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Facts on Cerrejón

Glencore is committed to acting as a responsible steward of its mining assets, taking account of their impact on human rights and the environment, and to upholding the goals of the Paris Agreement by reducing its carbon emissions and seeking to achieve net zero on its total emissions by 2050.

The Cerrejón mine is an independently managed operation which contributes significantly to the regional and national economy in Colombia. It employs approximately 10,000 people and represents around 45% of GDP in La Guajira, the region in which the mine is located. In 2020, Cerrejón has purchased goods and services with local contractors worth USD 312 million, and invested USD 43 million in environmental management programmes and USD 4 million in social programmes.

Our climate commitments

Since 2002, Glencore has been the holder of a one third minority stake in the Cerrejón mine, along with BHP and Anglo American. In June 2021, following notices from BHP and Anglo American, offering to sell their entire shares in the Cerrejón mine in Colombia, Glencore reached agreement to acquire their respective 33.3% interests. Glencore's decision to acquire full ownership of the mine is consistent with our commitment to responsibly decline our coal production over time and does not compromise our emission reduction targets of 15% by 2026, and 50% by 2035. As we have previously announced, our expectation is that Cerrejón's production volumes will decline materially from 2030, prior to the progressive expiry of the mining concessions by 2034 and the subsequent relinquishment of the mining areas to the government.

Responsible operator

The Cerrejón mine does not poison people or the environment. Cerrejón has operated in compliance with Colombian law and has continuously followed international standards to enhance its performance. These standards include the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights; the IFC's social and environmental performance standards; the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights, the UN Global Compact; and the Sustainability Framework of the International standard for environmental management (ISO14001).

Cerrejón consumes water in its mining operations, including to reduce dust. However, Cerrejón's latest information is that 93% of the water used by Cerrejón is not suitable for human consumption or agriculture, and that of the total water usage from the Rancheria River, Cerrejón's use accounts for 1.8% compared to 92.5% for agriculture and livestock and 5.7% for domestic use.

The mine is subject to comprehensive water quality monitoring, including independent monitoring by the Colombian government. Cerrejón operates a network of 14 flow monitoring stations, with over 4,000 samples per year analysed by independent laboratories, which confirm that Cerrejón's activities do not negatively impact the aquatic flora and fauna or present a risk to local communities. The results of this monitoring are publicly available from the Colombian authorities.

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Cerrejón has implemented strict controls to assist with minimizing air quality impacts from its operations on the community. This includes a weather forecasting and real time air quality monitoring system to identify adverse weather conditions which may require additional controls to be implemented. The level of impact is verified by a network of 17 monitoring stations and the results shared on the company's website.

For Cerrejón, resettlement is a last resort measure. Since 2006, the purpose of resettlements has been to address impacts on communities rather than to allow the expansion of the mine. These resettlements have been carried out in line with the IFC guidelines and based on the approach of social participation and voluntary agreements. The 190 families resettled since 2006 are living at new sites with homes they now own and have access to essential infrastructure such as drinking water, energy, aqueduct and sewage services (access which previously was not guaranteed). Additionally, they have land to develop agricultural work, they receive technical support, and have access to educational programmes.

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Glencore is proud to be a member of the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights and the International Council on Mining and Metals. We are an active participant in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative. Our ambition is to be a net zero total emissions company by 2050.

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