

The one (only) thing in common between BREAKING BAD and ANGLO AMERICAN!

I remember perfectly that just a few years ago, I was commuting from home to work and at the last third share of such trip there was a large sign announcing the new series of Netflix "*BREAKING BAD*".

At that time, I had no idea of what this series was about, even though a few years later, I could hardly detach myself from the "malicious box" for weeks ...

Today that large sign still stands, just as huge, only this time it does not announce a television series but a MINING COMPANY!

How about that to get closer to the Community? The sign says (in Spanish of course) "*ANGLO AMERICAN ADVANCES TOGETHER TOWARDS A NEW MINING*"...

It is not a television series, however, in fact it is much closer to us - residents of the metropolitan region of Chile- than Hollywood...

Let us see why!

Anglo American has being for years ... (more than five, so far) preparing to submit its Environmental Impact Study for '*Los Bronces*' project in Chile.

In the event that everything goes well, '*environmentally speaking*' (considering that the deposit is near to the natural park '*Yerba Loca*' and some issues related to glaciers are duly addressed); the mega mining project '*Los Bronces*' will allow Anglo American to continue and improve the ore grades of copper by continuing the exploitation of this enormous mining project.

Now, none of this is for free ... far from it! ... This mining project will cost close to US \$ 3,000 million, not exactly an insignificant figure (and surely far more than Breaking Bad production costs).

However, what makes this particular project different or a novelty?

First, it will use '*underground mining*', where the ore is extracted through blocks, and the sterile material is used as a filling between rock pillars that remain unexploited and that serve as support for the mine.

Second, is the '*high concentration of ore*', according to the preliminary calculations, it would be up to 30 thousand tons per day of ore - with a concentration of 1.7% of Cu per ton!

Third, '*the deadlines to obtain environmental permits*', as these should be obtained in a period of three up to four years (which seems an extensive period, but it is relatively short compared to other similar projects ... to take duly into account!)

Finally, it is estimated that '1,200 workers will be needed for the construction' period (which will create a significant amount of indirect employment), while approximately 900 workers will be needed during its operation phase. Much of that labor will be captured directly from the market, which is promising for the country and opens the doors to new job opportunities (fingers crossed!)

It is important to be attentive to this innovative mining initiative and its subsequent procedure before the environmental authorities, which should begin during March of 2019.

The environmental results will be a significant precedent for mining projects to come in the near future!

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