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**Amendment to Registration Statement  
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 1938, as amended**

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1. Name of Registrant  MCSquared PR Inc.	2. Registration No.  6231
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3. This amendment is filed to accomplish the following indicated purpose or purposes:

- To give a 10-day notice of change in information as required by Section 2(b) of the Act.
- To correct a deficiency in
  - Initial Statement
  - Supplemental Statement for the period ending \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other purpose (*specify*) \_\_\_\_\_
- To give notice of change in an exhibit previously filed.

4. If this amendment requires the filing of a document or documents, please list:

Executed agreement between the registrant and the Government of the Republic of Ecuador; revised list of disbursements made by the registrant on behalf of the foreign principal; informational materials distributed on behalf of the foreign principal; media contact list used by registrant in connection with President Correa's visit to the US in April 2014.

5. Each item checked above must be explained below in full detail together with, where appropriate, specific reference to and identity of the item in the registration statement to which it pertains. (*If space is insufficient, a full insert page must be used.*)

Registrant is amending its registration statement, filed on July 3, 2014, to provide additional information regarding its activities and disbursements on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Ecuador. The attached executed agreement supplements the original Exhibit B; the list of disbursements is in response to Part IV, line 10(a) of the registration statement; the informational materials and media contact list are provided in response to Part V of the registration statement.

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**EXECUTION**

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature<sup>1</sup>)

September 10, 2014

/s/ Maria Garay

eSigned

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<sup>1</sup> This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

# **DISBURSEMENTS**

Payee	Purpose	Date	Value
<b>a. Media Outreach</b>			
VOCUS	Media Monitoring, E-Mail Blast	05/2013 - 04/2014	\$14,000.00
CSR Wire	Press Releases	11/25/13 - 04/1/14	\$8,350.00
PR Web	Press Releases	11/8/13- 02/10/14	\$3,103.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$25,453.00</b>
<b>b. Advertising:</b>			
West County Times	Publication	08/03/13	\$15,082.20
San Francisco Chronicle	Publication	08/03/13	\$37,800.00
Washington Post	Publication	08/03/13	\$107,712.36
TAG Worldwide USA (Design)	Press Ready Ads (Design)	09/20/13	\$5,830.65
Fitzgibbon Media- Media Buy (Houston Chronicle)	Publication	01/14/14	\$158,130.00
Radio Impacto 2	Radio Spot	04/4/14 - 04/12/14	
Radio Amor	Radio Spot	04/7/14 - 04/12/14	
Radio Mega	Radio Spot	04/7/14 - 04/11/14	
Radio Melodia	Radio Spot	04/4/14 - 04/12/14	
Ecuavisa Internacional	TV Spot	04/8/14 - 04/11/14	
Ecuador TV	TV Spot	04/3/14 - 04/12/14	
Ecuador News	Publication	04/9/14 - 04/15/14	
Orgullo Ecuatoriano	Publication	04/01/14	
El Diario La Prensa	Publication	04/4/14 - 04/12/14	\$35,214.48
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$359,769.69</b>
<b>c. Subcontractors:</b>			
Greater Talent Network	Celebrity, Talent scouting	10/23/13 - 10/30/13 12/27/13 - 01/17/14	\$188,391.12
American Progam Bureau	Celebrity, Talent scouting	10/23/13 - 11/8/13 11/20/13 03/7/14 - 03/25/14	\$330,000.00

Fitzgibbon Media	Media Relations, Advertising	01/10/14 - 10/5/2014	\$72,250.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$590,641.12</b>
<b>d. Conference and events</b>			
Tourism	Tourism Spots	01/31/14 03/28/14	\$157,168.80
CUPRE	Speakers - Journalism Conference	04/5/13 - 08/22/13	\$64,628.07
Columbia University	Journalism Conference	09/21/13 - 09/23/13	\$18,978.88
Ecuadorian Community in New York	Event for the Government of Ecuador	4/1/14 - 4/12/14	\$167,783.29
Gayle McLaughlin	Mayor of Richmond, CA (travel expenses, visit to Ecuador)	09/15/13-09/20/13	\$4,498.94
<b>Subtotal:</b>			<b>\$413,057.98</b>
<b>d.1 Production - Multimedia</b>			
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$279,268.72</b>
<b>e. Employees involved in US activities only</b>			
Jean Paul Borja	Ecuador specific work	5/1/13-4/30/14	\$32,000.00
Rafael Rosero	Ecuador specific work	5/1/13-4/30/14	\$20,000.00
Maria Garay	Ecuador specific work	5/1/13-4/30/14	\$180,000.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$232,000.00</b>
<b>f. Admin/Operating</b>			
Office Supplies		5/1/13-4/30/14	\$9,756.22
Electronics/Equipment		5/1/13-4/30/14	\$9,218.19
Rental of Video Equipment		5/1/13-4/30/14	\$23,976.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$42,950.41</b>

**TOTAL:****\$1,943,140.92**

# **INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS**



## **Ecuador Will Open Parts of the Yasuni Rainforest for Oil Drilling After International Community Failed to Back Conservation Plan**

A reporter from MCSquared Public Relations covered a nationally televised speech by President Rafael Correa of Ecuador in which he announced the end of the Yasuni-ITT initiative, a unique conservation plan that would have left 920 million barrels of oil underground in an unspoiled Amazon rainforest reserve, after the international community failed to back the initiative.

Quito, Ecuador (PRWEB) August 16, 2013

In a nationally televised speech, President Rafael Correa of Ecuador announced the end of the Yasuni-ITT initiative, a unique conservation plan that would have left 920 million barrels of oil underground in an unspoiled Amazon rainforest reserve, after the international community failed to back the initiative.

The government of Ecuador presented the Initiative to the world in 2007, which sought to raise \$3.6 billion in contributions, about half of the oil's market value in the course of 13 years, from the international community in order to protect the area and prevent sending over 400 million tons of CO2 into the atmosphere. The fund was administered by the UN's Development Program.

"I believe that the initiative was ahead of our time and could not, or would not, be understood by those who are responsible for climate change," said the socialist president as he explained that in six years, only 0.37% of the goal was reached, plus an additional \$116 million in commitments indirectly linked to the Initiative.

Visibly disappointed, President Correa also said that the Initiative was launched during the most critical global economic crisis of the last 80 years.

Correa said that the government is determined to protect the area and that the oil exploitation would be limited to only 1 percent of the 2.4 million acres of the Yasuni reserve. The exploitation of the fields will begin "in the following weeks" once the technical reports and prior consultations are concluded.

The state-run oil company, Petroamazonas, will operate the oil fields using cutting-edge technology to minimize the environmental impact. The company currently operates the Pañacocha field in the heart of the Ecuadorian Amazon, which has been considered by Oil & Gas Monitor a paradigm in optimal environmental and social practices, and as one of the best developed and managed oil and gas projects in Latin America.

Correa said that these resources are essential for the country, and that the revenues obtained from the ITT oil fields will be used to eradicate poverty.

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<http://www.elciudadano.gob.ec>

CADENA NACIONAL: TEMA YASUNÍ I-TT (Descargue el anuncio en Ingles)

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### **Arbitral Tribunal Renders Partial Award in the Proceeding Filed by Chevron Against the Ecuadorian State**

Attorney General of Ecuador says International Arbitration Tribunal did not release Chevron from environmental liabilities in Ecuador

Quito (PRWEB) September 19, 2013

On Tuesday September 17, 2013, the Arbitration Tribunal hearing the matter brought by Chevron Corporation and Texaco Petroleum Company against the Ecuadorian State issued a partial award in which it decided certain issues related to Chevron-Texaco's claim that the Republic allegedly breached the Settlement Agreement signed in 1995, in relation with third-party environmental claims against Chevron.

In its decision, the Tribunal—constituted under the UNCITRAL Rules—agreed with the Ecuadorian legal defense in finding that the aforementioned Settlement Agreement did not preclude the Lago Agrio plaintiffs from asserting claims "in respect of their own individual rights". According to the Tribunal, the Agreement refers to claims that Ecuador might raise in the exercise of their own rights and not to claims by third parties acting independently from the state in the exercise of their individual rights.

The Tribunal, however, found that the 1995 Settlement Agreement barred third parties from asserting "diffuse" or "collective" claims, as these would have been the subject of the release conferred by the Government at the time.

In this regard, the Tribunal expressly declined to address at this time the question whether the claim of the Lago Agrio plaintiffs sought the vindication of their individual rights or diffuse rights, or both.

Although the Tribunal concluded that Chevron is a "releasee" under the Agreement referred above, it rejected oil company's argument that the Agreement contained an implicit "hold harmless" clause or indemnity provision that, according to the transnational company, required the Ecuadorian State be held liable for any costs to incurred or any judgment rendered against Chevron.

In this partial award, the Tribunal expressly declined to rule on the alleged breach of the Release Agreement. In relation to this award, the Attorney General of Ecuador, Diego Garcia Carrion, rejected Chevron's press release, issued earlier today, titled "International Arbitration Tribunal Finds Chevron Not Liable For Environmental Claims In Ecuador", since far from what was asserted by the company, the Tribunal made no such finding whatsoever.

According to Dr. Garcia, contrary to the transnational's press statement, the Tribunal did not consider, let alone decide, Chevron's allegation that the Ecuadorian judgment is fraudulent and likewise did not find, as Chevron's Vice-President is quoted as saying, "that the fraudulent claims against Chevron should not have been brought in the first place."

With the issuance of the Partial Award, the Tribunal brings to a close the first of at least two substantive phases of the arbitration.

The second phase refers to the accusation made by Chevron-Texaco in a press release issued on September 18, on an alleged denial of justice committed by the Ecuadorian State against the company, by having allowed the continuation of the Lago Agrio proceeding, which under the companies' view is fraudulent. Within this second phase, the Tribunal has scheduled a hearing that is to commence in January 2014.

The Attorney General clarified that the defense team of the State reserves all rights with respect to the Tribunal's decisions, particularly for acting without jurisdiction and enforcing a Bilateral Investment Treaty entered into force long after the investor voluntarily left the country.

#### **Case Background**

On September 23, 2009, Chevron and Texaco Petroleum filed a claim in arbitration against the Ecuadorian State regarding an alleged breach of the BIT, which seeks to hold the Ecuadorian State liable for any consequences arising out from the Lago Agrio proceeding, brought by indigenous plaintiffs against Chevron for its operations in the Ecuadorian Amazon region.

In this arbitral claim, Claimants accuse Ecuador of an alleged denial of justice by allowing the Lago Agrio proceeding to proceed, and further allege that the Republic is in breach of other international obligations to afford them fair and equitable treatment, effective means of redress, nondiscriminatory treatment and full protection and security.

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### **Ecuadorian Senior Secretary of State Will Speak at the New School**

Speaker will address the social and economic achievements of the current Ecuadorian administration.

New York, NY (PRWEB) October 01, 2013

The New School will host an academic conference with the Ecuadorian Coordinating Secretary of Knowledge and Human Talent Dr. Guillaume Long. In the conference, titled "Ecuador's Citizens Revolution: Achievements, Choices and Challenges, Six Years On", Dr. Long will discuss the social and economic achievements of the current Ecuadorian administration, its increasingly relevant role in the international arena, as well as the challenges it faces, such as the environmental impact left by oil drilling operations in the Ecuadorian Amazon.

The event will take place this Thursday, October 3, 2013, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm at the Orozco Room (Room A712), Alvin Johnson/J.M. Kaplan Hall, 66 West 12th Street, New York, New York.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information contact [universitypublicprograms\(at\)newschool\(dot\)edu](mailto:universitypublicprograms(at)newschool(dot)edu), or [contact\(at\)mc2pr\(dot\)com](mailto:contact(at)mc2pr(dot)com).

As a Senior State Secretary, Dr. Long oversees the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, and other agencies across all levels of the country's education system. Dr. Long has been a professor on International Relations at the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLASCO) in Ecuador, professor of Latin American History at the Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador (PUCE). In addition, Dr. Long has been a visiting professor in several local and international universities. He was also member of the Academic Council of the Institute of National Studies (IAEN).

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### **Actor Danny Glover to Visit Contaminated Areas in the Ecuadorian Rainforest Where Chevron Operated**

American actor Danny Glover is joining international celebrities and activists to bring justice to the communities in the Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest affected by Chevron's oil pollution.

Quito, Ecuador (PRWEB) November 04, 2013

The famous American actor and social activist Danny Glover arrived in Ecuador yesterday where he plans to visit an area of the Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest where the multinational oil giant Chevron operated, and was sentenced by a local court to pay a multibillion-dollar fine for a massive environmental contamination.

Ecuador's vice president, Jorge Glass, announced Saturday that Mr. Glover will, "also submerge his hand in one of the toxic pits that Chevron left in the Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest". The actor will visit the former oil field Aguatico 4 in the northeastern province of Sucumbios. Ecuadorian officials indicate that the field was operated exclusively by Texaco and abandoned in 1986 by the company. Chevron acquired Texaco in 2001, along with all its liabilities.

Danny Glover has gained international recognition not only for his successful artistic career, but also for his wide-reaching social and humanitarian activism, both in the United States and around the world. Mr. Glover served as Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Development Program from 1998 to 2004, and is currently serving as UNICEF Ambassador.

Mr. Glover's visit to Ecuador came in response to an invitation made by the National Secretariat of Communication of Ecuador to international public figures, activists, and reporters to show the world the scope of the environmental damage and the conditions that the affected villagers and farmers have endured for past three decades as a result of such damage.

The invitation stems from a campaign launched by President Rafael Correa last September in support of the communities that were affected by the contamination. Texaco, now Chevron, operated in Ecuador between 1964 and 1990.

Mr. Glover's participation in this campaign that seeks justice for the affected communities in Ecuador came just weeks after a visit of Gayle McLaughlin, the mayor of Richmond, California, whose city is involved in a legal battle with Chevron over a massive fire in a local Refinery that sent nearly 15 thousand people to local hospitals with respiratory problems (City of Richmond v. Chevron Corp. et al., case number 13-c-01654, in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Contra Costa). Also, American singer and actress Cher recently posted a video in support of the affected communities and called for a boycott of Chevron products. Last October, human rights advocate, Bianca Jagger wrote an article on the Huffington Post denouncing Chevron's legal tactics to avoid payment of the Ecuadorian ruling, and joined a group of Ecuadorians and environmentalists in a rally in front of the Second District Court in downtown New York, where Chevron brought the victims of the contamination and their lawyers to trial.

In February of 2011, the Superior Court of Nueva Loja, Ecuador, issued a judgment (Aguinda v. Chevron No. 2003-0002), ordering Chevron to pay \$18.3 billion for environmental damages. Shortly before the final Ecuadorian ruling, Chevron filed a lawsuit in a federal court in New York against the Ecuadorians and their lawyers based on the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. The trial began in New York on October 15, before Judge Lewis Kaplan, who was accused by the plaintiffs of being biased in favor of Chevron, through a petition for Writ of Mandamus filed at the U.S. Court of Appeals. (case 11-2259)

The case is Chevron Corp. v. Donziger et al., case number 2:11-cv-00691, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

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### **American Oil Expert To Visit Contaminated Areas in the Ecuadorian Rainforest Where Chevron-Texaco Operated**

Antonia Juhasz, an oil industry expert and author, will visit Ecuador to see the contamination that Texaco, now Chevron, left behind in the Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest.

Quito, Ecuador (PRWEB) November 11, 2013

Antonia Juhasz, an oil industry expert and author, will visit Ecuador to see the contamination that Texaco, now Chevron, left behind in the Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest, and to meet with members of the local communities that were affected by the massive environmental contamination.

Juhasz is visiting the South American nation in response to an invitation made by the National Secretariat of Communications of Ecuador to join the international campaign launched by President Rafael Correa in September to raise international awareness about the environmental disaster caused by the oil giant when it operated in the country between 1964 and 1990.

Antonia Juhasz is a leading oil and energy expert, author and investigative journalist. She is the author of three books related to the oil industry and the influence of multinational oil companies in international politics. Juhasz is a well-known critic of Chevron, having conducted years of extensive investigations into its operations, and writing about Chevron in each of her three books and in dozens of articles. In one of her earlier books, "The Bush Agenda: Invading the World, One Economy at a Time", Juhasz exposed the use of corporate globalization policy as a weapon of war during the Bush administration, and the role that major corporations, like Chevron, played in the creation of this agenda. She is a regular guest commentator on issues related to the energy industry, appearing on major U.S. TV networks and national radio. Her writings have appeared in many publications, including The Atlantic, Harper's Magazine, The New York Times, Washington Post, The Huffington Post, International Herald Tribune, Rolling Stone Magazine, and others.

Juhasz will visit one of the contaminated areas in the province of Sucumbios, where actor Danny Glover, visiting last week said that "Chevron must be held accountable" for the damages. Many of these oil pits were operated exclusively by Chevron-Texaco. Juhasz will be able to confirm first-hand a fact that Chevron fails to admit in its press releases, that during its operations in Ecuador, Chevron's predecessor, Texaco, used substandard and outdated methods to handle the toxic wastes, and systematically dumped over 18 billion gallons of wastewater and oil by-products into unlined pits, that subsequently caused the contamination of the soil, rivers, streams and groundwater in the areas where the company operated.

In February of 2011, Ecuador's Superior Court of Nueva Loja (Aguinda v. Chevron No. 2003-0002), ordering Chevron to pay \$18.3 billion for damages to the environment and the health of the local communities. Chevron refuses to pay the award claiming that the ruling is illegitimate, and instead has filed a lawsuit in a federal court in New York against the Ecuadorians and their lawyers based on the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. The trial began on October 15 in New York. The judge overseeing the trial, Lewis Kaplan, has been accused by the plaintiffs of bias in favor of Chevron through a petition for Writ of Mandamus, which was filed at the U.S. Court of Appeals. (11-2259) The case is Chevron Corp. v. Donziger et al., case number 2:11-cv-00691, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

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**Filmmaker, Explorer and International Activist for Water Conservation Alexandra Cousteau, will Visit the Areas Contaminated by Chevron in the Ecuadorian Rainforest**

Alexandra Cousteau is joining international celebrities and activists to bring justice to the communities in the Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest affected by Chevron's oil pollution.

Quito, Ecuador (PRWEB) November 22, 2013

Alexandra Cousteau will visit this week the areas that were contaminated by Texaco, now Chevron, in the Ecuadorian Amazon, to convey to the world the situation that the affected communities lived through in the last few decades due to the company's denial to correct their immense environmental damage.

Cousteau arrives in Ecuador invited by the National Secretariat of Communication of Ecuador as a part of the campaign launched by President Rafael Correa last September 17, to inform the world about the environmental disaster left by Chevron when it operated there between 1964 and 1990. During that time, Chevron used the wrong methods to manage the toxic waste as a result of oil drilling, deliberately spilling 18,000 gallons of toxic water and derivatives in unprotected pools, contaminating the soil, rivers and aquifers in the areas where it operated.

The environmental filmmaker will visit one of the sites where Chevron-Texaco operated to verify the contamination caused by these pools that had no protection in the Rainforest.

Alexandra Cousteau has achieved world recognition through her impeccable narrative, a tradition she took from her family (she is the granddaughter of well known activist, photographer and explorer Jacques Cousteau and is the daughter of film director Philippe Cousteau) and thus has the singular capacity to motivate her audience in relevant issues, like conservation rules and the politics of action. As a consultant for Oceania, Cousteau is dedicated to the promotion and defense of the preservation and sustainable management of water resources on behalf of the planet.

Cousteau's participation in this solidarity crusade with the people affected and Ecuador, joins the recent visits by actor Danny Glover, oil expert Antonia Juhasz and the Mayor of Richmond, California, Gayle McLaughlin, who confirmed the environmental damage caused at the Aguatico 4 well, in the Province of Sucumbios, left by Chevron in 1986. Actress Cher also published a video to support the affected communities and promoted a boycott in the US against Chevron. Meanwhile, Human Rights activist Bianca Jagger wrote an article and accompanied a group of Ecuadorians in a protest in New York against the judicial actions Chevron has taken against the affected and their lawyers, in a New York court.

In February 2011, a Court in Sucumbios ordered Chevron to pay \$18.3 millions for environmental contamination and for affecting the health of the residents. Chevron has not paid saying, among other things, that the judicial order was obtained by fraud by the attorneys representing the people. Right before the ruling, Chevron sued the people and their attorneys and the trial started last October 15. The judge Lewis Kaplan has been accused by the defendants of siding with the oil company and of repeatedly acting against the Ecuadorian defendants in the partial rulings before the trial. The case is Chevron Corp. v. Donziger et al., case number 2:11-cv-00691, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

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**Actress and Humanitarian Activist Mia Farrow Joins Campaign to Hold Chevron Accountable for Contamination in Ecuadorian Rainforest**

Actress Mia Farrow is joining international celebrities and activists to bring justice to the communities in the Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest affected by Chevron's oil pollution.

Quito, Ecuador (PRWEB) January 26, 2014

The acclaimed actress and prominent humanitarian Mia Farrow will visit the Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest where the multinational oil giant Chevron operated, and was sentenced by a local court to pay a multibillion-dollar fine for a massive environmental contamination.

The actress is visiting the South American nation in response to an invitation by the National Secretariat of Communications of Ecuador. Farrow will join the international campaign "The Dirty Hand of Chevron", which president Rafael Correa launched last September in support of the communities that were affected by the contamination. Texaco, now Chevron, operated in Ecuador between 1964 and 1990.

Mia Farrow is a prominent actress who has devoted her life to humanitarian efforts, primarily as an advocate for children's rights in conflict affected regions. She is a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador and has worked extensively to draw attention to the fight to eradicate polio. In recent years, she has visited Darfur, Chad and the Central African Republic to raise awareness of the genocide occurring in this African region. Throughout her long and successful artistic career, Farrow has starred in over forty films, including classics such as *Rosemary's Baby*, *The Great Gatsby*, *Hanna and her Sisters*, and the 1960's TV series *Payton Place*.

During her visit, Farrow will be able to confirm first-hand the environmental consequences of Texaco's decades of substandard operations in Ecuador. Other personalities that have visited the sites in the past few months, include actor Danny Glover, Mayor Gayle McLaughlin of Richmond, California, where a local Chevron refinery caused a massive fire, filmmaker and environmental advocate Alexandra Cousteau, among others.

In February of 2011, Chevron was sentenced by the Superior Court of Nueva Loja (Aguinda v. Chevron No. 2003-0002), ordering Chevron to pay \$18.3 billion for damages to the environment and the health of the local communities. In November of 2013, Ecuador's Supreme Court affirmed the judgment but reduced the damages amount to \$9.5 billion. Chevron refuses to pay the award claiming that the ruling is illegitimate, and instead has filed a lawsuit in a federal court in New York against the Ecuadorians and their lawyers based on the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, (Case 2:11-cv-00691, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York). The judge overseeing the trial, Lewis Kaplan, has been accused by the plaintiffs of bias in favor of Chevron (U.S. Court of Appeals, case 11-2259). Because the company ceased operations in Ecuador in 1991, the Ecuadorian plaintiffs have been trying to seize the company's assets in other countries. Last December, the Ontario Court of Appeal issued a ruling allowing the Ecuadorians to pursue enforcement of the \$9.5 billion dollar judgment against Chevron's assets in Canada. (Case: Court of Appeal for Ontario, Yaiguaje v. Chevron Corporation, 2013 ONCA 758, Docket # C57019)

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### **Former U.S. Bank Regulator to Speak at Event for Responsible Journalism in Ecuador**

'The Ecuadorian Miracle' is the subject of the keynote lecture that former financial regulator and criminologist William Black will deliver this Wednesday at the Latin American Social Science Institute (FLACSO) in Quito.

Quito, Ecuador (PRWEB) March 18, 2014

'The Ecuadorian Miracle' is the subject of the keynote lecture that former financial regulator and criminologist William Black will deliver this Wednesday at the Latin American Social Science Institute (FLACSO) in Quito. The conference is part of the series of lectures and workshops leading up to this year's edition of the Summit for Responsible Journalism, CUPRE 2014.

William Black is an associate professor of economics and law at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. Black's expertise includes white-collar crime, regulation, public finance and Latin American development. He is the author of *The Best Way to Rob A Bank is to Own One*, was formerly the litigation director of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and executive director of the Institute for Fraud Prevention. He recently helped the World Bank develop anti-corruption initiatives.

On Monday, Black was invited by President Rafael Correa to attend the traditional weekly presidential changing of the guard. During a press conference at the center gardens of the Carondelet Palace in Quito, Black highlighted that Ecuador's current economic success is the result of President Correa's 'pragmatic policies' and his spending on three key areas: infrastructure, health and education. He also noted that the current administration has achieved a "combination of political stability, a significant reduction of poverty, inequality and unemployment".

The Summit for Responsible Journalism, CUPRE, which attracts journalists, academics and students from many Latin-American countries is a regional initiative supported by Ecuador's Secretariat of Communications. The purpose is to promote a transparent and honest journalism without restrictions.

Mr. Black's lecture, 'The Ecuadorian Miracle' will take place in the Auditorium of the Latin American Social Science Institute, FLACSO, in Quito this Wednesday, March 19 at 9:00 AM.

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### **Ecuador's President Rafael Correa to Speak at Harvard and Yale**

President Rafael Correa of Ecuador will address students, faculty members and special guests at Harvard and Yale universities this coming Wednesday and Thursday, respectively, and meet with university officials at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

(PRWEB) April 08, 2014

President Rafael Correa of Ecuador will address students, faculty members and special guests at Harvard and Yale universities this coming Wednesday and Thursday, respectively, and meet with university officials at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

President Correa's visit to the United States this week also includes a two-day trip to New York City where he will talk to Spanish-language media reporters, and will offer individual interviews to various English-language media outlets. Mr. Correa will also have TV appearances at PBS with Charlie Rose and MSNBC's All In With Chris Hayes.

The President will also meet with members of the Ecuadorian community living in the New York area at a cultural show to be held at LaGuardia Community College in Queens. On Saturday, Mr. Correa will broadcast live the weekly public address, "Enlace Ciudadano", at the New York Hall of Science in Queens.

President Correa's visit to the U.S. is in response to invitations by Harvard and Yale universities. Mr. Correa will speak at the John F. Kennedy Center at Harvard University, and in the Luce Hall at Yale University.

President Correa will also meet with the president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Rafael Reif and other university officials.

This is President Correa's first public visit to the United States since September of 2011, where he also broadcasted his weekly public address from Queens College.

President Correa is currently one of the most popular leaders of the Americas, with over 75% approval rating according to recent international polls.

In Ecuador's 2013 presidential elections, Rafael Correa's ticket won overwhelmingly within Ecuadorian immigrants around the globe, including the United States and Canada with a 63% of the vote. Ecuadorian registered voters living overseas can vote in presidential and parliamentary elections.

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## CSR Press Release

### Rally for Justice in Ecuador

On Tuesday, October 15th at 9 a.m., Chevron will bring its Ecuadorian victims and their advocates to a retaliatory trial to evade accountability for its contamination in the Amazon rainforest

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NEW YORK, Oct. 11 /CSRwire/ - ***Interview and photo opportunities with the Ecuadorian farmers and Indigenous affected by Chevron's contamination***

Supporters of the environment, human rights and corporate accountability, and Ecuadorian community groups will rally against Chevron's retaliatory RICO lawsuit against the Ecuadorian victims and their U.S.-based lawyer. Chevron is bringing its victims to trial in a New York courtroom before a judge who has repeatedly expressed hostility towards the Ecuadorians and those who have advocated for them.

#### WHAT:

Rally for justice in Ecuador against Chevron's abuses and contamination in the Amazon rainforest.

#### WHO:

Supporters of human rights, the environment and corporate accountability; members of the Ecuadorian community in the United States.

#### WHEN:

Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 9:00 a.m. ET.

#### WHERE:

Foley Square across from the courthouse in downtown Manhattan.  
Worth Street and Lafayette Streets

#### Background

In 1993, a group of Ecuadorian citizens of the Amazon region filed a class action lawsuit in US federal court against Texaco alleging that between 1964 and 1992 Texaco's oil operations polluted the rainforests and rivers in Ecuador, resulting in environmental damage and damage to the health of those who live in the region. Throughout 9 years Chevron fought to move the case to Ecuador, and in 2002 the US federal court dismissed the case on forum *non conveniens* grounds (i.e., the court stated that Ecuador was a more appropriate venue

for litigating these claims). In connection with the dismissal, Texaco agreed that courts in Ecuador would have jurisdiction over the plaintiffs' claims.

Shortly before the verdict in the Ecuadorian court was handed down in 2011, Chevron launched an unprecedented retaliation campaign against the Ecuadorian villagers and their advocates. In addition, the company has targeted the entire nation of Ecuador by spending hundreds of millions of dollars in attorneys and lobbying firms to block trade between Ecuador and the United States in order to put pressure on the Ecuadorian government to block the judgment.

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## CSR Press Release

### Actor Danny Glover to Visit Contaminated Areas in the Ecuadorian Rainforest Where Chevron Operated

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QUITO, Ecuador, Nov. 04 /CSRwire/ - The famous American actor and social activist Danny Glover arrived in Ecuador yesterday where he plans to visit an area of the Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest where the multinational oil giant Chevron operated, and was sentenced by a local court to pay a multibillion-dollar fine for a massive environmental contamination.

Ecuador's vice president, Jorge Glass, announced Saturday that Mr. Glover will "also submerge his hand in one of the toxic pits that Chevron left in the Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest." The actor will visit the former oil field Aguarico 4 in the northeastern province of Sucumbios. Ecuadorian officials indicate that the field was operated exclusively by Texaco and abandoned in 1986 by the company. Chevron Acquired Texaco in 2001, along with all its liabilities.

Danny Glover has gained international recognition not only for his successful artistic career, but also for his wide-reaching social and humanitarian activism, both in the United States and around the world. Mr. Glover served as Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Development Program from 1998 to 2004, and is currently serving as UNICEF Ambassador.

Mr. Glover's visit to Ecuador came in response to an invitation made by the National Secretariat of Communication of Ecuador to international public figures, activists, and reporters to show the world the scope of the environmental damage and the conditions that the affected villagers and farmers have endured for past three decades as a result of such damage. Chevron has refused to comply with the Ecuadorian court's ruling to complete the environmental remediation.

The invitation stems from a campaign launched by President Rafael Correa last September as a reaction to Chevron's attempts to discredit the Ecuadorian government for its support to the affected communities. Texaco, now Chevron, operated in Ecuador between 1964 and 1990, and during this period, the company deliberately used substandard methods to handle the toxic waste derived from the oil exploitation and production. Expert findings during the Ecuador trial showed that Chevron poured over 18 billion gallons of toxic wastewater into unlined pits, which contaminated the soil, the underground water, rivers and streams in the areas where it operated.

Mr. Glover's participation in this campaign that seeks justice for the affected communities in Ecuador came just weeks after a visit of Gayle McLaughlin, the mayor of Richmond, California, whose city is involved in a legal battle with Chevron over a massive fire in a local

Refinery that sent nearly 15 thousand people to local hospitals with respiratory problems. Also, American singer and actress Cher recently posted a video in support of the affected communities and called for a boycott of Chevron products. Last October, human rights advocate, Bianca Jagger wrote an article on the Huffington Post denouncing Chevron's legal tactics to avoid payment of the Ecuadorian ruling, and joined a group of Ecuadorians and environmentalists in a rally in front of the Second District Court in downtown New York, where Chevron brought the victims of the contamination and their lawyers to trial.

In February of 2011, a superior court in the province of Sucumbíos, Ecuador, sentenced Chevron to pay \$18.3 billion for environmental damages and the resulting health problems on the local population. Chevron has refused to pay alleging that the ruling was obtained through fraud by the plaintiffs and their lawyers. Shortly before the final Ecuadorian ruling, Chevron filed a lawsuit in a federal court in New York against them based on the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. The trial began in New York at the Second District Court on October 15, before Judge Lewis Kaplan, who has been accused by the plaintiffs of biased in favor of Chevron.

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### Danny Glover and James Early Meet with Afro-Ecuadorian Legislators

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QUITO, Ecuador, Nov. 06 /CSRwire/ - Danny Glover, Chair of the TransAfrica Forum, actor-environmental activist and James Early, Director Cultural Heritage Policy Smithsonian Institution Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage meet with Afro-Ecuadorian Assembly representatives Wednesday, November 6, to discuss national Ecuadorian and Continental Afro-Descendant communities and national and regional projects to advance public policy principles of participatory cultural democracy to combat racial and cultural discrimination and social marginalization, and to foster full-citizenship involvement in all life defining material and spiritual well-being policies of governance in Ecuador and throughout the hemisphere, with special focus on Afro-Descendants as protagonist in the regional integration of Latin America and the Caribbean. Topical discussions will include implementation of polices from the U.N. World Conference of Racism and Other Forms of Discrimination held in South Africa in 2001, the Regional Articulation of Afro Descendants in Latin America and the Caribbean (ARAC), the V Encuentro of Afro Descendants and Revolutionary Transformation held in Caracas in 2011, and the U.D. Declaration of the Decade of Afro-Descendants—topics mentioned in brief exchange between Mr. Glover and the Vice President and Mr. Glover and Mr. Early at a luncheon with Minister of the Communications.

Mr. Glover and James Early will also meet with the Minister of Culture to discuss implications and potential continental collaboration with what they describe as Ecuador's "progressive participatory-democracy cultural heritage policy which fosters cultural self-expression of the imagination and creativity of individual citizens and cultural-specific communities for the ethical, spiritual, and material development of the nation and global humanity.

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## CSR Press Release

### American Oil Expert To Visit Contaminated Areas in the Ecuadorian Rainforest Where Chevron-Texaco Operated

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QUITO, Ecuador, Nov. 11 /CSRwire/ - Antonia Juhasz, an oil industry expert and author, will visit Ecuador to see the contamination that Texaco, now Chevron, left behind in the Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest, and to meet with members of the local communities that were affected by the massive environmental contamination.

Juhasz is visiting the South American nation in response to an invitation made by the National Secretariat of Communications of Ecuador to join the international campaign launched by President Rafael Correa in September to raise international awareness about the environmental disaster caused by the oil giant when it operated in the country between 1964 and 1990.

Antonia Juhasz is a leading oil and energy expert, author and investigative journalist. She is the author of three books related to the oil industry and the influence of multinational oil companies in international politics. Juhasz is a well-known critic of Chevron, having conducted years of extensive investigations into its operations, and writing about Chevron in each of her three books and in dozens of articles. In one of her earlier books, *"The Bush Agenda: Invading the World, One Economy at a Time"*, Juhasz exposed the use of corporate globalization policy as a weapon of war during the Bush administration, and the role that major corporations, like Chevron, played in the creation of this agenda. She is a regular guest commentator on issues related to the energy industry, appearing on major U.S. TV networks and national radio. Her writings have appeared in many publications, including *The Atlantic*, *Harper's Magazine*, *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *The Huffington Post*, *International Herald Tribune*, *Rolling Stone Magazine* and others.

Juhasz will visit one of the contaminated areas in the province of Sucumbios, where actor Danny Glover, visiting last week said that "Chevron must be held accountable" for the damages. Many of these oil pits were operated exclusively by Chevron-Texaco. Juhasz will be able to confirm first-hand a fact that Chevron fails to admit in its press releases, that during its operations in Ecuador, Chevron's predecessor, Texaco, used substandard and outdated methods to handle the toxic wastes, and systematically dumped over 18 billion gallons of wastewater and oil by-products into unlined pits, that subsequently caused the contamination of the soil, rivers, streams and groundwater in the areas where the company operated.

In February of 2011, Ecuador's Superior Court of Nueva Loja issued a judgment (*Aguinda v. Chevron* No. 2003-0002), ordering Chevron to pay \$18.3 billion for damages to the environment and the health of the local communities. Chevron refuses to pay the award claiming

that the ruling is illegitimate, and instead has filed a lawsuit in a federal court in New York against the Ecuadorians and their lawyers based on the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. The trial began on October 15 in New York. The judge overseeing the trial, Lewis Kaplan, has been accused by the plaintiffs of bias in favor of Chevron through a petition for Writ of Mandamus, which was filed at the U.S. Court of Appeals. (11-2259) The case is Chevron Corp. v. Donziger et al., case number 2:11-cv-00691, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

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### President of Ecuador's Judiciary Defends Independence of Justice in the Chevron Case

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 /CSRwire/ - The President of the Judicial Council in Ecuador, Gustavo Jalkh, assured that the ratification of the verdict for environmental damage against the U.S. oil company Chevron by the Ecuadorian National Court of Justice (CNJ) is a sign of "total independence of its judges".

"The judges have ruled with full independence in their criteria (....) Sometimes a sign of said independence is that the decision is not appreciated by one group or another, in the sense that it hasn't been reached to favor" any of the parties, he said in regards to the Court's decision to lower in half the compensation amount that the oil company has to pay.



In an interview with EFE, Jalkh insisted that in the Chevron case - whose private nature he noted, despite its great public impact - the CNJ showed through its ruling of the 12th "not only its external independence, but also its internal independence", since it reduced the verdict set by a lower instance.

"What the Court has done is, in its legal basis, to establish that it has partially cassated the verdict and consider that, one, there are environmental damages and responsible parties and, two, that some part of that fine is not pertinent under Ecuador's legislation", he explained.

In 2011 Chevron was ordered by the Court of the Amazon province of Sucumbíos to pay USD \$9,500 million for environmental damages in the Lago Agrio claim, filed by indigenous people and settlers of the Amazon. This amount would double if the oil company didn't apologize publicly for the environmental damages attributed.

Chevron, which appealed the verdict before the supreme instance, didn't apologize publicly as required by the Sucumbíos Court, so the amount was greater than USD \$19,000 million, although the CNJ eliminated the clause on the apology (punitive damages), so the amount was cut down in half again.

**Modernization of Justice**

In his presentation at the headquarters of Inter-American Dialogue, where he was invited to discuss the "Perspectives of amendments to Ecuador's judicial system", Jalkh presented the 2013-2019 strategic plan, with emphasis on Ecuador's judicial reform.

He explained that the plan's goals are to ensure transparency and quality in the provision of justice services, promote optimum access to justice, institutionalize 'meritocracia' (merit-based appointments) as a service standard in the judiciary, and secure institutional independence.

In his presentation he noted the high investment levels devoted to reform the judiciary, well above the average in other Latin American countries.

He also highlighted permanent improvement and modernization of services through a national mediation service, through the implementation of 51 Mediation Centers and 100 mediators nationwide. Likewise, he reported on the increase of judges, defense attorneys and prosecutors.

Between 2008 and 2013 the judicial reform has increased the number of judges, prosecutors and public defenders to the following ratio: from 6 to 10 judges per 100,000 residents; from 3 to 4 prosecutors and from 0 to 4 defenders per 100,000 residents. The goal is to have 12 judges by 2017; 8 prosecutors and 5 defenders. This situation would place Ecuador above the regional average.

In regards to the concentration of justice services, the efficiency and efficacy of judicial procedures, he noted the benefits of the new management model, which have allowed reducing the average time to resolve cases from 191 to 47 days.

**Rule of law**

Jalkh emphasized that Ecuador is a country under the Rule of law and, thus, protest and opinions are guaranteed. "What is true is that what cannot be done in Ecuador is commit crimes. People may protest - with or without reason - but what cannot be done is to cut a police officer's ear, as it has happened, burn an ambulance or stop a public service", he quoted.

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## CSR Press Release

### Filmmaker, Explorer and International Activist for Water Conservation Alexandra Cousteau, Will Visit the Areas Contaminated by Chevron in the Ecuadorian Rainforest

Alexandra Cousteau is joining international celebrities and activists to bring justice to the communities in the Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest affected by Chevron's oil pollution.

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QUITO, Ecuador, Nov. 22 /CSRwire/ - Alexandra Cousteau will visit this week the areas that were contaminated by Texaco, now Chevron, in the Ecuadorian Amazon, to convey to the world the situation that the affected communities lived through in the last few decades due to the company's denial to correct the immense environmental damage.

Cousteau arrives in Ecuador invited by the National Secretariat of Communication of Ecuador as a part of the campaign launched by President Rafael Correa last September 17, to inform the world about the environmental disaster left by Chevron when it operated there between 1964 and 1990. During that time, Chevron used the wrong methods to manage the toxic waste as a result of oil drilling, deliberately spilling 18,000 gallons of toxic water and derivatives in unprotected pools, contaminating the soil, rivers and aquifers in the areas where it operated.



The environmental filmmaker will visit one of the sites where Chevron-Texaco operated to verify the contamination caused by these pools that had no protection in the Rainforest.

Alexandra Cousteau has achieved world recognition through her impeccable narrative, a tradition she took from her family (she is the granddaughter of well known activist, photographer and explorer Jacques Cousteau and is the daughter of film director Philippe Cousteau) and thus has the singular capacity to motivate her audience in relevant issues, like conservation rules and the politics of action. As a consultant for Oceania, Cousteau is dedicated to the promotion and defense of the preservation and sustainable management of water resources on behalf of the planet.

Cousteau's participation in this solidarity crusade with the people affected and Ecuador, joins the recent visits by actor Danny Glover, oil expert Antonia Juhasz and the Mayor of Richmond, California, Gayle McLaughin, who confirmed the environmental damage caused at the Aguarico 4 well, in the Province of Sucumbios, left by Chevron in 1986. Actress Cher also published a video to support the affected communities and promoted a boycott in the US against Chevron. Meanwhile, Human Rights activist Bianca Jagger wrote an article and accompanied a group of Ecuadoreans in a protest in New York against the judicial actions Chevron has taken against the affected and their lawyers, in a New York court.

In February 2011, a Court in Sucumbios ordered Chevron to pay \$18.3 millions for environmental contamination and for affecting the health of the residents. Chevron has not paid saying, among other things, that the judicial order was obtained by fraud by the attorneys representing the people. Right before the ruling, Chevron sued the people and their attorneys and the trial started last October 15. The judge Lewis Kaplan has been accused by the defendants of siding with the oil company and of repeatedly acting against the Ecuadorean defendants in the partial rulings before the trial.

The case is Chevron Corp. v. Donziger et al., case number 2:11-cv-00691, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

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## CSR Press Release

### Ecuador's Struggle Against Chevron Must Become a Reference for Latin American Countries

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QUITO, Ecuador, Dec. 05 /CSRwire/ - Ecuador's struggle against the transnational company Chevron must become a reference for Latin American countries to establish a common policy against foreign capital abuses, according to Roberto Pizarro, an economist from Universidad de Chile and former Minister of Planning for Chile (between 1996 and 1998).

Pizarro, who's background includes a post graduate degree from University of Sussex (United Kingdom), performed an analysis for the magazine *América Economía* on the "aggressive campaign" (legal and in the media) implemented by the U.S. oil company against the government of Ecuador after a court from the Amazon province of Sucumbios ordered it to pay compensation to nearly 30 thousand community people affected by the pollution caused after Texaco's operations, between 1964 and 1990.



In the analyst's opinion, the company does not accept neither the verdict nor the judicial procedures; it does not undertake its responsibilities and implements all mechanisms of Global Corporate Law to favor their own interests.

In short, he noted, it does not accept Ecuador's national sovereignty and takes advantage of a fully asymmetric international legal system that protects international companies through trade and investment standards that are multilateral, regional and bilateral, as well as litigation before international courts.

For the above, said Pizarro, the Chevron case makes clear how international companies become powerful agents whose actions are not different to the actions of similar companies in other countries. "Actions that found protection under a global legal architecture that supports said actions at the expense of financial and socio-environmental conditions of the countries where they operate", he added.

Pizarro quotes the cases of Barrick Gold (in northern Chile) and HidroAysen (in Patagonia) as paradigms of the attack perpetrated by

transnational companies against fundamental human rights for local communities. "And their pressure on the political powers that be to pass projects have revealed the weakness of Chilean institutions, which has only been offset by the vigor of social mobilizations", he noted.

The Chilean expert highlights that the Ecuadorian government's struggle against Chevron ought to become a reference for all Latin American countries to establish a common policy against foreign capital in terms of taxation, the environment, labor relations and transfer prices, among other topics.

At the same time, he mentioned, it is fundamental (to have) an International Treaty to control international companies, in the framework of the United Nations, in order to end impunity in their operations in developing countries.

On September 17, President Correa launched the campaign "la mano sucia de Chevron" ("Chevron's Dirty Hand") that seeks to reveal the environmental damage caused by the transnational company.

Regional entities such as the Latin American Parliament, the Sao Paulo Forum, the Chancellors of UNASUR and well-known people such as Al Gore, Brad Pitt and Sting, Danny Glover, Cher, Alexandra Cousteau, among others, have joined the solidarity campaign in favor of Ecuador.

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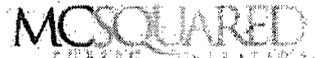


## CSR Press Release

### **Ecuador Succeeds in Obtaining a New Victory in a U.S. Court to Access Information From Another of Chevron's Environmental Experts**

Despite the opposition of the oil company

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**U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit of the Northern District of Florida (USA) affirmed that Ecuador could use documents held by doctor Robert E. Hinchee, who served as an environmental expert for Chevron within the litigation known as the "Lago Agrio case" and in the international arbitration claim filed by Chevron against Ecuador in 2009.**

QUITO, Ecuador, Dec. 20 /CSRwire/ - Last Wednesday, December 18, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit of the Northern District of Florida (USA) affirmed that the Ecuadorian State could use -within the international arbitration known as Chevron III-, of documents held by doctor Robert E. Hinchee, who has acted as an environmental expert for the oil company within the litigation known as the "Lago Agrio case" and within the international arbitration filed by the transnational against Ecuador in 2009.

The Appellate Court affirmed the decision issued by the District Court, which ordered Dr. Hinchee to deliver approximately 1.200 documents to Ecuador's defense team, containing notes produced by the expert and his correspondence with other experts who also acted in favor of Chevron and could demonstrate that the expert's conclusions regarding the contamination caused by the company during its operations in Ecuador are debatable and inaccurate.

In the opinion of the transnational and Dr. Hinchee, these documents were protected by the Work-Product Doctrine and, therefore, could not be produced pursuant to Rule 26 (b) (3) and its 2010 amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

The Court considered, nonetheless, that the documents requested by Ecuador refer to the hypotheses and impressions of Hinchee and his expert colleagues, which are not protected by Rule 26, neither before nor after the 2010 amendments.

For the State Attorney General, Dr. Diego García Carrión, "this decision is, without a doubt, an important achievement within the dispute that the Ecuadorian State faces against the oil company, as all the information obtained from Chevron's environmental expert, as well as the previous information obtained from expert Bjorn Bjorkman, shall be used as evidence within the arbitration that the transnational filed against Ecuador for denial of justice and breach of the BIT signed by Ecuador and the United States of America.

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### Actress and Humanitarian Activist Mia Farrow Joins Campaign to Hold Chevron Accountable for Contamination in Ecuadorian Rainforest

Submitted by: MCSquared PR Inc.  
Categories: Environment, Events  
Posted: Jan 26, 2014 - 08:57 AM EST



QUITO, Ecuador, Jan. 26 /CSRwire/ - The acclaimed actress and prominent humanitarian Mia Farrow will visit the Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest to witness first hand the massive environmental damage caused by Texaco, now Chevron, during decades of operation in the northeastern region of Ecuador.

The actress is visiting the South American nation in response to an invitation by the National Secretariat of Communications of Ecuador. Farrow will join the international campaign "The Dirty Hand of Chevron", which president Rafael Correa launched last September. This campaign is intended to raise international awareness about the environmental disaster caused by the multinational oil giant. Between 1964 and 1990, Texaco, which merged with Chevron in 2001, used illegal disposal methods to systematically dump roughly 18 billion gallons of toxic waste into unlined pits and local waterways, contaminating soil and water sources for local communities and leaving lasting environmental damage and a public health crisis.



Mia Farrow is a prominent actress who has devoted her life to humanitarian efforts, primarily as an advocate for children's rights in conflict affected regions. She is a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador and has worked extensively to draw attention to the fight to eradicate polio. In recent years, she has visited Darfur, Chad and the Central African Republic to raise awareness of the genocide occurring in this African region. Throughout her long and successful artistic career, Farrow has starred in over forty films, including classics such as *Rosemary's Baby*, *The Great Gatsby*, *Hanna and her Sisters*, and the 1960's TV series *Peyton Place*.

During her visit, Farrow will be able to confirm first-hand the environmental consequences of Texaco's decades of substandard operations in Ecuador. Other personalities that have visited the sites in the past few months, include actor Danny Glover, Mayor Gayle McLaughlin of Richmond, California, where a local Chevron refinery caused a massive fire, filmmaker and environmental advocate Alexandra Cousteau, among others.

In February of 2011, Chevron was sentenced by the Superior Court of Nueva Loja (*Aguinda v. Chevron* No. 2003-0002), ordering Chevron to pay \$18.3 billion for damages to the environment and the health of the local communities. In November of 2013, Ecuador's Supreme Court affirmed the judgment but reduced the damages amount to \$9.5 billion. Chevron refuses to pay the award claiming that the ruling is illegitimate, and instead has filed a lawsuit in a federal court in New York against the Ecuadorians and their lawyers based on the

Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, (Case 2:11-cv-00691, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York). The judge overseeing the trial, Lewis Kaplan, has been accused by the plaintiffs of bias in favor of Chevron (U.S. Court of Appeals, case 11-2259). Because the company ceased operations in Ecuador in 1991, the Ecuadorian plaintiffs have been trying to seize the company's assets in other countries. Last December, the Ontario Court of Appeal issued a ruling allowing the Ecuadorians to pursue enforcement of the \$9.5 billion dollar judgment against Chevron's assets in Canada.

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### Ecuador Will Access Chevron's Information from Other Environmental Experts that Shows its Conclusions are Inaccurate

Submitted by: MCSquared PR Inc.  
Categories: Corporate Social Responsibility, Business Ethics  
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QUITO, Ecuador, Feb. 04 /CSRwire/ - Last Friday, January 31st, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (federal appellate court) affirmed that the Ecuadorian State could use, within the international arbitration proceedings known as Chevron III, documents that are held by experts Michael Kelsh and Douglas Mackay, who acted as environmental experts for Chevron in the litigation known as "Lago Agrio case" and within the international arbitration proceedings filed against Ecuador in 2009 by the transnational company.

Said Court of Appeals affirmed the decisions made by previous courts ordering Kelsh and Mackay to deliver hundreds of thousands of pages to Ecuador's defense team, containing information regarding their involvement as experts in favor of the oil company in the case brought by Ecuadorian Amazon communities for environmental contamination. These documents, in addition to others that were previously obtained by Ecuador's defense team, demonstrate that the methodology used and conclusions reached by Chevron's experts in the analysis of contamination caused by the company during its operation in our country, are inaccurate and reveal a strategy to hide the contamination caused during Texaco's operation in our country.

In this regard, the State Attorney General, Diego García Carrión, stated, "this is a new victory for Ecuador's defense in the dispute against Chevron, that has lost each of the appeals it has used to seek to avoid Ecuador's access to the documents of its environmental experts."

For the State's attorney, "the evidence held by these experts, along with the evidence obtained previously from experts Bjorkman and Hinchee, will be used in favor of Ecuador's defense within the arbitration proceedings brought by the oil transnational against our country for alleged denial of justice and a breach of the U.S. - Ecuador BIT."

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### Former U.S. Bank Regulator to Speak at Event for Responsible Journalism in Ecuador

Submitted by: MCSquared PR Inc.  
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Posted: Mar 18, 2014 - 11:15 AM EST



QUITO, Ecuador, Mar. 18/CSRwire/- 'The Ecuadorian Miracle' is the subject of the keynote lecture that former financial regulator and criminologist William Black will deliver this Wednesday at the Latin American Social Science Institute (FLACSO) in Quito. The conference is part of the series of lectures and workshops leading up to this year's edition of the Summit for Responsible Journalism, CUPRE 2014.

William Black is an associate professor of economics and law at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. Black's expertise includes white-collar crime, regulation, public finance and Latin American development. He is the author of *The Best Way to Rob A Bank is to Own One*, was formerly the litigation director of the Federal Home Loan Bank Board and executive director of the Institute for Fraud Prevention. He recently helped the World Bank develop anti-corruption initiatives.



On Monday, Black was invited by President Rafael Correa to attend the traditional weekly presidential changing of the guard. During a press conference at the center gardens of the Carondelet Palace in Quito, Black highlighted that Ecuador's current economic success is the result of President Correa's 'pragmatic policies' and his spending on three key areas: infrastructure, health and education. He also noted that the current administration has achieved a "combination of political stability, a significant reduction of poverty, inequality and unemployment".

The Summit for Responsible Journalism, CUPRE, which attracts journalists, academics and students from many Latin-American countries is a regional initiative supported by Ecuador's Secretariat of Communications. The purpose is to promote a transparent and honest journalism without restrictions.

Mr. Black's lecture, 'The Ecuadorian Miracle' will take place in the Auditorium of the Latin American Social Science Institute, FLACSO, in Quito this Wednesday, March 19 at 9:00 AM.

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# Uninvited, a spokesperson for the Amazonian peoples of Ecuador addresses both houses of the US Congress.



Only very important people address both Houses of Congress. Presidents, Prime Ministers, statesmen.

But some perhaps as genuinely important as a little man, some would say an insignificant man, who has witnessed an injustice to his people by a huge company, and knows that only by claiming an audience with the most powerful people in America will he get a fair hearing for his claim about the nature of the injustice. And with that hearing, a hope that common sense and common decency may ensue.

This address is about oil and money. Large reserves of oil were discovered in the Northern Amazonian regions of Ecuador many years ago. Which, while good for the GDP of the country, presented the obvious problem of how to extract the oil while preserving the environments and communities where the oil fields lay. Sensibly, the government of the time invited big oil companies, with the appropriate expertise, to help them explore and develop the oil fields, presumably secure in the knowledge that neither government nor oil company could pronounce long term damage to the ecosystems of these fragile and environmentally important areas of the planet.

Most were big oil companies from the US, where standards, laid down by the American Petroleum Institute 50 years ago, established how land should be

protected during and after drilling for oil, standards which were strictly imposed and observed across America.

However, these standards were not adhered to in Ecuador. In fact, they seem to have been systematically ignored.

So instead of following US - and internationally recognized - standards for the disposal of the toxic waste that results from drilling for oil, one oil company, Texaco, dumped waste with up to 100 times the toxic levels allowed in the US, into the soil, rivers and streams of the remote regions of Amazonian Ecuador. With terrible long term effects on its people. The water they drink is contaminated. The rivers they bathe and fish in are contaminated.

Entire areas they used to live in are filled with a sludgy toxic waste. Whole communities have been effectively destroyed.

In 2011 a Court found that there was "reasonable medical probability" that the health problems experienced by persons in the area had been caused by oil-related contamination.

The evidence is real, not imagined. Yet the dispute about reparations between the Amazonian peoples of Ecuador and Chevron, the company that acquired Texaco and all its

liabilities, has been going on for over 20 years. 20 years denying that it happened? No, the evidence is there, even for them to see. And Chevron has in fact spent considerable sums on reparations, but not to benefit the entirety of the problems caused.

20 years defending dumping waste using a method that contravenes US and international law? Yes, despite that Chevron follows these guidelines in other oil fields.

20 years of millions of dollars spent on lawyers rather than a search for an equitable agreement? Afraid so.

So ladies and gentlemen of the two Houses of the US Congress, the case for reparations should not be subject to dispute. The Ecuadorian peoples of the Amazon have suffered, and still are to this day.

The communities, the environment, the defrauded children, the victims of an error of judgment, or malign intent, are there for all to see.

The perpetrators should, in the name of humanity and common decency, fulfill their obligations. Graciously and with the integrity that befits the 3rd largest company in the USA. Please invoke your own Constitution, to defend the rights of the little man, to ensure that might does not automatically mean right, that justice is not served by standing by the wayside and doing nothing. Thank you

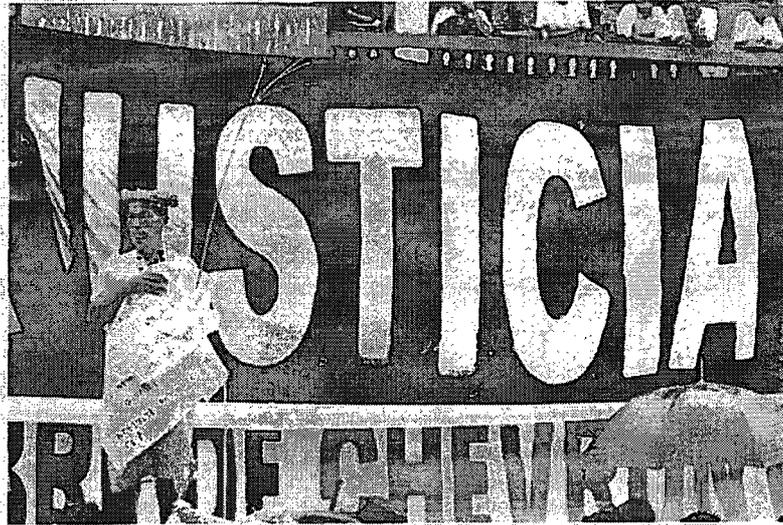
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In the fight against Chevron, the people of Ecuador and the people of Richmond can deploy the most devastating weapon ever invented.

The truth.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PEOPLE OF ECUADOR**

The people of Ecuador, who have been in a long-running dispute with Chevron over the dumping of toxic waste in the northern part of the Amazon region of their country, stand with the people of Richmond on their day of protest about the disaster and its aftermath. People made ill. A community in danger. Corporate insensitivity. First Ecuador, then Richmond.

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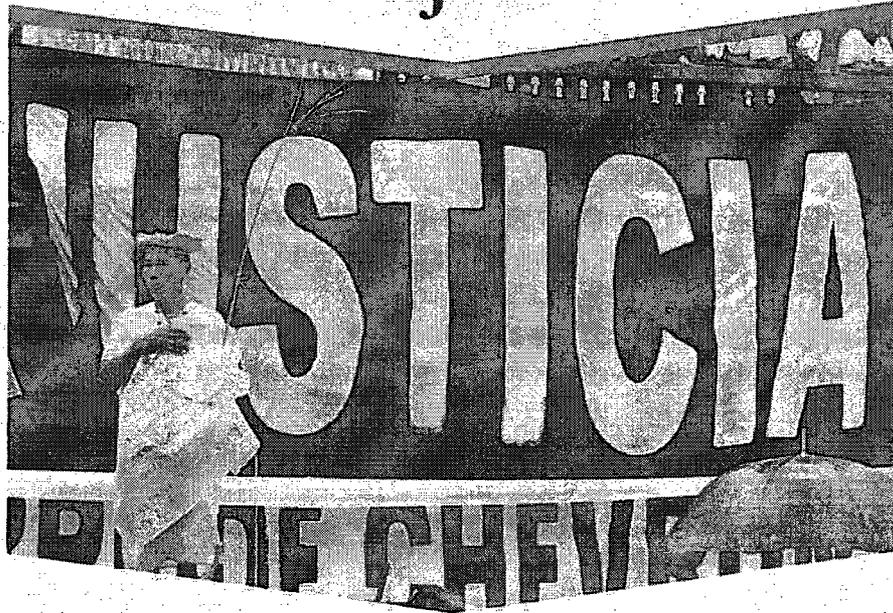
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## Chevron Houston Marathoners run for the finish line.

# Chevron runs from justice.



For more than 20 years, Chevron has fought to avoid responsibility for massive damage to communities ravaged by toxic wastewater in the Ecuadorian Amazon despite mounting evidence and court rulings.

Chevron's hands are dirty and it's time for them to clean up their mess.





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## CONVERSATORIO CON LA PRENSA

**El Presidente Rafael Correa del Ecuador ofrecerá un conversatorio con los medios de comunicación de la comunidad hispana del área de Nueva York**

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**El Presidente Correa abordará temas relacionados a la comunidad ecuatoriana en el área de Nueva York desde la perspectiva del Estado Ecuatoriano. Igualmente hablará acerca del motivo de su visita y otros temas de relevancia para los Estados Unidos y el mundo.**

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Luego de la gira académica que realizará en las universidades de Harvard y Yale a partir del miércoles 9 de abril, el Presidente Rafael Correa visitará la ciudad de Nueva York donde llevará a cabo un conversatorio con los medios de comunicación de la comunidad hispana de la región. El presidente responderá a preguntas con respecto a los temas que le atañen a los cientos de miles de inmigrantes ecuatorianos, además de otros temas de relevancia para los Estados Unidos.

La visita del Presidente Correa a los Estados Unidos obedece a una invitación de las Universidades Harvard y Yale donde ofrecerá una charla académica para estudiantes, profesores e invitados especiales en cada una de estas prestigiosas instituciones. Igualmente se reunirá con el Presidente y directivos del Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

El sábado 12 de abril, el Presidente Correa transmitirá el Enlace Ciudadano en vivo desde el New York Hall of Science en Queens, ubicado en 47-01 111th Street, Corona, NY 11368.

**QUIEN:** Presidente Constitucional del Ecuador, Rafael Correa Delgado.

**QUE:** Conversatorio con la prensa hispana del área de Nueva York para discutir la perspectiva del estado ecuatoriano acerca de los cientos de miles de inmigrantes ecuatorianos en la región y otros temas de relevancia para Estados Unidos y el mundo.

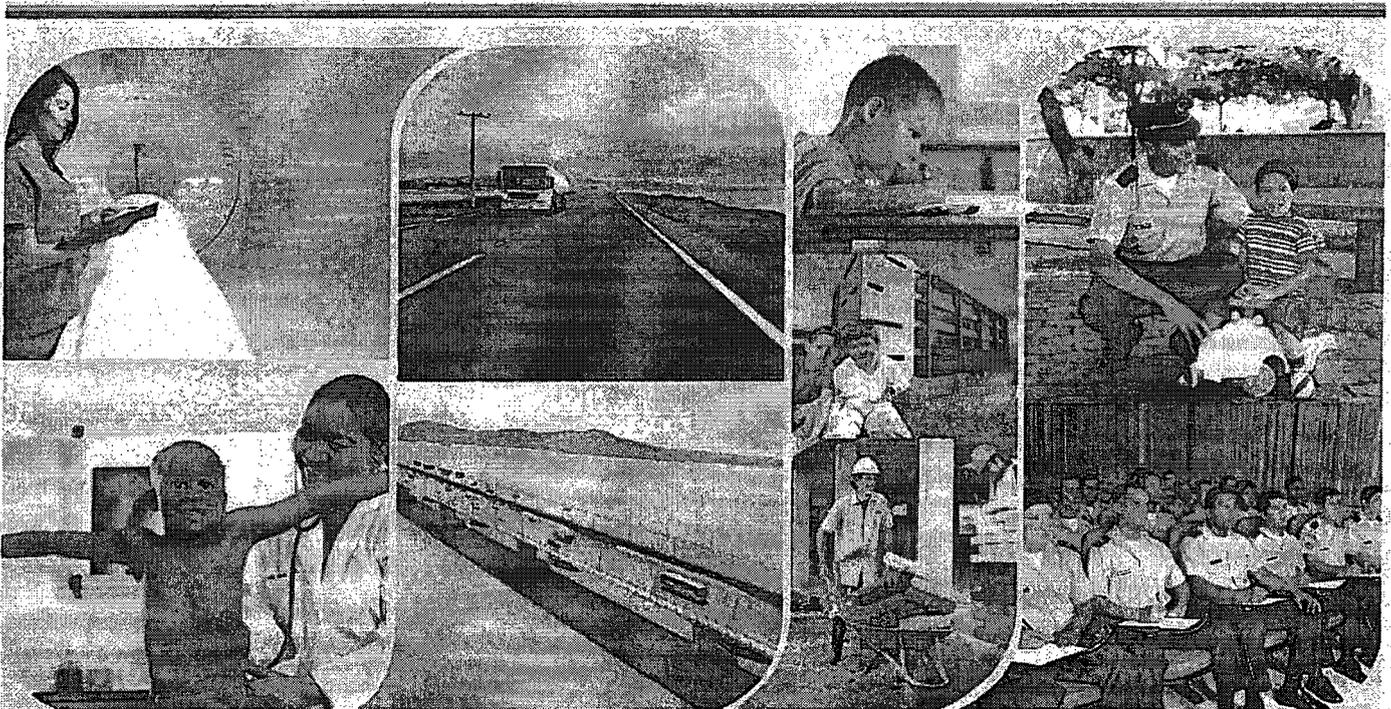
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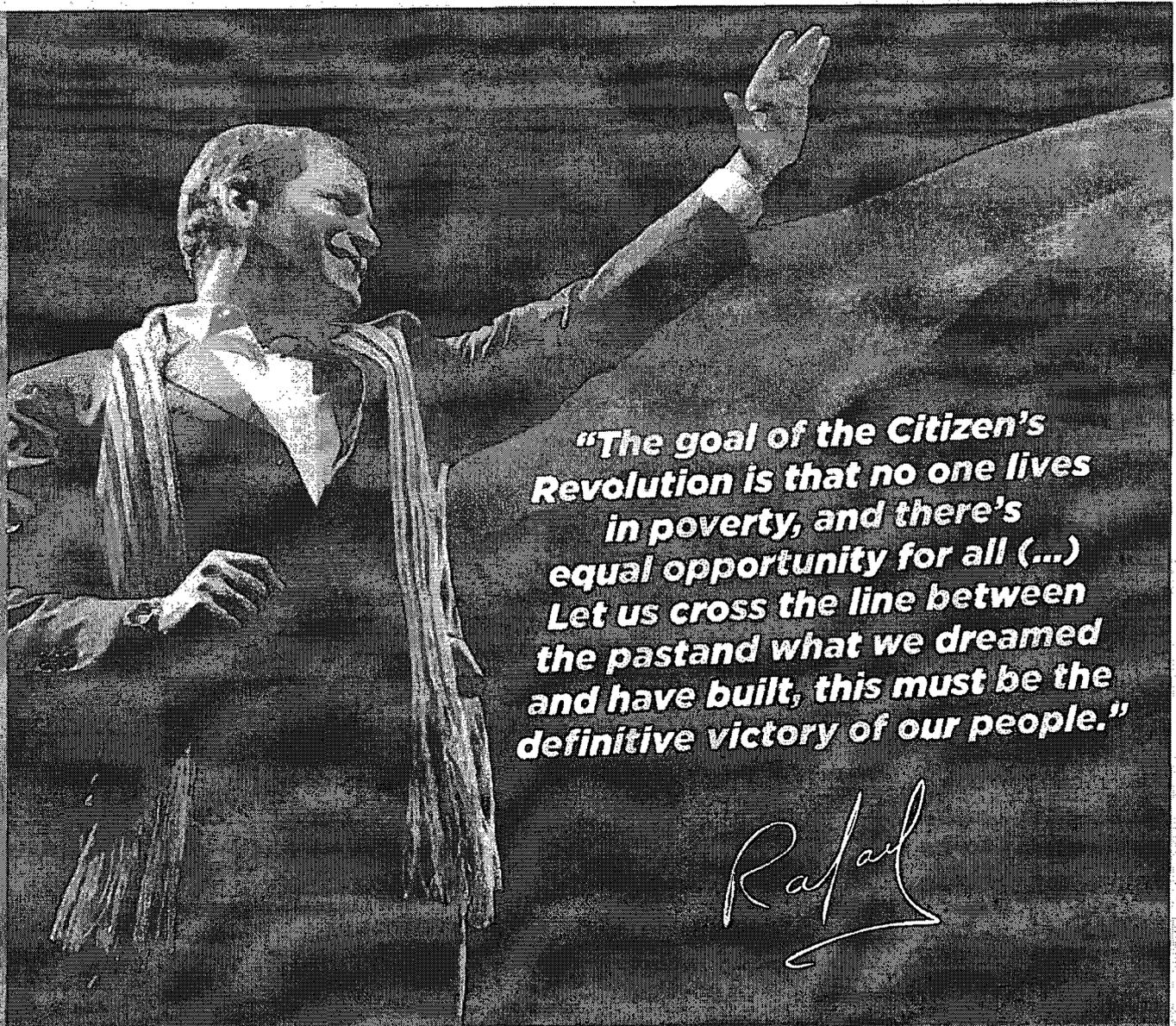
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# Achievements of the Citizen's Revolution





***"The goal of the Citizen's Revolution is that no one lives in poverty, and there's equal opportunity for all (...) Let us cross the line between the past and what we dreamed and have built, this must be the definitive victory of our people."***

*Rafael*

The Government of the Citizen's Revolution enjoys the people's trust. In a country where there were seven presidents in ten years, the present Government was reelected by 57.17% of the voters on the first round of voting.

Since the return of democracy, no political movement has won as much electoral support as Alianza País. The party of this administration won 100 of 137 seats in the National Assembly.

According to the pollster Consulta Mitofsky, President Rafael Correa's administration has been considered excellent by 90% of the population. This figure is the highest in the history of Ecuador.

## DIGNIFIED WORK AND PAY FOR ALL



We have the lowest unemployment rate in the history of Ecuador (4.8), and the lowest in South America.

For the first time, full-time employment has exceeded underemployment. From 2007 to 2012, 600,000 people found jobs with earnings above the minimum wage.

Family earnings cover the total cost of the basic household needs, by 103% in 2013

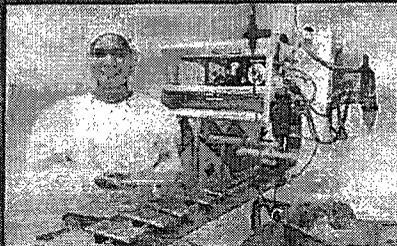
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Eradicating poverty has been a priority: 1,050,000 ceased to be poor between 2006 and 2012.

More basic services in the countryside. From 2006 to 2012, the percentage of households with sewage system hookups increased (from 23% to 39%), while overcrowding has been reduced (from 26% to 14%).

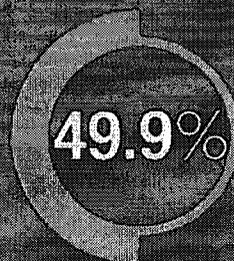


## BREAKDOWN OF POVERTY HEADCOUNT RATIO BY INCOME 2003-2012

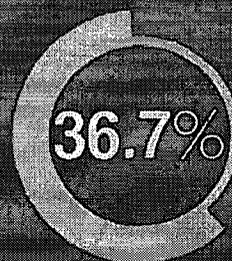


The fight against poverty has brought about a decline in the poverty headcount ratio by 27.3% in 2013, whereas in 2003 it came to nearly 50%.

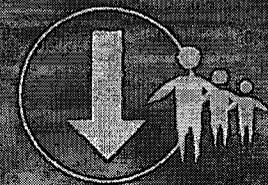
Poverty headcount ratio (in percentages)



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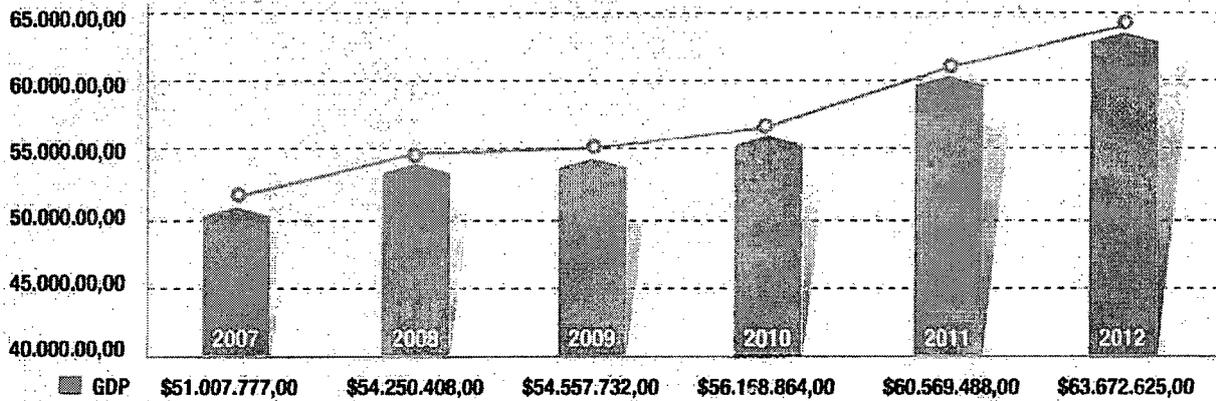


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## BREAKDOWN OF GDP IN ECUADOR 2007-2012

Gross Domestic Product 2007-2012

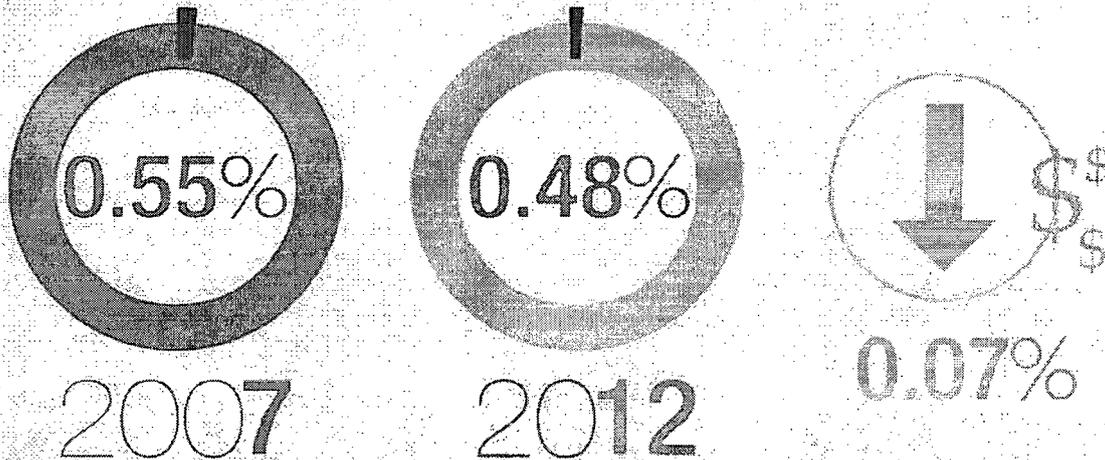


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From 2007 to 2012, Ecuador's GDP has increased by US\$ 12.7 billion; that is to say, it has increased nearly 25%

## BREAKDOWN OF GINI COEFFICIENT IN ECUADOR 2007-2012

Gini Coefficient 2007-2012

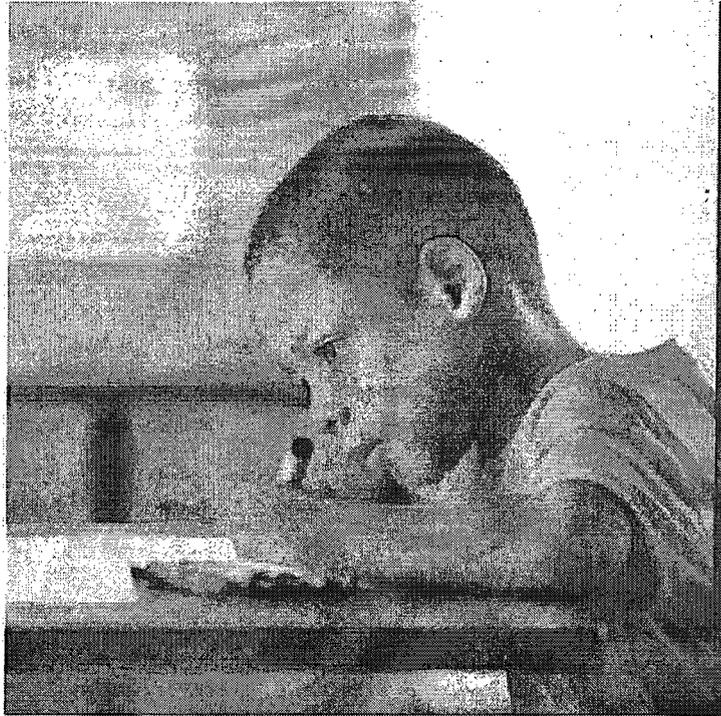


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The Gini coefficient in Ecuador has declined from 0.55 to 0.48, which shows that the distribution of wealth in the country has improved considerably. Analysis of confidence intervals shows that the variation in the coefficient has been statistically significant.

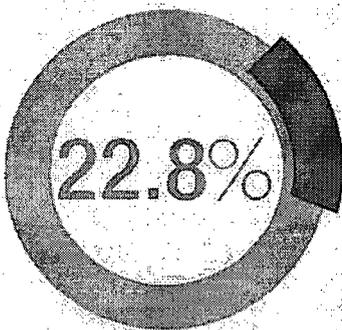
## EDUCATION

- Education is the road to development, which is why we have increased total investment by a factor of more than 8 from 2006 (90 million) to 2011 (763 million).
- High school enrollment went up 22 percentage points for indigenous citizens and 14 points for Afro-Ecuadoreans from 2006 to 2011.
- The National Government granted 17 times more scholarships than the seven previous administration combined. In addition, 5,202 graduate level scholarships were issued for study abroad.
- We are building the Experimental Technological University of Ecuador (Yachay), the most ambitious project of the past 100 years.



## BREAKDOWN OF NET MATRICULATION RATES IN HIGHER EDUCATION, 2006 -2011

Net matriculation rate for higher education (percentage)

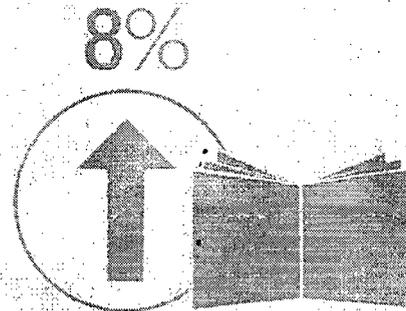


2006

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2011



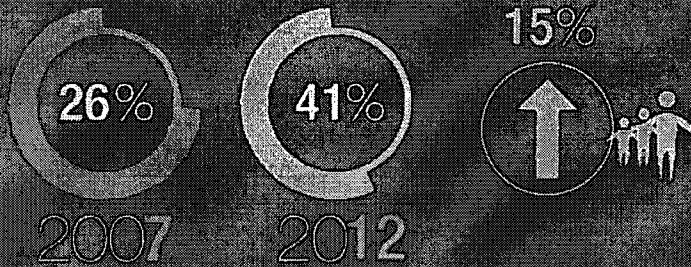
From 2006 to 2011, the net rate of matriculation in higher education has increased by 8 percentage points.



## SOCIAL SECURITY

- From 2006 to 2011, per capita social investment in health, education, culture, safety, environment, increased by 299 dollars.
- Between 2010 and 2011, the Manuela Espejo Solidarity Mission cared for more than 130,000 people with disabilities in the entire country.
- In January of 2007, the number of Social Security affiliates was 1,396,445 people, and thanks to vigorous policies of inclusion, by June of 2012 there were more than 2,349,211 people with access to the different levels of Social Security benefits, such as first rate hospitals, access to home loans, extension of health coverage to spouses of affiliates, and an increase of the population of affiliates among farm workers and artisanal fishermen.

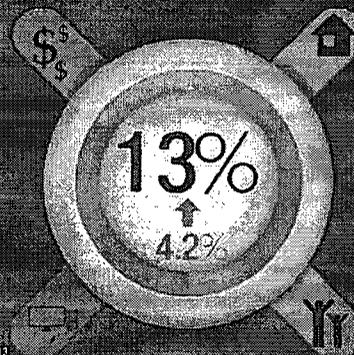
### BREAKDOWN OF PERCENTAGE OF SOCIAL SECURITY AFFILIATION, 2007-2010



Source: SIM, 2013  
Prepared by: MOCIN, 2013

Since 2007, considerable growth has taken place in the percentage of the population with social security benefits, which went from 26% to 41% and is rising.

### BREAKDOWN OF PUBLIC INVESTMENT AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP, 2006-2012



Source: SIM, 2013  
Prepared by: MOCIN, 2013

Since 2006, public investment has tripled as a percentage of GDP, with public investment serving as more than a variable for adjustment, as a true public policy instrument to create wealth for redistribution.

## ROADS AND PUBLIC WORKS

7.620 million has been invested in building highways (8.800 Km worked on), 78 bridges built, with work on airports, renewal in the automotive sector and the clunker voucher program.

A road construction program has been implemented in which production has been prioritized, with an investment of US\$ 110 million in all regions of the country.

This is the first time in history that highways, ports and airports have been integrated into a National Transportation Plan.

## BREAKDOWN OF LIFE SATISFACTION RATING 2006-2012

Rating of Life Satisfaction



2006



2013



Source: SNI, 2013  
Prepared by: MCCTH, 2013

In 2006, the average rate of satisfaction with life was 6.05 out of 10. With the present Government, the rating has gone up to around 7.6 out of 10, and it has held steady over time.

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