

I am writing to you to express my grave concern on thousands of people who are at risk of being forcibly evicted from their homes and farms to make way for the Letpadaung copper mine in central Myanmar.

I am therefore calling on the mining company Myanmar Wanbao to halt any plans to take over the remaining land for the Letpadaung mine and carry out a genuine consultation with all affected persons on the evictions, resettlement conditions and compensation;

I am also urging the company to ensure that conditions in resettlement villages comply with international standards on adequacy of housing and that people who have been forcibly evicted from their homes and farm lands receive adequate reparation;

I last am urging the company to comply with its commitment that it will only use the police to protect its operations when the police guarantee that they will comply with international standards and guidelines on use of force.

Your consideration above would be highly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,