS Resettlement Plan, including guaranteed access to full compensation amounts and inclusion in the Social Development Programme (PDS).
12. **Inspection and Compliance with International Standards:** Rigorous inspection and independent technical audits of all resettlement projects already completed or underway by Anglo American, with mandatory implementation of all necessary adjustments and corrective measures to ensure compliance with legislation and international human rights and involuntary relocation standards.
13. **Land Regularisation and Habitability Costs Without Burden:** Full land-title regularisation, at Anglo American's sole expense, of rural and urban properties selected by families through the Assisted Purchase system, with the company assuming all additional costs identified in habitability assessments and without deducting them from family compensation ceilings.
14. **Unconditional Social Rent Assistance:** Payment of social rent assistance to all families living in the ZAS who choose to temporarily leave the area due to insecurity caused by siren activations, regardless of prior signature of resettlement agreements, until the independent audit reports are presented and approved by the communities.
15. **Equality and Continuity for Participants of the Optional Negotiation Programme (PNO):** Continuation of negotiations and application of strictly equal criteria for communities previously served by the Optional Negotiation Programme.
16. **Broader Recognition of Territorial, Social, and Family Ties:** Full recognition of the right to resettlement for all families with legitimate familial, territorial, social, economic, or ancestral links to communities within the ZAS, ensuring preservation of community social structures, traditional building practices, knowledge systems, and livelihoods.

17. **Respect for Resettlement Plan Guidelines:** Full compliance with all principles, safeguards, and guidelines already established in the ZAS Resettlement Plan.

IV. Comprehensive Health Care, Damage Mitigation, and Cultural Restoration

18. **Independent Community Psychosocial Assistance:** Immediate provision of ongoing mental health support by independent multidisciplinary teams with no ties to the mining company, focused on treating trauma and post-traumatic stress caused by siren activations and relocation pressures.
19. **Full Funding of Treatments and Medications:** Full coverage by the mining company of medications, therapies, and medical supplies not provided through Brazil's public health system (SUS) whenever physical or psychological illnesses result directly or indirectly from the project's impacts and the stress of the negotiation process.
20. **Supplementary Plan for Cultural and Intangible Heritage Safeguarding:** Development and funding of a complementary plan for the recovery, preservation, and promotion of the cultural and intangible heritage of traditional and Quilombola communities undergoing displacement, covering both their original territories and relocation areas in order to preserve identities, religious expressions, and collective memory.

V. Governance, Licensing Review, Public Management, and Infrastructure

21. **Community Management of the Independent Technical Advisory (ATI) Monitoring Committee:** Equal and representative participation of all 17 communities affected by Minas-Rio in the committee overseeing activities related to the Independent Technical Advisory service.
22. **Social Allocation of CFEM Revenues:** Mandatory allocation of municipal revenues from the Financial Compensation for Mineral Resource Exploitation (CFEM) to infrastructure, healthcare, water supply, and sustainable development initiatives benefiting affected communities.
23. **Review of Environmental Licensing Conditions by FEAM:** Formal review by the Minas Gerais State Environmental Foundation (FEAM/MG) of Conditions 42, 47, and 50 of Anglo American's Step 3 environmental licensing process, with participation of independent technical advisors and affected communities.
24. **Mandatory Inclusion of Protection and Oversight Agencies:** Formal participation of INCRA (National Institute for Colonisation and Agrarian Reform), the Palmares Cultural Foundation (FCP), and the Federal Public Prosecutor's Office (MPF) in all negotiation tables, hearings, and stages of licensing and resettlement processes.
25. **Water Quality and Independent Hydrological Monitoring:** Conducting potability and contamination testing by Anglo American and regular monitoring of water quality and flow by the State of Minas Gerais in all springs and waterways supplying affected communities, using accredited laboratories chosen by the communities, with full public disclosure of technical reports.
26. **Road Safety on MG-010 with DER/MG:** Immediate intervention by the Minas Gerais Department of Buildings and Highways (DER/MG) and Anglo American to implement the operational and structural road safety measures requested by communities affected by the Minas-Rio project in the sections of MG-010 that cross their territories.

We present this platform of demands as an expression of the popular will and of the fundamental right to resist actions that threaten our physical, cultural, and territorial integrity. The affected communities demand to be treated with the dignity and justice guaranteed by the constitutional order.

We await an official, formal, and urgent response from public authorities and company management, reaffirming that we will not accept evasive or delaying responses that fail to fully resolve the issues presented here.

Sincerely,

**Communities Affected by the Minas-Rio Complex
Movement for Popular Sovereignty in Mining (MAM)
Federation of Quilombola Communities of the State of Minas Gerais (N'GOLO)**