

# Press statement

## Events of the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 in the Chiefdom of Malen, in Sierra Leone

Wednesday the 30th January 2019

Several serious events took place last week in the chiefdom of Malen, Sierra Leone where our company SAC is located.

Once again, certain Belgian medias have wrongly reported the alleged implication of our Sierra Leone subsidiary, SAC, in violence in the region where we operate. These accusations are baseless: the sad cause of this dramatic violence being a conflict between local authorities in the chiefdom, fanned by certain NGOs.

The Sierra Leone government has already taken the necessary measures to restore law and order in the region and exonerated SOCFIN of any implication in this conflict.

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