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Open Letter from the Indigenous People of the Xingu and Iriri

We, from the Xingu and Iriri areas, of the ethnic groups Xipaia; Arara do Laranjal; Arara do Cachoeira Seca; Assurini; Parakanã; Kayapó; and Kuruaia are making the following demands from Norte Energia, FUNAI, and the Federal Government:

1. The demarcation of the lands;
2. De-occupying the indigenous territory of Cachoeira Seca
3. Territorial monitoring;
4. Sustainable development projects for the community;
5. Basic infrastructure and sanitation for the community;
6. Commitment to indigenous health;
7. Construction of schools for different levels of education;
8. Security outposts for the communities;
9. An airplane landing strip;
10. Pharmacies in the communities;
11. Creation and regularization of indigenous associations;
12. Structuring of associations according to the official requirement 07/2012;
13. Judgment of the 15 public law suits filed by the Public Prosecutors (MPF);
14. Judgment of the law suit in relation to indigenous consultation by the Supreme Court (STF);
15. Regularization and realization of the consultation of indigenous people for all the indigenous people affected by Belo Monte, directly and indirectly;
16. Fulfillment of all the agreements already signed with each indigenous community;
17. Fulfillment of all the other terms referring to indigenous people that are not present in this letter;

We declare that no protester will leave the construction site of Pimental until these demands are fulfilled and/or begun. We also declare that this protest is peaceful and has the goal of seeking the rights of the people impacted directly and indirectly by the Belo Monte Hydroelectric facility and the fulfillment of the terms that were already agreed to.

At no time was there any act of aggression or damage to public property, as stated by Norte Energia. On the contrary, the company is the party responsible for violating the Xingu River and our rights through the construction of this dam that has already been declared illegal by a federal court, in addition to making threats via telephone calls to indigenous leaders and illegal coercion by cutting off potable water and electricity in the site of the occupation.

For all the reasons cited, we declare that any situation or violent consequence that may occur will be the full responsibility of the federal government and the Brazilian justice system, which have continually violated and ignored the violations suffered by the people of the Xingu.

Signed in testimony to the truth of this document,

