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To: BHP Billiton

Re: Recommendation for Las Traducciones.com

To Whom it May Concern:

We have been asked to provide a statement of our experience with the translation and interpretation company known as *Las Traducciones.com*. Our experience with this company and its employees has been outstanding. They have consistently exceeded our expectations, and it is a pleasure to provide this letter of reference. Please allow me to provide a context for my experience with them.

The National Institute for Occupation Safety and Health (NIOSH) is an agency of the U.S. government and is charged with the primary responsibility to eliminate occupational injuries and illnesses through research and prevention activities. I am the chief executive of the Office of Mine Safety and Health Research (OMSHR) within NIOSH, and our activities are focused on the mining sector. You can learn more about OMSHR by visiting our website at www.cdc.gov/niosh/mining. However, in brief, we are approximately 250 staff providing high quality and timely solutions to the mining industry's most compelling safety and health problems. Although most of our work is focused on the U.S. industry, you know as well as any, just how global the mining industry has become. Accordingly, we collaborate with agencies in Australia, South Africa, and the European Union, and we provide technical assistance to other mining countries on a limited basis.

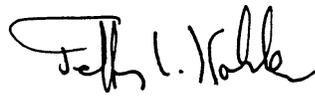
Nearly five years ago, we began work in Colombia at the request of the Pan American Health Organization to help prevent silicosis and coal worker pneumoconiosis in mineworkers; and this quickly expanded to include safety topics such as prevent ground falls, coal mine explosions, and so on. We do not have any native Spanish speakers working on this high-level partnership between the U.S. and Colombian governments, and have therefore been completely dependent upon interpreters and translators. Originally I received a positive reference for Las Traducciones.com from the Colombian Ministry of Mines, and they provided the interpretation during our first meeting in Bogota. I was impressed with the quality of the service from their professional staff, and continue to contract with them.

Over the past five years they have provided interpretation services for us throughout Colombia – for small and confidential meetings with Vice Ministers, larger workshops and meetings of industry, labor, government, and academic stakeholders, and large international conferences with

a few hundred participants. They have traveled to mines in Colombia with our mining engineers and gone underground with them. They have translated thousands of pages of documents, presentations, and emails, and interpreting during conference calls between the U.S. and Colombia. In fact their specialized experience with mining vocabulary, practices, and personnel has been such an asset to us, that we have brought a few of the Las Traducciones staff here to the U.S. to assist us in training groups of Colombian professionals who came here for mine safety training (train-the-trainer programs). Finally, I would mention that I have personally worked closely with their project manager, Mr. Alberto Orjuela, and found him to be completely dependable and trustworthy, in addition to meeting my interpretation and translation needs.

I can therefore recommend without qualification Las Traducciones.com. Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact me at JKohler@cdc.gov or +1 412.386.5301.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffery L. Kohler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "K".

Jeffery L. Kohler, Ph.D.
Director, Office of Mine Safety and Health Research