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Statement

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The lawsuit announced by the Colombian trade union CUT on May 21, and filed this week, is the latest chapter in an effort by trade unions and their lawyers falsely to blame Drummond Ltd. for some of the tragic violence against union leaders and others that plagued Colombia for decades. Similar allegations were made in a lawsuit filed in 2002, and were rejected by an Alabama jury in a judgment that was affirmed by the United States Court of Appeals. Drummond Ltd. and Drummond Company, Inc. deny the allegations of this latest lawsuit, and repeat that the policy of the companies is and always has been not to provide support to any outlaw groups in Colombia including paramilitaries.

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