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Peru's last uncontacted tribes are in imminent danger

Dear Sir Mick,

We are writing to ask for your urgent support for a campaign to stop the expansion of a huge gas project over uncontacted tribes' land in Peru.

As you may know from your recent visit to the country, the Camisea gas project is Peru's largest and most notorious energy project, and it lies directly over an extremely important protected area inhabited by several uncontacted tribes.

The Nahua Indians were nearly wiped out by disease epidemics after Shell first began work in the region. Now, the lives of the other Indians are at great risk.

Expansion plans for the project have just been approved which will allow gas workers deeper into the forest to build wells and carry out seismic testing.

Moreover, the government has just released plans for another gas block which would cut the indigenous reserve in half.

Peru is legally obliged to protect the estimated 15 uncontacted tribes living in its Amazon forest. Furthermore, it gave explicit undertakings not to expand the Camisea project east into the isolated Indians' territory – which it is now breaking.

The Indians lack immunity to diseases brought by outsiders, and tens of thousands have died in past centuries as a result of common western diseases. It is more than dismaying to imagine that history may repeat itself.

As Honorary Ambassador of Peru's Amazon Rainforest we urge you to call on the authorities to live up to their promises, and stop endangering the Indians' lives.

Yours sincerely,

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