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Executive Summary

For the PSG, 2006/2007 has been an extremely busy year, dominated by work on mining, culminating in the publishing of the report 'Mining and Development in Peru – with Special Reference to the Rio Blanco Project, Piura'. This activity was initiated following the meeting in March 2006 in Portcullis House when it became clear that Niconor Alvarado Carrasci, from the Vicariate of the Environment of the Diocese of Jaén (Cajamarca), and representatives of the mining company Monterrico Metals had very different perceptions on what was occurring in the Piura area. It was agreed at the meeting to send a delegation to Peru to try to understand what was going on. The delegation was formed by three academics with experience in development, hydrology and anthropology, an MP and a journalist. The Coordinator accompanied the delegation as organiser. The delegation talked to many actors both in Lima and the Piura area. Monterrico Metals were also supportive and gave the delegation access to some of their staff and to the mine site (which included transport in one of their helicopters). The report was published in English in March 2007 and presented at a meeting in the House of Commons. A Spanish version is in preparation and is expected to be published in Peru in May. Because Monterrico Metals has been in a take-over position for several months, by the rules of the Stock Exchange they have not been able to make public their views on the report or to have them incorporated into the report. However, Monterrico Metals has made it known that it considers the report to contain some misapprehensions and inaccuracies. We are very grateful for special grants to fund this activity from CAFOD, Christian Aid, Outreach Peru, Oxfam (Peru Office), and Progressio.

Our regular publications have continued throughout the year. These include the Peru Update, the website (www.perusupportgroup.org.uk) and the email newsletter Peru News.

Despite the emphasis on mining, issues from the Truth and Reconciliation have continued to be covered. A very successful meeting was organised in association with Chatham House, with speakers including Lord Alderdice, Dr Todd Landman and Dr Colm Campbell. At our annual conference we were privileged to hear the views of Susana Villarán, a human rights specialist and one of the candidates in the 2006 presidential election.

The European Platform for Peru (PEP) has continued to grow, now with sixteen members from Holland, Belgium, UK, Germany, Sweden, France and Switzerland. The main focus is on Truth and Reconciliation outcomes.

We are grateful for continuing support from our core funders: CAFOD, Christian Aid, Oxfam (Peru Office).

The annual accounts are included as part of this report.

Finally, in early April 2007, our Coordinator Sophie Paton left the PSG for her new home in Galicia. We wish her well and give thanks for her dedication – and cheerfulness in the face of adversity! She is being replaced by Gaby Drinkwater to whom we would like to extend a big welcome.



Advocacy

Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO)

The PSG met with the new UK Ambassador to Peru, Catherine Nettleton, in October 2006 to talk about Human Rights and highlight concerns raised by the PSG throughout the year. In particular the issue of mining was discussed and the PSG - along with members of the PSG delegation who were in Peru to look at mining and development in Peru – highlighted some of the key concerns raised during the delegation's trip. In March 2007, the PSG treasurer and a member of the delegation met with the Head of Mission at the UK Embassy to outline the findings contained in the delegation's report and provide feedback on how the report was received in the UK when it was launched in the Houses of Parliament. The PSG maintains regular communication with the FCO and continues to raise awareness through conferences, publications, briefings and special reports on key issues concerning the rights and interests of Peruvian people.

MPs & Peers in Westminster

As always, we have kept our contacts in Parliament informed of the current situation in Peru both through the Peru Update, the Peru News, and special briefings and supplementary publications.

We continue to provide information to the **All Party Parliamentary Group on Peru**, this year specifically concerning the issue of mining. The Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Peru, **Michael Connarty MP**, took part in a delegation to investigate mining in Peru (see below for more information)

The relationship between the PSG and **Lord Alderdice** and **John Battle MP** who took part in the 2004 delegation to look at the recommendations of the Peruvian Truth Commission continues to be strong. The PSG organised a meeting at Chatham House on Transitional Justice in Peru and Northern Ireland in October (see below). Lord Alderdice spoke about his experiences in Peru and Northern Ireland.

We held a public meeting in the Houses of Parliament to launch the PSG report about Mining and Development in Peru (see below). The event was sponsored by **Michael Connarty MP**, the chair of the Parliamentary group on Peru, Chaired by **Lord Avebury** and attended by several MPs and members of the House of Lords.

Linda Fabiani chaired our annual conference in December at Kingston University. **Lord Avebury**, PSG President also attended to open the conference and to chair the AGM.

Inter-agency Group

The PSG continues to co-ordinate the Interagency Group among British based NGOs to work on how best to follow up on the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and monitor common ground on other issues. In 2006/2007 PSG maintained contact with the group both through individual and group meetings with members working on common issues. The Delegation to look at UK mining in Peru and the subsequent publication was supported by members of this group. The PSG continues to work in conjunction with several of the members on various themes.

The group includes representatives from the following NGOs:

- Amnesty International
- Christian Aid
- Progressio
- CAFOD



- Tearfund
- Christian Solidarity Worldwide
- Save the Children UK
- Oxfam GB
- Womankind Worldwide
- Outreach Peru

European Platform for Peru - Plataforma Europea para el Peru (PEP)

This was an initiative spearheaded by Solidaridad of Denmark, 11.11.11 of Belgium and the Peru Support Group. The objective was to bring together solidarity and advocacy groups as well as NGOs from across Europe who are working, or who wish to work, on the implementation of the recommendations of the final report of the TRC. We invited representatives from countries throughout Europe and the PEP now has 16 members from Holland, Belgium, UK, Germany, Sweden, France and Switzerland, and is hoping to continue to expand its network of organisations with similar goals.

The PSG continues to be a key member of this group and attends regular meetings in Brussels. The PEP continues to lobby Members of the European Parliament and the EC through letters and special meetings.

We hope that these lobbying activities will raise awareness of the Peruvian Truth Commission amongst MEPs and European Commissioners but that it might also lead to more action being taken at a European level in support of the final recommendations.

The PSG hopes to continue to strengthen its role in the PEP, and that this initiative will reinforce the work of the PSG in the UK in terms of putting pressure on the Peruvian government to implement the recommendations of the TRC.

The PEP has now produced a leaflet and is looking into the possibility of a website etc. The platform has developed into a lasting network of Europe-wide initiatives to support and uphold human rights on Peru.

Recent PSG publications have been of great use during this process, with a multiplying effect for awareness raising and amongst MEPs, commissioners and members of the PEP itself.



Conferences, Meetings and Events

The PSG continued to organise and facilitate meetings and conferences with the aim of raising awareness amongst the British public and decision makers on issues concerning civil, political, social, cultural and economic rights including the following:

Speaker meeting and discussion - Peru 2006: Election results and scenarios for the future 12th April 2006

In collaboration with Chatham House, the PSG hosted a speaker meeting and discussion just days before the Presidential Elections where we attempted to unravel some of the national and regional implications of Peru's eventual choice of president. The keynote speaker was **John Crabtree** and **Mike Mecham OBE** chaired the event. The event was very well attended, including the BBC, the Peruvian ambassador and the FCO.

Meeting and discussion: Post-Conflict Truth and Justice in Peru and Northern Ireland 18th October 2006

Speakers were **Lord Alderdice**, **Dr Todd Landman**, University of Essex and **Professor Colm Campbell**, Transitional Justice Institute, University of Ulster. This meeting considered how recent political changes in Peru affect prospects for implementation of the Truth Commissions' recommendations on truth justice and reconciliation and explore whether or not anything can be learned from this process for Northern Ireland.

PSG Annual Conference 2006, Peru under Garcia – Democracy and Civil Rights 2 December 2006

This year the conference focused on democracy and civil rights in Peru and what the new APRA government, with Alan Garcia at the helm, will mean for the democratic process and the human rights agenda in the country.

The keynote speaker was:

- **Susana Villarán**, one of only three female candidates in the 2006 presidential elections.

There were also a number of workshops:

- Achieving our rights: The non negotiable rights of Peruvian Women, **Aurora Vivar and DEMUS**
- The Politics of Human Rights in Peru, **Tom Pegram**
- The Moral Economy of Water in the Peruvian Andes, **Paul Trawick**
- The Balance of Power since the 2006 Elections, **John Crabtree**

Human Rights Day, Weald School 6 December 2006

The PSG Coordinator gave a series of workshops throughout the day raising awareness amongst young people of the key issues that face Peru today.



Film Screening: Tambogrande – Mangoes, Murder and Mining
6 December 2006

In collaboration with Progressio, the PSG organised the London première of this critically acclaimed Peruvian film about a community in the North of Peru whose livelihoods were threatened when gold was discovered beneath their town.

Post-Conflict Truth and Justice in Peru
12th March 2007

Organised in coalition with St Ethelburga's Centre for Reconciliation and Peace and the Movement for the Abolition of War, the objective of this meeting was awareness raising and increasing the membership scope of the PSG. It was an evening of reflection and music on the 1980-2000 conflict in Peru, and discussion of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report. **John Crabtree of Oxford University Centre for Latin American studies** spoke about the current state of the recommendations of the Truth Commission. A **PSG member, Roberta Bacic** displayed and discussed a collective quilt made by woman from the Ayacucho region of Peru. A Peruvian artist presented his work, which was inspired by the conflict and an Andean band played music.

Parliamentary public meeting, launch of the PSG Report – 'Mining and Development in Peru, with Special Reference to the Rio Blanco Project, Piura'
27th March 2007

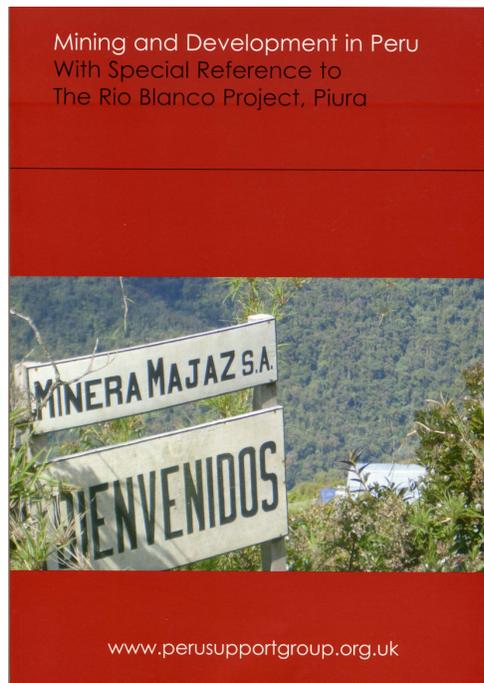
This event was hosted by **Michael Connarty MP** and chaired by **Lord Eric Avebury** in the House of Commons. The speakers were two members of the PSG Delegation, Professor Anthony Bebbington and Dr Wendy Coxshall who presented the report recently published by the PSG after a delegation trip to look at mining and development in Peru.

The event was attended by some 100 people including representatives from both Houses of Parliament, the FCO, the mining industry, NGOs, academics and civil society, and was received as a valuable contribution to the debate over corporate social responsibility in the mining industry (see below for further details about the delegation and the report).

Publications and Resources

'Mining and Development in Peru, with Special Reference to the Rio Blanco Project, Piura' **Published March 2007**

The PSG continues to produce timely and useful publications. This year the PSG produced a publication to report on the PSG delegation to Peru to look at Development and Corporate Social Responsibility in mining in Peru with particular reference to the proposed Rio Blanco mine being developed by the UK company Monterrico Metals. The delegation was planned following the meeting in March 2006 at Portcullis House (reported in last year's Annual Report) when it was apparent that there were significant disagreements between Monterrico Metals and Niconor Alvarado (Diocese of Jaén) on the happenings in the Piura and mine areas. This delegation consisted of: Professor Anthony Bebbington (Geographer and Development, Manchester University); Michael Connarty MP (Member for Linlithgow and East Falkirk and Chair of the All Party group on Peru); Dr Wendy Coxshall (Anthropologist, Bath University); Hugh O'Shaughnessy (Journalist); Professor Mark Williams (Hydrologist, University of Colorado)



The publication was produced and launched first in English in the UK in March and after translation into Spanish is due to be launched in Lima and Piura in May 2007. It has been widely distributed in the UK amongst decision makers, NGOs and campaigners, government bodies, academics and the mining industry itself. It is also available for download on the PSG

website.

Photographic exhibition "Testimonies of Courage and Pain"

This exhibition produced in 2004 is an English version of a photographic exhibition that was originally commissioned by the Project Counselling Service (an international NGO consortium with its headquarters in Lima, working on conflict and human rights issues and with displaced people) called "Testimonies of Courage and Pain". The exhibition includes photographs and testimonies of women affected by political violence in Peru. It highlights the need for truth and reconciliation and the role that women can play in this.

The exhibition, coordinated by a PSG member Roberta Bacic, went on tour this year in Northern Ireland. The tour included the West Belfast festival, the largest community festival in Europe. Roberta, in collaboration with Relatives for Justice, made a space for Peru at the festival including a range of activities alongside the exhibition. The exhibition has also been on display at universities and used as a visual resource at a number of other PSG events.



Photographic exhibition, “Peru on \$1 a Day: a Rough Guide to Living”

This 2001 PSG photographic exhibition addresses themes such as poverty, education, women’s rights, health, environmental pollution and debt repayment. It illustrates the social, economic, environmental and political hardships faced by the majority of Peruvians. This year the exhibition was used by Project Peru during a fund raising event and displayed at Kingston University during the PSG Annual Conference.



Information and Educational Resources

The Peru Update



The PSG newsletter, *The Peru Update*, continues to be produced normally on a bi-monthly basis with a print run of 500 copies. We use the Update as a way of keeping members and contacts of the organisation informed on issues of concern. The articles and news items in the Update are chosen to reflect our priorities. This year articles have focused on debt, the role of the media, citizen security, mining, poverty, democracy, human rights and justice, the environment and climate change, the 2006 elections, monitoring of the new government, Amazonian people's rights, trade and corporate social responsibility, as well as up-to-the-minute news coverage. The Update provides an important forum for raising topics of interest and concern from a variety of contributors, and also allows members of the PSG and the general public to participate in the work of the PSG by taking part in letter-writing campaigns, workshops or cultural events. Selected articles from both the current Update and back copies are available on the PSG website at www.perusupportgroup.org.uk

Peru News

Peru News was established in 2005, aimed at reaching out to a new audience of people who use the Internet to receive information and news. The e-bulletin has been going out every month since and now has a total of 469 active subscribers. The email has been very popular and a great way to reach out to students, trade unionists and another generation of PSG supporters. We use the Peru News not only as a way of informing people about current events in Peru on a monthly basis, but also to publicise PSG events and initiatives.





Information

We receive a large number of enquiries and requests for information. We regularly receive bulletins from a variety of Peruvian organisations, which provide an invaluable source of up-to-date and reliable information, particularly on the subject of political, social and economic rights. We are able to use this information in all our activities. We also respond to a high volume of enquires from various sectors of society, either by providing information or building links between individuals and groups in Peru and the UK.

We have provided briefing packs to MPs, Members of the House of Lords and MEPs in advance of parliamentary delegations to Peru.

Library and resources

We continue to subscribe to several key Peruvian magazines/journals (*Ideele*, *Que Hacer*, etc.) and have aided many people in their research and provided an effective resource library on contemporary Peru. We also receive publications and books from a wide range of Peruvian NGOs and other institutions. Human rights organisations, development organisations, the media, along with students - mainly from the Institute for the Study of the Americas (ISA - formerly the Institute of Latin American Studies) and Goldsmiths College - use the PSG resources.

Work with schools

We have lent out resources such as teaching packs, photographic exhibitions, and videos to primary and secondary schools to raise awareness of Peru in the UK. We also took part in a Human Rights Day at The Weald School where we gave workshops to young people to inform them of key issues affecting Peru.

Website www.perusupportgroup.org.uk



We have continued to work on the website throughout the year, updating the key issues section of the site as well as the links page. The website has helped us to increase our membership base and we hope to continue to develop it so that more people will visit it regularly, and use it as a first point of contact for information about Peru. We are currently in the process of revamping the site, with the aim of providing more news, and updating the site more regularly. The revamped site should go live in May 2007.



Other activities

Delegation to Peru to investigate corporate social responsibility within UK mining

In October 2006 the PSG organised an expert delegation to Peru to investigate the impacts of a particular UK mining project in the far North of Peru, in the province of Piura. This project was chosen as a case study to make more general analysis of the social and political impacts of mining in Peru because it is widely considered to be emblematic of the many challenges facing the industry and the communities that live near large scale projects. Also because this is a UK project the PSG felt a certain legitimacy in carrying out the investigations.

The delegation was made up of the team mentioned above, covering a range of aspects which we hoped to later report on, including the socio-anthropological and economic, the environmental and the political dimension.

During the course of the trip the delegation met with many of the stakeholders involved in the debate over mining in general and in this particular case. They included meetings with:

- The Defensora Del Pueblo (Human Rights Ombudsperson)
- Congress committee for mining and energy (Santiago Fujimori, current Chair)
- NGOs in both Lima and Piura working on community rights in cases of large scale mining projects
- Local community members
- Local authorities
- Local diocese
- British Ambassador to Peru (Catherine Nettleton)
- Academics
- Monterrico Metals (social and operational teams)

The delegation's report was launched in March 2007 at the Houses of Parliament.

Membership

The PSG has a committed and enthusiastic membership of 500 people, many of whom attend PSG events and campaign on PSG initiatives. A number of members help out with events, attend public meetings, and volunteer with translation and interpreting work. Members and contacts have been able to use our resources to organise their own events, which we report on in the Peru Update.

We also carry out an AGM every year at which members can have an input into the proposed work of the PSG. In this way we are answerable to and supported by a wide constituency in the UK, ensuring our mandate and maintaining our credibility.

We continue to receive a number of substantial donations from members.

Relationship with other UK NGOs

The PSG has continued to maintain and build on relationships with other UK NGOs working in or on Peru, as well as those working on issues linked to our work. This includes our core funders, and many other large and small organisations within the UK. We have encouraged groups to work together and have been able to put groups working on similar issues in contact with each other. We have continued to



work with Christian Aid, Oxfam, CAFOD, Tearfund, Progressio, Save the Children UK, Christian Solidarity Worldwide, Amnesty International, TJM, CORE and others. Many of the small organisations in the UK who work on Peru use information from the Peru Update to create their own newsletters, thus multiplying the impact of our publication.

The Executive Committee

A crucial element to the work of the PSG, the committee members have continued to contribute their time, advice and expertise generously. Committee meetings take place once a month; with additional strategy meetings taking place every six months. Many members of the committee travel to Peru on a regular basis, facilitating communication with the various organisations with which we work. The committee has recently diversified with new members coming from a broad range of backgrounds and interests.

The treasurer, Tim Thorp, along with Professor Anthony Bebbington, met in Peru with the Head of Mission at the British embassy to present the report from the mining delegation and discuss the UK embassy's role in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) within the mining sector.

Staff

PSG Coordinator works full time at the PSG offices in London to coordinate, manage and carry out all PSG activities. The Coordinator, Sophie Paton, left PSG in April 2007 and was being replaced by Gaby Drinkwater (gaby@perusupportgroup.org.uk). Sophie has been a tower of strength and inspiration over the last few years – we wish her well in her new activities in Spain.

PSG Correspondent (based in Peru). This new part-time position is funded by Progressio and was established in January 2007 with Charlie Smith in the role; she may be contacted at charlie@perusupportgroup.org.uk. The role of the correspondent is to support the coordinator in terms of logistics when organising events/meetings/delegations in Peru, gathering information for advocacy work and the production of publications. This additional capacity has strengthened the PSG greatly and we hope to make the role sustainable into the future.

Volunteers

Volunteers have continued to donate invaluable time and effort. Mostly involved in desktop publishing, research activities, office administration, editing, mailings, and helping on stalls at events.

We currently have three key volunteers who support us in the following activities:

- Web design and maintenance
- Peru News e-bulletin
- Office administration, membership monitoring and research



End of Year Accounts 2006/2007

The PSG financial year is from 1 April to 31 March.

The PSG is funded by grants from donor NGOs and from subscriptions and gifts. The major donors are CAFOD, Oxfam and Christian Aid. These donors support us through a core programme agreed on a three-yearly strategy with yearly detailed definitions of activities. This programme covers ongoing activities such as advocacy, publication of Peru update bulletin etc. In addition, special grants have been made for additional specific projects, funded from these donors and others such as Outreach Peru. The most important of these special projects was that on Mining and Development in Peru which included sending a delegation to Peru and the writing and publication of a report. Some of the income and expenditure for this work falls in FY2007/8.

Subscriptions and gifts make a contribution to the core programme and to projects that are part funded by donors.

During the year the Bolivian Information Forum (BIF) was started. In this initial phase the PSG provided accounting and banking facilities for the organisation. As from 1 April 2007, the BIF has its own facilities and any outstanding BIF deficit will be paid to the PSG early in the new Financial Year.

The accounts for 2006/07 are given below. The accounts are prepared on a cash basis: that is receipts and expenditure are recognised when they occur*. Note that monies that we owe or are owed would not appear in the Payments/Receipts accounts or on the Balance Sheet

The accounts which follow show the agreed budgets (for PSG and BIF) and the actual outcomes at the end of the year. Notes are given explaining relevant issues.

* Thus for example a cheque from a donor might be received in January for work to be done January to July; this receipt would be recognised in January. Expenses would each be recognised as they occur between January and July

Payments	PSG Budget	BIF Budget	Total Budget	PSG Actual	BIF Actual	Total Actual
Rent & Insurance	3,200.00	229.25	3,429.25	487.15 ¹		487.15
Salary & National Insurance	24,600.00	3,535.50	28,135.50	22,231.42 ²	3,223.50	25,454.92
Volunteers	200.00		200.00	437.40	3.45	440.85
Equipment & Stationary	500.00	100.00	600.00	723.49		723.49
Travel	400.00	75.00	475.00	8,155.79 ³	43.35	8,199.14
Phone & Fax, Email & Website	1,000.00	175.00	1,175.00	1,505.95	58.50	1,564.45
Postage	940.00	100.00	1,040.00	434.80 ⁴	3.30	438.10
Printing & Copying	250.00	100.00	350.00	73.26		73.26
Resources	700.00	820.00	1,520.00	124.99	476.06	601.05
Update	1,200.00		1,200.00	864.75 ⁵		864.75
Events	530.00	112.50	642.50	635.00		635.00
Production of Materials	400.00	75.00	475.00	1,175.00 ⁶		1,175.00
Visitor expenses	200.00	50.00	250.00	321.64		321.64
Other	1,500.00 ⁷		1,500.00	744.08	93.73	837.81
Miscellaneous				1,359.59 ⁸		1,359.59
Expense - Unassigned				83.30		83.30
BIF paying PSG salary		1,186.00	1,186.00	0.00		0.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	35,620.00	6,558.25	42,178.25	39,357.61	3,901.89⁹	43,259.50
Receipts						
Grants	28,200.00		28,200.00	29,970.00		29,970.00
Special Grants	3,500.00	3,720.00	7,220.00	15,333.60 ¹⁰	3,720.00	19,053.60
Subscriptions	2,800.00		2,800.00	2,383.00		2,383.00
Donations	500.00		500.00	406.94		406.94
Events	100.00		100.00	206.20		206.20
Publication sales	20.00		20.00	1.00		1.00
Crafts	100.00		100.00	15.00		15.00
Other	150.00		150.00	90.00		90.00
Interest	250.00		250.00	496.39		496.39
TOTAL RECEIPTS	35,620.00	3,720.00	39,340.00	48,902.13	3,720.00	52,622.13
GRAND TOTAL	0.00	-2,838.25¹¹	-2,838.25	9,544.52¹²	-181.89	9,362.63

Balance Sheet

	Petty Cash	Current account	Deposit account	Assets ¹³	Liabilities ¹⁴	Total
01-Apr-06	38.76	6,392.28	23,421.86	0.00	-5,439.79 ¹⁵	24,413.11
31-Mar-07	-160.76	2,879.31	31,576.85	1,614.64	-2,134.30	33,775.74
Difference	-199.52	-3,512.97	8,154.99	1,614.64	3,305.49	9,362.63

¹ The rent is low because of the receipt of a back payment of rent from our sub-tenant.

² The PSG budget figure was overestimated.

³ This figure is much higher than that in the budget because it includes travel costs for the delegation to Peru, covered by a special project grant.

⁴ Invoice on about 6 months of postings not yet received.

⁵ We had 5 Updates in FY06/07 compared with 6 in FY05/06.

⁶ This includes lawyers' fees for clearing the Mining and Development report for publication.

⁷ The proposed expenditure was for the special initiative on European Advocacy covered by a corresponding receipt within 'Special Grants'.

⁸ This is the remains of a float given for the Peru delegation which will be repaid in early FY2007/8

⁹ BIF actual expenditure is below budget mainly because rent and use of PSG coordinator time has yet to be paid, because a used rather than new computer was acquired and because the programme of work has slipped slightly.

¹⁰ Special grant income includes income for the special project on Mining and Development in Peru; a further tranche should appear in FY07/08.

¹¹ The BIF budget total is negative because the main funding tranche is expected in early FY07/08.

¹² The overall surplus for the year is mostly because of Mining Report grants coming in before many of its costs have appeared. But contributory factors have also been indicated in the footnotes above.

¹³ Cheques received but not yet cashed by PSG.

¹⁴ Cheques issued by PSG but not cashed by recipient.

¹⁵ This figure is a correction from that appearing in last year's accounts.