

## LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR POPULAR CANDIDATURE OF THE BRIGADE OF MINING RESCUE OF ASTURIAS FOR CONCORDE PRINCESS OF ASTURIAS AWARDS 2019



Oviedo, February 2019

Dear jury of "Princess of Asturias Awards Foundation":

With this letter, I would like to express my support for the Popular Candidacy presented by the Obra Social Montepío Foundation for the award of the Princess of Asturias Award for Concord 2019 to the CENTRAL BRIGADE OF MINING RESCUE OF ASTURIAS, understanding that its historical trajectory fits in the purpose and essence of these international awards, aimed at recognizing, among other values, "the defense and generalization of human rights, of solidarity, and the humanitarian work carried out by institutions or groups of people in the international arena". We believe that the Mining Rescue Brigade meets transversally with most of them, being an opportunity for this solidarity and humanitarian values forged throughout its history as a group specialized in rescues, continue to be a reference that shines from our industrial memory to the new generations as an example of the necessary rigor and commitment that must be consubstantial in human beings.

The presentation of this Popular Candidature goes beyond the solidarity action displayed in his last performance in Totalán (Málaga), since his career, with more than a century of history as a rescue group, identifies interventions and similar tasks and maximum risk, inside and outside of Spanish mining. All despite the fact that the BRIGADE is a unit formed by mining workers, of demonstrated value in complex situations, voluntarily assuming a commitment and responsibility, to act in situations of risk and complexity almost always in catastrophes or tragedies of strong emotional and social impact.

The Mining Salvage Brigade of Asturias, which was already awarded the Medal of Merit to work (1972), the Silver of the Spanish Red Cross (2005) and the Merit with Blue Distinction of Civil Protection (2007), is also a reference in the sector in Europe, with relationships with other international mining brigades, such as Chile, Mexico, Poland or England, the latter nation that, despite seeing its extractive activity closed due to the hard industrial restructuring experienced in the 80s, has continued its functions as a mining corps, guiding them towards specialized security operations.

In the context of Julen's rescue, and in the final times for the mining sector in our country, once an industrial and economic engine, today decimated, exponent of regions in crisis that are remembered with the uncertainty of their mine possibilities, the **Brigade of Mining Rescue is an example of professional rigor and solidarity for large sectors of Spanish society, and even international** that yearn that their history, has recovered hundreds of wounded or deceased in the bowels of the earth, is put in value, do not fall into oblivion, being a opportunity for solidarity and humanitarian values in this history, but also throughout its history, continue to be a reference in our

industrial memory to new generations as an example of the necessary rigor and commitment that must be consubstantial to all.

And so that my support for this Candidacy for the 2019 Princess Awards is confirmed.

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This Popular Candidacy, presented by the Obra Social Montepio Foundation - a non-profit social entity, representative of the great Asturian mining family - gathers the popular sentiment of more than half a million individual firms channeled in recent days through the international platform <a href="www.Change.org/minerosasturias">www.Change.org/minerosasturias</a> and the web <a href="www.montepio.es">www.montepio.es</a>

It is essential to SEND THIS AGREEMENT AND THOSE THAT CAN BE COLLECTED **before March 14, 2019**, to the following address:



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Or by email to <a href="mailto:fundacion@montepio.es">fundacion@montepio.es</a> signed and scanned, so that we can group and send them all together to the Princess of Asturias Foundation.

## We appreciate the maximum diffusion.

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