



Update: Security incident in Colombia

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“Talisman commends the reaction of the Colombian authorities that led to the safe return, in less than 24 hours, of 21 of the 22 employees of the contractor South American Exploration (SAE) who were abducted on March 7 in Vichada province,” says Chris Spaulding, Talisman’s Colombia Country Manager. “We also reiterate that our top priority remains supporting the efforts of the Colombia authorities to free the remaining hostage so that he is safely and quickly reunited with his family.

“Talisman's policy is to abide by the laws of all countries in which we operate around the world. Talisman fully supports the Colombian authorities in its emphatic requirement that all companies, domestic and foreign, comply with the laws of this country, including not having any dealings with illegal groups. Talisman also has a strict [Policy on Business Conduct and Ethics](#) that all employees and contractors are required to follow. We are confident that we have abided fully with Colombian law and our Policy on Business Conduct and Ethics. However, should the Colombian authorities wish to investigate any aspect of the way that Talisman Colombia has and is conducting our business, we will cooperate completely and openly.”

Incidente de Seguridad

"Talismán elogia la reacción de las autoridades colombianas que dio lugar al retorno seguro, en menos de 24 horas, de 21 de los 22 empleados de la contratista South American Exploration (SAE) que fueron secuestrados el pasado 7 de marzo en el Departamento del Vichada," dice Chris Spaulding, Gerente General Talisman Colombia. "Asimismo, reiteramos que nuestra principal prioridad sigue siendo colaborar con las autoridades de Colombia en sus esfuerzos para liberar al rehen restante, y que pueda de manera rápida y segura reunirse con su familia".

"La Política de Talisman es cumplir con las leyes de todos los países en los que operamos al rededor del mundo. Talisman respalda a las autoridades colombianas en su requerimiento enfático de que todas las compañías, nacionales y extranjeras, cumplan con las leyes de este país, incluyendo el no tener relaciones con grupos ilegales. Talisman también tiene una estricta Política de Conducta y Ética Empresarial, la cual todos los empleados y contratistas están obligados a cumplir. Tenemos la confianza de que hemos cumplido plenamente con la ley colombiana y nuestra Política de Conducta y Ética Empresarial. Sin embargo, si las autoridades colombianas desean investigar cualquier aspecto en relación a la forma como en Talisman Colombia hemos conducido nuestros negocios en Colombia, cooperaremos plena y abiertamente. "

Previous Statements

March 10, 2011, 9:00 pm MT

Talisman (Colombia) Oil and Gas continues to work with the Colombian military, the local community and partners to support efforts to free the remaining hostage. We commend the military for their rapid and continued efforts.

Talisman affirms our commitment to ethical business practices in Colombia, and in all regions where we operate. We have a policy to follow Colombia law and we have our own clear [Policy on Business Conduct and Ethics](#) that all employees and contractors must adhere to.

Our top priority is supporting the safe release of the remaining hostage, a contractor with South American Exploration (SAE.) Our thoughts are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

We will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available.

Statement Issued March 8, 2011, 11:30 am MT

Talisman Colombia and Ecopetrol commend the rapid reaction by the Colombian authorities that led to the safe return, in less than 24 hours, of 21 of the 22 SAE workers. They were abducted on March 7 by an illegal armed group in the province of Vichada.

Both companies are cooperating with the local community and the Colombian authorities to support the safe release of the remaining SAE employee still being held against his will.

Pronunciamiento oficial (2)

Talisman Colombia (operador) y Ecopetrol destacan y celebran la pronta reacción de las autoridades nacionales de Colombia que condujeron a la rápida liberación después menos de 24 horas, de 21 de los 22 obreros colombianos secuestrados por un grupo al margen de la ley en el departamento del Vichada el pasado 7 de marzo.

No obstante, las compañías se mantienen alerta y cooperantes con la comunidad en la zona y con las autoridades competentes, para lograr la liberación del trabajador del contratista South American Exploration (SAE), aun detenido en contra de su voluntad.

Statement Issued March 7, 2011, 11:00 pm MT

Talisman Colombia and Ecopetrol sadly confirm the kidnapping of 22 people in Colombia's Vichada Province, which occurred on March 7, 2011. Those abducted are workers of a seismic contractor, South American Exploration, and most are members of the indigenous communities of the area. None of the kidnapped people are employees of Talisman Colombia or Ecopetrol. Talisman and Ecopetrol are cooperating with the Colombian authorities and the contractor. The top priority is to provide any required support so these Colombian nationals can be reunited with their families as soon as possible.

Pronunciamento oficial

Talisman Colombia (operador) y Ecopetrol lamentan el secuestro de 22 personas ocurrido en el Vichada el 7 de marzo de 2011. Ninguna de las personas secuestradas es empleada de Talisman ni de Ecopetrol. Son trabajadores de la firma contratista South American Exploration que en su gran mayoría hacen parte de las comunidades indígenas del lugar. Las empresas manifiestan su disposición de colaborar con las autoridades y el contratista para lograr que los trabajadores regresen pronto a sus hogares.