

**To:** RECIPIENT  
**CC:** CARBON COPY RECIPIENTS

**CONCERNING:** GREEN LOAN TO TERNIUM MÉXICO

*Monterrey & Nijmegen, 9 April 2026*

Dear xxx,

As part of our work as the Fair Steel Coalition, we are writing to you regarding your [recent loan](#) to Ternium Mexico. The Fair Steel Coalition is a global alliance of 16 civil society organisations from around the world, including those representing fence-line communities in the steel industry's supply chain, working towards ensuring fair and sustainable iron ore mining and steelmaking for people, communities and the planet.

We are writing to ask if your bank could take the time to hear directly from defenders of human rights, the environment and climate. This would allow them to directly express their collective concerns and pain. We believe that dialogue is the first step to transforming the lives of communities in areas treated as “sacrifice zones” for industrial development. This will help us address the multidimensional crisis of human rights and accountability, biodiversity loss, pollution, and climate change.

In August 2025, you participated in a loan to Ternium Mexico for the construction of a new electric arc furnace (EAF) and gas-based Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) steel mill in Pesqueria, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. While we believe that investing in decarbonization in steel production is a step that the industry should take, we have concerns about Ternium's supply chain, and the participation of local communities in this new project.

We have [documented](#) toxic pollution associated with the steel industry in several areas of the Americas, including in Rio de Janeiro, where the steel industry has a significant presence. Ternium's plant in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, is itself responsible for [significant greenhouse gas emissions and health-related impacts](#). There is also systematic violence against defenders and communities in the Indigenous communities of Aquila and Ayotitlán (Southern Mexico), where Ternium operates its most important iron ore mines. [An OECD complaint against Ternium](#) was filed last year before the Luxembourg National Contact Point on this matter. While this loan is meant to be used for a DRI-EAF steel plant in Nuevo Leon, the plant will need high-quality iron ore – which will add to Ternium's poor record of managing human rights and environmental impacts in its supply chain. The loan will also support a plant which represents a false climate solution, as it will use fossil gas and carbon capture and storage.

Given the bank's relationship with Ternium, we ask you to initiate a constructive dialogue with those affected by Ternium's operations. Therefore, we would like to request a meeting with the bank in the coming weeks to discuss the following:

1. We would like to understand the environmental and climate conditions that the bank has attached to Ternium's new loan.
2. Given Ternium's record of lack of transparency and dialogue with affected communities, we would like to know the human rights safeguards the bank imposed on the company in accordance with the European Union's due diligence legislation standards; the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights; the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Corporate Governance Principles; the Aarhus Convention; the Escazú Agreement, and other human rights standards.
3. According to the latest research and taxonomy on real and false decarbonization solutions, we would like to understand your evaluation of this new plant as a [real decarbonization solution](#) to addressing the climate crisis.

We would appreciate the opportunity to talk to you either in person or online, ideally also with representatives from Nuevo Leon, to continue contributing together to the improvement of a fair social, environmental, and climate transition.

Please let us know what times would work for you.

Sincerely,



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