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**Statement issued in response to emails received from Business & Human Rights Resource  
Centre of 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**

*First Quantum Minerals' Human Rights Policy reflects the company's commitment to respect internationally recognised human rights standards, including the rights of Indigenous Peoples and human rights defenders, and alignment with the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights. In this context, the company unequivocally condemns any violation, intimidation or threats against human rights defenders or Indigenous communities and categorically rejects any suggestion that it was involved in the attacks described in the articles.*

*With respect to the protests referenced in the articles, it is important to consider the broader context. According to public reporting and national debate, these demonstrations were primarily driven by political issues, including the reform of Panama's social security system (Law 462) and concerns related to broader geopolitical and governance matters. The potential reopening of the Minera Panama mine was mentioned only as part of the wider discussion and did not constitute a central driver of the protests. As reflected in the articles themselves, Minera Panama had no involvement in the events described.*

*Minera Panama maintains a policy of strict non-interference in the internal political affairs of the Republic of Panama. We fully recognise that peaceful protest is a fundamental right protected under the Panamanian Constitution. Matters related to public order, citizen security, and the management of public demonstrations fall exclusively within the mandate and responsibility of the Panamanian State.*

*We have investigated the statements made in the articles and have found no evidence of any involvement by Minera Panama personnel or providers. Moreover, Minera Panama did not take any position that would infringe the rights of Indigenous Peoples or human rights defenders and manages its security accordingly, in line with the Voluntary Principles on Security and the First Quantum Human Rights Policy.*

*Minera Panama maintains open communication channels with Indigenous communities and civil society organisations and encourages anyone with concerns to raise them through our established engagement and grievance mechanisms. We remain open to continued dialogue with our stakeholders, including any within the Indigenous communities and human rights organisations, to ensure that their concerns are understood and addressed appropriately.*