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Paramount Chief Sheku Tejan Fasuluku Sonsiama
Chairman
Kono District Council of Chiefs
Sierra Leone

Dear Chief,

RE: KOIDU HOLDINGS KIMBERLITE MINING PROJECT

We the descendants of Kono District of Sierra Leone residing in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland find it necessary to unite and discuss together common strategies in search of solutions to our diverse problems. The operations of Koidu Holdings Mining Project in Kono District are a matter of serious concern to all Konos. As natural custodian of the Konoland, we have resolved that initial enquiries should be directed to our Chiefs for thorough clarifications of the land rights of people affected by the operations of Koidu Holdings Limited.

We are deeply concerned by the increase in company activities thereby dispersing our people with no concrete arrangement in place. The blasting effects and operations of Koidu Holdings Limited have already cost lives. May their souls rest in peace. We do not want history to repeat itself. Any responsible company would take its corporate responsibilities seriously and ensure peace with inhabitants is a priority.

It is a fact that Diamonds are inextricably linked to the past and future of Kono District. However this always reminds us of sad memories. We intend to change that trend. Diamonds are a huge opportunity for Kono and Sierra Leone in general. If the right measures are put in place to regulate Diamond mining activities in Kono District, then we the citizens could be protected from the potential hazards and sufferings inflicted on us as a direct result of our wealth.

In the interest of transparency, peace, justice and progress, we would be much obliged if you can provide us with details of the following:

1. Land rights of people affected by operations of Koidu Holdings Limited.
2. The original contract agreement signed by Chief(s) and Koidu Holdings Limited.

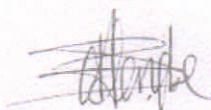
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3. An update on the government's position on compensation for losses of assets attributed to the operations of Koidu Holdings Limited .

We are united in our resolve to ensure that the dignity, rights and interests of our people are protected as we await your response.

Thanks in advance.

Yours faithfully,



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The Chairman, KONDU Sierra Leone
The Chairman, Kono Union USA
The President, Kono Students Union (KONSU) National.