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I, **Henry Ureña Montero**, a resident of the Siquirres area, represent my parents; Francisco Ureña Ortega and Donay Montero Fuentes who live in the area known as San Joaquín de Siquirres, where the Reventazon Hydroelectric Power Project is being implemented, in the province of Limón, Costa Rica.

1. **The IDB Group, financed the Costa Rican Institute of Electricity (ICE), in Costa Rica.** Our names and contact information are attached, as well as (**if relevant**) proof of delegation of authority to represent the claimants' names herein.
2. We have suffered much damage because neither the IDB-FOMIN nor the IIC have complied with one or more of their Operational Policies, relevant to us.
3. This project, when it expropriated part of my father's estate, left the rest of the estate completely dry without the aquifers on which the estate was built, which previously supplied water for all the property. The water is used for different needs, such as pasture irrigation and for the animals kept in the property. The household's livelihood has been based on the milk cows we keep. At this time we have had to pull water from our house and transported it to the farm room to solve the lack for water and so the animals do not die of thirst. We are aware that legally, this is not right. However, ever since the expropriation we were left without a basic and important life resource which is water.

We have temporarily solved the problem of animal care by using drinking water from our home to provide water for the animals. In our area of residence, this is not allowed because there is a policy in place to reduce water consumption because of the droughts. Not only in San Joaquin but at national level it is prohibited to use drinking water as a resource for animals. In short, this has caused us to act in an incorrect way for us to be able to meet our agricultural, economic and family needs.

Furthermore, we have suffered severe psychological damage because of several months of incertitude, mental exhaustion and stress.

My father, Francisco, is over 50 years old and suffers from severe wear on one of his knees. He has been suffering a lot of pain due to the extra physical activity he must endure to transport water from over one kilometer away.

On December 12, 2016, we contacted Mr. Carlos Echeverría, representative of the IDB Group's Management, and presented our claim through an email. In this email, we detailed the problem in a precise manner, including photographs and videos as evidence to support the claim. The answer we got from Mr. Echeverría was that they would evaluate the claim. Therefore, on May 10 2017, they sent a consultant to our property, whose name is Raúl Campos, to validate if our claim had validity,

that is to say if the property really ran out of water due to the expropriation, besides validating the condition in which we are currently.

During his visit, Mr. Campos said that he had a month to present the official report to Mr. Echeverría. However, to this date we have not received any response from either of them about the results of said report so they can evaluate solutions to our problem.

We are extremely concerned by the situation, as this is the most important part for us because with these results we can find the solution to the problem and even after almost three months we continue living with the same uncertainty. I called Mr. Echeverría and when I could not contact him I sent him emails asking about the report results and he told me that I should continue waiting. This worries me since we have been waiting for more than two months.

We are open to conducting the Consulting Phase and the Compliance Review Phase.

Because of this inconvenience, we urge you to explain to us what are the available options so we can make a decision.

Because of all the above, I have no objection for this document to be non- confidential.

We ask the MICI to respond to our request.

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