

From Putumayo to Calgary

Oil, carbon and the Inga People

The role of Canada-based companies in the oil expansion in the Amazon



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Photograph: Wasikamas, Indigenous Guard of the Inga People · ACIMVIP audiovisual archive

We are the Inga People of the Amazonian foothills

12

Communities of the Inga People

With 13 traditional authorities (cabildos) associated with ACIMVIP and its Wasikamas (Indigenous Guard)

3

Municipalities of Putumayo

Villagarzón, Puerto Guzmán and Mocoa

8

Reserves

≈ 36,000

hectares of Indigenous reserves (resguardos)

ACIMVIP: Association of Indigenous Inga Councils of the Municipality of Villagarzón, Putumayo, registered in 2004.



Wasikamas, Indigenous Guard of the Inga People · ACIMVIP archive



The Wasikamas protect the territory and the forest



Wasikamas on patrols and protection assemblies for the territory · ACIMVIP audiovisual archive

The Amazon regulates the climate and sustains the planet's biodiversity. Every hectare the Wasikamas protect is standing forest and carbon that is not emitted.

Drilling new wells in the Amazon runs against climate commitments: the oil frontier must not advance onto the territories of Indigenous Peoples.



At the Amazon's oil frontier there are companies headquartered in Calgary

794

oil and gas blocks in the Amazon;
about 70% still under study or on offer

81

with a concession over
Indigenous lands (114 counting
those under study or on offer)

≈ 20%

of the fossil fuel reserves
discovered worldwide between
2022 and 2024 were in the Amazon

Gran Tierra Energy

Headquarters: Calgary, Alberta

- **Colombia:** Putumayo, with 12 contracts and 84 wells registered in its name
- **Ecuador:** Oriente basin
- **2026:** sells both businesses to Maurel & Prom

Frontera Energy

Headquarters: Calgary, Alberta

- **Peru:** Lot 192, in Loreto (2015 to February 2021)
- **Colombia:** contracts CAG 5 and CAG 6, Caguán–Putumayo basin (suspended)
- **2026:** sells its production in Colombia to Parex

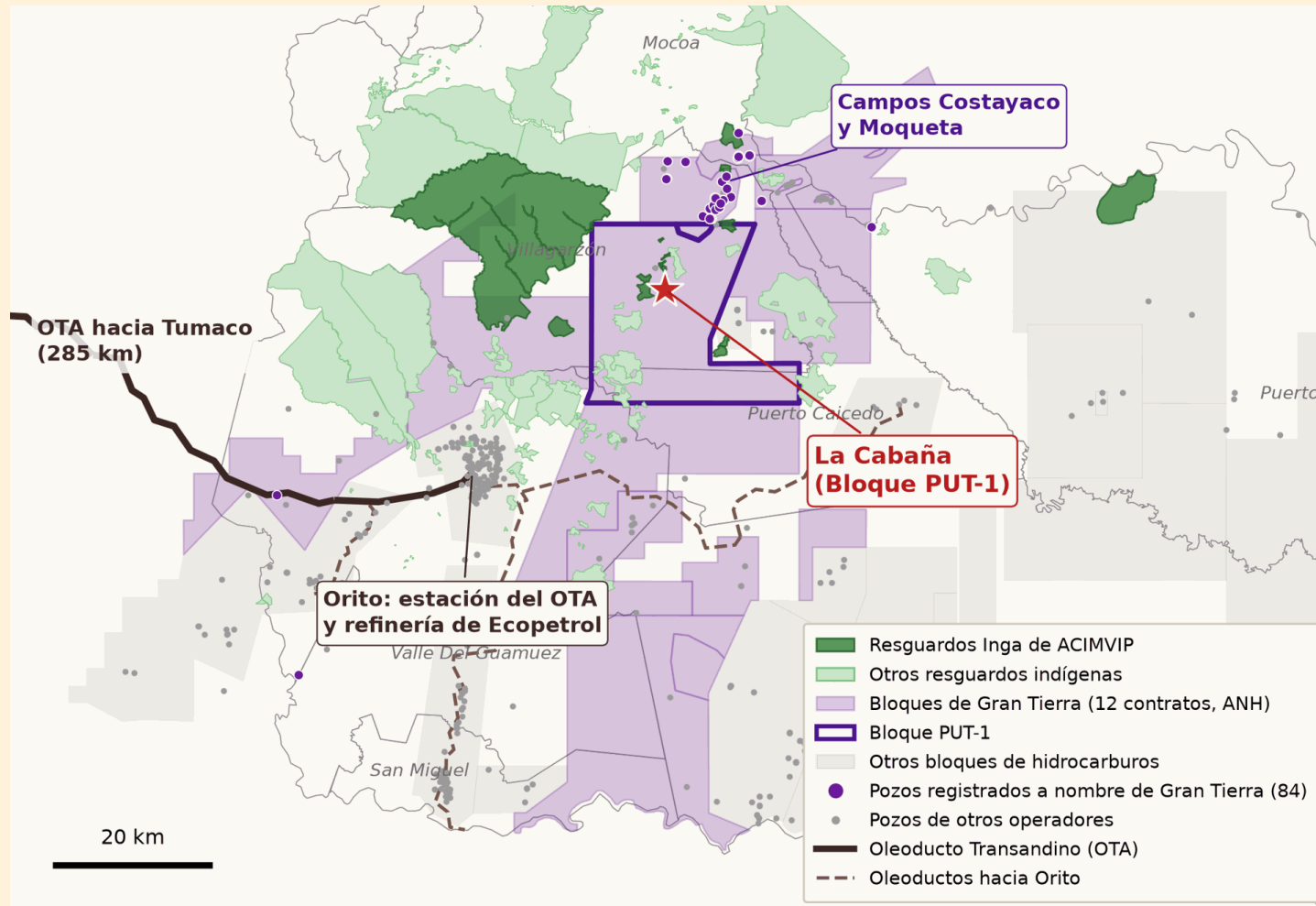
What they share

Calgary, Alberta

- Calgary headquarters; listed in Toronto
- The 2026 sales were announced from Calgary
- When they leave Colombia, they can be held accountable there



Putumayo: 32 hydrocarbon areas and a pipeline to the Pacific



32

contracts or hydrocarbon areas of the National Hydrocarbons Agency (ANH) in the department

≈ 19,200

barrels per day produced in 2025 (ANH figures reported by the press)

285 km

of the Transandino Pipeline (OTA), from Orito to Tumaco, on the Pacific

12 · 84

contracts and wells registered in Gran Tierra's name



Gran Tierra leaves Colombia, not Canada

LEAVES

- **Its business in Colombia and Ecuador:** about 29,000 barrels per day and 1.4 million gross acres
- **Buyer:** Maurel & Prom (France), controlled by Pertamina (Indonesia)
- **Value:** US\$1.33 billion

STAYS IN CANADA

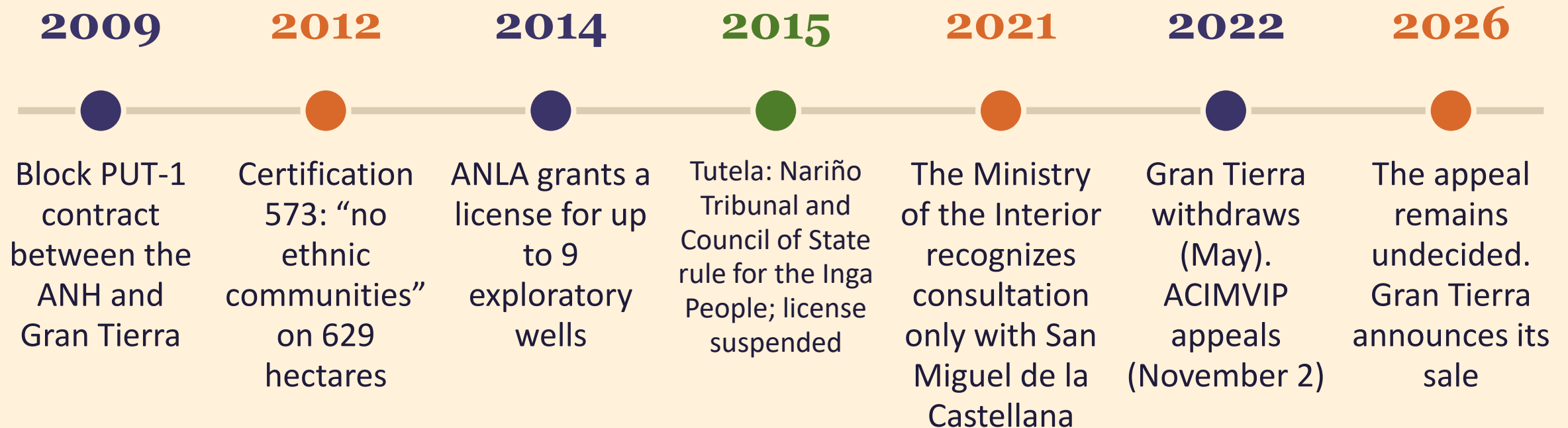
- **Headquartered in Calgary** and listed in Toronto, New York and London
- **Production concentrated in Canada**, with exploration in Azerbaijan
- **No debt, about US\$250 million in cash** at closing

STAYS IN COLOMBIA

- **Contracts, licenses and environmental obligations:** change owners
- **The proxy circular does not identify** pending environmental and social liabilities in Indigenous territories
- **La Cabaña:** license suspended; abandonment plan unconsulted



La Cabaña: licensed on a certification that we did not exist



629 hectares · up to 9 wells · over a moriche palm swamp (cananguchal), salt licks and streams that are sites of cultural importance to the Inga People

What was built: a 212-meter road, 1.3 hectares cleared of vegetation and a wellhead cellar. No well was drilled (ANLA visit, 2017).



As of October 2025, ten years after the suspension, the site remained unrestored



Satellite image from October 2025 · disturbed areas not restored (ELAW)



Exposed, compacted soil

Ditches and waterlogged pits; the access road remains open.

A goal not met

The 2022 plan promised to restore and recover more than 95% of the area; as of October 2025 this had not been met.

Waste with no known destination

The plan does not say where the waste from the construction and the dismantling was disposed of, including hazardous waste.

What we do not claim: chemical contamination. Satellite images do not allow it to be confirmed.



In Alberta, well abandonment is a regulated technical process; at La Cabaña it was a declarative plan

Alberta, Canada

Directive 020 · Alberta Energy
Regulator · May 2025

- Protect all non-saline groundwater
- Isolate porous zones and plug with verification and leak tests
- Rehabilitate the site and obtain technical certification before abandonment is considered complete

International standard

IFC and World Bank environmental
guidelines · 2007

- Measurable objectives and defined timelines
- Environmental performance indicators
- Results-based post-closure monitoring

La Cabaña, Colombia

2022 abandonment plan · Decree 1076
of 2015

- Declarative objectives: “restore and recover”
- No indicators, deadlines or post-closure monitoring
- No information on where the waste went

We are not asking for a foreign standard: we are asking that the one in force in the province where the company is headquartered be applied in Putumayo.



The law gives two months to decide an appeal

1,436

days without a decision

Appeal filed on November 2, 2022.

Legal deadline: two months.

Figure as of October 8, 2026.

Mar 14, 2023

The Director of Indigenous, Rom and Minority Affairs is designated as ad hoc official.

Nov 15, 2023 and Aug 6, 2026

The National Prior Consultation Authority asks him to decide.

Aug 10, 2026

The Authority itself acknowledges in writing that the process is stalled until the appeal is decided.

Meanwhile

ANLA reviews the abandonment plan.

Closure can be approved, and the company sold, without the Inga People having been consulted on how their territory is repaired.



Oil companies are regrouping in Calgary; accountability mechanisms are shrinking

Frontera Energy

Calgary · exploration and production assets in Colombia



Parex Resources

Calgary · closed June 1, 2026

US\$500 million · about 37,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day · more than 7.9 million acres

Gran Tierra Energy

Calgary · business in Colombia and Ecuador



Maurel & Prom

France · controlled by Pertamina · closing expected December 31

US\$1.33 billion · about 29,000 barrels per day · approvals pending in Colombia and Ecuador

Headquarters stay in Calgary: Frontera becomes an infrastructure company; Gran Tierra concentrates production in Canada.

In Canada, the mechanism for complaints against companies operating abroad is changing

- **2019**
The Canadian Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise (CORE) office is created.
- **Jun 11, 2026**
The Government announces its elimination.
- **Today**
The OECD National Contact Point would take over this work; human rights organizations warn that it has less capacity.



What the records show about Frontera Energy

CREDIT RETIREMENT RECORD

According to the public BioCarbon registry (Global CarbonTrace platform), consulted on October 13, 2026, on July 18, 2023, 50,000 credits from the Putumayo REDD+ project were retired in the name of Frontera Energy Colombia Corp., Colombia branch, from an account of Terra Commodities S.A. (Panama): Frontera appears as the entity in whose name they were retired. The registry does not state the purpose of the retirement.

Context: in Colombia, the cancellation of carbon credits may be used for non-causation of the national carbon tax (Law 1819 of 2016; Decree 926 of 2017).

EXPLORATION CONTRACTS

Frontera held two exploration contracts (CAG 5 and CAG 6) in the Caguán–Putumayo basin, suspended as of 2022 according to the ANH.

What we do not claim

- That Frontera is linked to the project, contracted with the Reserves, or that the credits offset its oil.
- That CAG 5 and CAG 6 are in Putumayo or in ACIMVIP's territory.
- Why the credits were retired: the registry does not say.

Sources of these data

Public BioCarbon registry (Global CarbonTrace), October 13, 2026; ANH, contracts as of December 31, 2022.



What we ask of Canada

To Gran Tierra Energy

Calgary · before the closing of the sale

- Disclose to its shareholders the pending obligations in Indigenous territories
- Commit in writing to fund, consult on and restore La Cabaña
- Meet with the Inga authorities

To the Government

Global Affairs Canada and the Embassy in Bogotá

- Ask, through diplomatic channels, that Colombia's Ministry of the Interior decide ACIMVIP's appeal, pending since 2022
- Ensure that the National Contact Point can act before the closing

To Parliament

Foreign Affairs Committee and its Subcommittee on International Human Rights

- Regulate the extraterritorial obligations of Canada-based companies operating abroad
- Ask what those companies owe Indigenous Peoples when they withdraw

To investors and civil society

Before the closing of the sale

- Ask about the liabilities that the proxy circular does not identify
- Support a specific instance before the National Contact Point

We are not asking the company to stay: we are asking that it not leave without repairing what it did in our territory.



The territory is not an asset that is transferred with a package of shares

It is where we live, where our sacred sites are, and where we will remain when the companies are no longer here.

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Suma Iulai Nukanchipa Alpamanda
Thinking beautifully for our territory



Annex: sources

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Calgary and the Amazon

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Frontera Energy

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Maps, images and credits

ANH, UPME/CENIT, EPIS-ANH, ANT, IGAC. Map: ACIMVIP, September 25, 2026. Photographs: ACIMVIP, including stills from the video “Fortalecimiento de los wasikamas Ingas.”

