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## Press Release

### **Buenaventura Chairman Roque Benavides to Receive Award from the New York American Chemical Society CME Group**

*The business, investments and technology group of ACS, the world's largest scientific society, recognizes for the first time a Peruvian leader in New York.*

New York City and Lima, Perú – August 19, 2017 - The Chemical Marketing and Economics (CME) group of the American Chemical Society's New York Section, and Compañía de Minas Buenaventura, announced that Engineer Roque Benavides, Chairman of Buenaventura, will receive the Leadership Award for Lifetime Achievement on December 5, 2017 at the New York Metropolitan Club.

Founded in 1953, Buenaventura is a Peruvian precious metals producer with vast experience in exploration, development, construction and mining operations in Peru. It was the first Latin American mining company, and the first Peruvian firm, to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange since 1996.

“Roque Benavides has created a business culture of excellence with special attention to employees, the environment and the communities in which Buenaventura operates,” George Rodriguez, event founder and CME Past Chair noted. “His international leadership in trade and various economic sectors, sustainable innovation and support to educational organizations have been remarkable.”

Eng. Benavides led the Business Council for International Negotiations (CENI) supporting Peru for the Free Trade Agreement with United States signed in 2009. He has been recognized by the Governments of Ecuador and Brazil for the integration of businesses after the Peace Treaty signed by Peru and Ecuador in 1998. He also has received an award by the Government of Italy for his contributions to joint entrepreneurial development with Peru. In 2001, Eng. Benavides was appointed to the Board of the World Gold Council and in 2008 he was appointed President of the Silver Institute.

“On behalf of all the employees of Buenaventura, I am honored by the recognition of the business group of the world's largest scientific society,” noted Roque Benavides. “We appreciate CME's support of science and technology in Peru including a Latin-American Chemistry Congress, Chemistry Festivals and the founding of ACS Perú. I look forward to celebrating CME's 63 years of service at the awards event.”

Eng. Benavides was Chief Financial Officer of Buenaventura from 1985 to 2001. Since then until 2016 he was the General Manager and CEO of the company. In 2011 he was appointed Chairman of Buenaventura. He is currently Chairman of National Confederation of Private Enterprises (CONFIEP), a position he held previously from 1999 to 2001. He serves as Board Member of Banco de Crédito del Perú, Unión Andina de Cementos (UNACEM) and Sociedad Minera El Brocal. He also has served as a Board Member of the Peruvian National Society of Mining, Petroleum and Energy (SNMPE), since 1988, serving as Chairman from 1993 to 1995.

Roque Benavides received a B.S. degree in Engineering from Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (Pontifical Catholic University of Peru) in Lima in 1977 and an M.B.A. from Henley Management College, Reading University, U.K. in 1980. He completed the Management Development Programs at Harvard in 1985 and the Advanced Management Programme at Oxford in 1997.

### **Contributions to education**

Eng. Benavides is committed to the education of young people in Peru and abroad. He conducts forums, workshops and presentations to explain why mining is a country's development engine. He communicates the best practices and contributions of responsible mining through personal visits and involvement with leaders in education.

Eng. Benavides is Vice President of the University for Andean Development (UDEA) located in Huancavelica, Peru, the first Spanish-Quechua bilingual university in the country; member of the board of the University of Engineering and Technology (UTEC); and has been President of the Association of Graduates of the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (Alumni) for six years.

He speaks often at several Peruvian universities, such as the National University of Engineering (UNI), the National University of San Marcos, the National University of Huancavelica, the National University of San Agustín, the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru and others. He has also been a speaker at the business schools of Harvard University, Columbia University, London Business School, New York University and Babson College.

In 2012 Eng. Benavides presented the first edition of his book "Responsible Mining and its Contributions to the Development of Peru" at the National University Daniel Alcides Carrión of Cerro de Pasco. In this book, he discusses the contributions of modern mining in terms of taxes, environment, social responsibility and the generation of productive employment.

The other CME honorees on December 5 include Dr. David Skorton, 13<sup>th</sup> Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, Mr. Christopher Pappas, Trinseo CEO and Dr. John Keller, Shionogi Inc. CEO. The CME Leadership Awards™ honors leaders with distinction in harnessing the

transformative power of chemistry to advance humanity. Past honorees include Charles Bolden (NASA), David Cote (Honeywell), Jean-Pierre Clamadiou (Solvay), Roy Vagelos (Regeneron, Merck), Juan Pablo del Valle (Mexichem) and Andrew Liveris (Dow).

Dr. Allison Campbell, ACS President, will participate in the 2017 CME Leadership Awards™. This event will help advance STEM programs including ACS Scholars, ACS PERU activities and the ACS-NASA Journey to Mars Symposium about cutting-edge green technologies. For sponsorship opportunities please contact: [awards@cmeacs.org](mailto:awards@cmeacs.org).

#### **About Buenaventura**

Compañía de Minas Buenaventura is a Peruvian precious metals producer with over 64 years of experience in exploration, development, construction and mining operations. We commenced our activities in 1953 with the acquisition of the Julcani Mine in Huancavelica. Since then we have developed a business culture based on caring for the environment as well as the health and safety of all our employees, and respect for the communities. We are the first Latin American mining company to list on the New York Stock Exchange, starting in 1996 ([www.buenaventura.com](http://www.buenaventura.com)).

#### **About ACS and CME**

The American Chemical Society (ACS) is the world's largest scientific society with over 150,000 members. Established in 1876, ACS is nonprofit organization chartered by the U. S. Congress. Established in 1954, the Chemical Marketing and Economics (CME) group of the American Chemical Society's New York Section, Inc., organizes exciting events in New York and other cities where business, investment and technology leaders share their transformative insights on sustainable innovation in energy, materials and life science ([www.cmeacs.org](http://www.cmeacs.org)). ACS Peru is the ACS International Chemical Sciences Chapter focused on activities in support of science, industry and government to boost Peru's economic progress ([www.acsperu.org](http://www.acsperu.org)).