

GEMFIELDS

The Editor
The Mail & Guardian
Grosvenor Corner
195 Jan Smuts Avenue
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South Africa

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Dear Sir,

Your article re Montepuez Ruby Mining Lda

I write in relation to your article and opinion editorial published March 11th 2016, about Montepuez Ruby Mining Lda (MRM) in Mozambique.

Having provided a comprehensive response to all the issues raised in your investigation, Gemfields is dismayed that your article still contains significant factual inaccuracies and distortions.

Not only does the article ignore most of the detailed information that was provided, but the reporting team also declined offers to visit MRM and see the situation for themselves.

As a result, the article presents, in a one-sided manner, preconceived views that simply do not correspond with the reality on the ground.

Neither Gemfields nor MRM has ever sanctioned or condoned any such acts of violence, and would never tolerate conduct of that nature. The company is proud of its commitment to the responsible mining of coloured gemstones and is determined to transform the industry into one that is transparent, acts conscientiously and benefits all stakeholders, including local communities.

We extend once more an open invitation to your team to come to MRM and see the situation for themselves. We are confident they will get a very different perspective.

Yours faithfully,



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