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Doe Run Peru Announces Environmental Improvements in La Oroya

Stack emissions down 74 percent from 1997

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LIMA, Peru, July 24, 2008 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- Doe Run Peru has announced improvements in the environmental indicators at its metallurgical complex in La Oroya, including a reduction in stack emissions of 74 percent at the end of June compared with October 1997, when DRP took over the complex.

Total emissions of particulate material dropped to 38 micrograms per normal cubic meters (mg/Nm3) vs. the 147 mg/Nm3 emitted in 1997. The maximum permissible limit for this indicator is 100 mg/Nm3.

Maximum Permissible Limit	October 1997	June 2008
100 mg/Nm3	147 mg/Nm3	38 mg/Nm3

In the specific case of lead and arsenic reductions were even greater, 87 percent and 93 percent, respectively:

	Maximum Permissible Limit	October 1997	June 2008
Lead (Pb)	25 mg/Nm3	38 mg/Nm3	5 mg/Nm3
Arsenic (As)	25 mg/Nm3	28 mg/Nm3	2 mg/Nm3

These results are part of the process of Doe Run Peru's progressive environmental improvements at La Oroya, said Jose Mogrovejo, the company's Vice President of Environmental Affairs. Mogrovejo called the progress a tribute to process improvements that have been put in place, particular attention paid to the issue by the company's operations team, and to timely implementation of environmental projects designed to control stack emissions, as part of the company's environmental operating agreement with the state (known by its Spanish acronym PAMA).

Mogrovejo noted, however, that there are still many challenging issues to solve in the future, and the company is committed to putting all the human, technical and financial resources at its disposal towards addressing those challenges.

Mogrovejo added that the start-up of the sulfur acid plant for La Oroya's lead circuit (which is expected to begin operating in October) as well as the sulfuric acid plant for the copper circuit and its technological renovation (planned for October 2009), will help control emissions from the metallurgical complex's operations.

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