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Panguna Land Owners
Association
P O Box 1108
FANGUNA N.S.P.

5th April, 1988

The Managing Director
Bougainville Copper Limited
FANGUNA

Dear Sir,

Here below are the questions from the landowners which are the basis of the petition given to you and the government on the 11th day of March, 1988.

1. Who was the representative of the Land Owners who had gone to Melbourne (Australia) to sign the Agreement which allowed copper mining operation in Panguna?
2. Who led the surveyors to mark the mining lease boundary on our land? Was it the landowners or the Company itself?
3. Who authorised you to bring people from other provinces and countries on our land?
4. Who authorised you to employ open cut mining which had resulted in the destruction of our environment?
5. Who set the rate for payment of compensation for loss of our river, fish, stone, bush, trees and land in and around Panguna?
6. In addition to the five (5) points mentioned above, we the land owners declare as follows:
 - (a) You have destroyed our living and of our ancestors throughout the life of the mine.
 - (b) Prior to commencement of mining operation on our land we were very rich. Now you have made us very poor, because you have destroyed our food gardens, hunting grounds and many natural resources we receive freely.

Because of these difficulties, we the Land Owners demand that the Company pay for all the resources that you have destroyed on our land commencing in 1963 and up to 1988 in the sum of Ten Billion Kina.

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Under an agreement to pay (K10 Billion), the Company will be allowed to continue its operations provided:

(a) that BCL pays 50% of all its profits gained each year to the land owners and the government of Bougainville.

(b) That the land owners association is consulted prior to establishment of any new projects.

(c) That BCL will become a local company of the landowners and the people of Bougainville after five (5) years.

The Company must answer to petitions 1 to 7 within fourteen (14) days.

That is all, thank you.

cc. Minerals & Energy Minister

cc. Premier of N.S.P.

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