



Asociación de Cabildos
Indígenas Inga del Municipio
de Villagarzón Putumayo

A Calgary company is leaving Colombia. Its obligations in Inga territory are staying behind.

Gran Tierra Energy Inc. and the La Cabaña exploratory area, Villagarzón (Putumayo, Colombia)

Summary

Gran Tierra Energy Inc., headquartered in Calgary and listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, announced on August 5, 2026 the sale of its entire Colombian and Ecuadorian business to the French company Maurel & Prom. The Inga People of Villagarzón, represented by ACIMVIP, are asking that the company's exit not leave behind an unresolved project on their land: the La Cabaña exploratory area, licensed in 2014 on the basis of an official certification that no Indigenous communities lived there, suspended by Colombian courts in 2015, and withdrawn by the company in 2022. The site has not been restored, and the Inga have never been consulted on how it will be decommissioned. Colombia's Ministry of the Interior has left ACIMVIP's appeal on the consultation undecided for 1,422 days. Gran Tierra will remain a Calgary company after the sale. Canada therefore remains a place where it can be held to account.

1. Why this is a Canadian matter

Gran Tierra's head office is at 500 Centre Street SE, Calgary, Alberta. Its shares trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange, NYSE American and the London Stock Exchange under the symbol GTE; the company is incorporated in Delaware. In 2025 Colombia generated about 70 percent of its revenue. In Putumayo it operates 12 hydrocarbon contracts registered with Colombia's National Hydrocarbons Agency (ANH)—among them Chaza (Costayaco and Moqueta fields) and PUT-1—and 84 wells are registered in its name in the official well database. After the sale, the company has said it will keep its Alberta operations, which produced some 13,500 barrels of oil equivalent per day in the second quarter of 2026, and continue as a listed Calgary company. It is leaving Colombia, but it is not leaving Canada.

2. The sale and what it leaves behind

The transaction is valued at approximately USD 1.33 billion. Gran Tierra's stockholders vote on it at a special meeting on October 9, 2026; closing is expected around December 31, 2026, subject to approvals in Colombia, including the ANH, and in Ecuador. It is structured as a sale of the shares of the holding company that owns the Colombian subsidiaries. Those subsidiaries—and their contracts, environmental licences and pending proceedings—will continue under new ownership. The definitive proxy statement refers to an unspecified "environmental proceeding" and caps certain environmental indemnities at USD 6 million; it does not identify the obligations pending in Indigenous territories.

3. La Cabaña: a project licensed on a certification of absence

La Cabaña is a 629-hectare exploratory drilling area inside Block PUT-1, in the municipality of Villagarzón. In 2012 Colombia's Ministry of the Interior certified that no Indigenous communities were present. On that basis the environmental licensing authority (ANLA) licensed the project in 2014 for up to nine wells. The Inga were there. The Administrative Court of Nariño ruled in their favour on July 15, 2015, and the Council of State confirmed the ruling; the licence was suspended. After three field verification visits (2014, 2018 and 2021), the Ministry recognised in October 2021 the right to consultation of only one reservation, San Miguel de la Castellana, and denied it to six neighbouring Inga communities that share the same wetlands, salt licks and streams. In May 2022 Gran Tierra



announced that it was withdrawing from the project. It left an access road, a cleared area and a concrete platform over a moriche palm wetland (cananguchal), a site of cultural importance to the Inga.

4. The consultation the Colombian State has not decided

ACIMVIP appealed the 2021 resolution on November 2, 2022. Colombian law gives the authority two months to decide. The appeal was assigned in March 2023 to an ad hoc official, the Director of Indigenous Affairs. The Ministry's own Consultation Authority asked him to decide in November 2023 and again in August 2026. In a written reply of August 10, 2026, that Authority acknowledges that the process is stalled and that it will not convene consultation on the decommissioning until the appeal is decided. Meanwhile, ANLA is reviewing the company's Decommissioning and Abandonment Plan. The licence requires the vegetation to be restored to its original composition; satellite imagery from October 2025 reviewed by ACIMVIP shows compacted soil and waterlogged trenches, and the proposal known to ACIMVIP is limited to planting grass.

The same area has seen other impacts. In October 2024 an oil spill reached the Danta laku creek in the Inga reservation of Wasipungo, one of ACIMVIP's reservations; the company attributed it to third parties (La Silla Vacía, November 29, 2024).

5. What we are asking in Canada

Gran Tierra's board and management (Calgary). Before the October 9 vote and before closing: disclose to stockholders the social and environmental obligations pending in Indigenous territories in Putumayo; commit in writing that the decommissioning of La Cabaña will be fully funded, consulted with the Inga communities and carried out to the restoration standard set in the licence; and carry out human rights due diligence for a responsible exit, as the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises expect. We request a meeting with Inga authorities.

Canada's National Contact Point for Responsible Business Conduct. Since Canada closed the Ombudsperson for Responsible Enterprise (CORE) in June 2026, the NCP is the only Canadian mechanism for complaints about Canadian companies abroad. ACIMVIP is assessing a request for review (specific instance) and asks for guidance on timing, given that the sale may close in December 2026.

Global Affairs Canada and the Embassy of Canada in Bogotá. Under Canada's guidelines on supporting human rights defenders (Voices at Risk), raise with Colombia's Ministry of the Interior the appeal that has gone undecided for over four years, and accompany the consultation on the decommissioning when it is convened.

Members of Parliament. Bring the case to the Subcommittee on International Human Rights and to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Development, and ask the Government what it expects of Canadian-headquartered companies when they divest from Indigenous territories.

Investors, creditors and Canadian civil society. Ask Gran Tierra's stockholders and lenders to seek disclosure of these obligations before the transaction closes, and join civil society organisations and media in following the case.

Key dates

Date	Event
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2012-04-03	Ministry of the Interior certifies no Indigenous presence in La Cabaña
2014-07-01	ANLA licenses La Cabaña (Resolution 0717)
2015-07-15	Administrative Court of Nariño rules for the Inga; licence suspended
2021-10-27	Resolution ST-1471: consultation recognised for one reservation only
2022-05-27	Gran Tierra announces its withdrawal from La Cabaña
2022-11-02	ACIMVIP appeals Resolution ST-1471 — still undecided
2026-08-05	Gran Tierra announces sale of Colombian business to Maurel & Prom
2026-08-10	Consultation Authority acknowledges the process is stalled
2026-10-09	Gran Tierra special stockholders' meeting on the sale
2026-12-31	Expected closing, subject to ANH approval

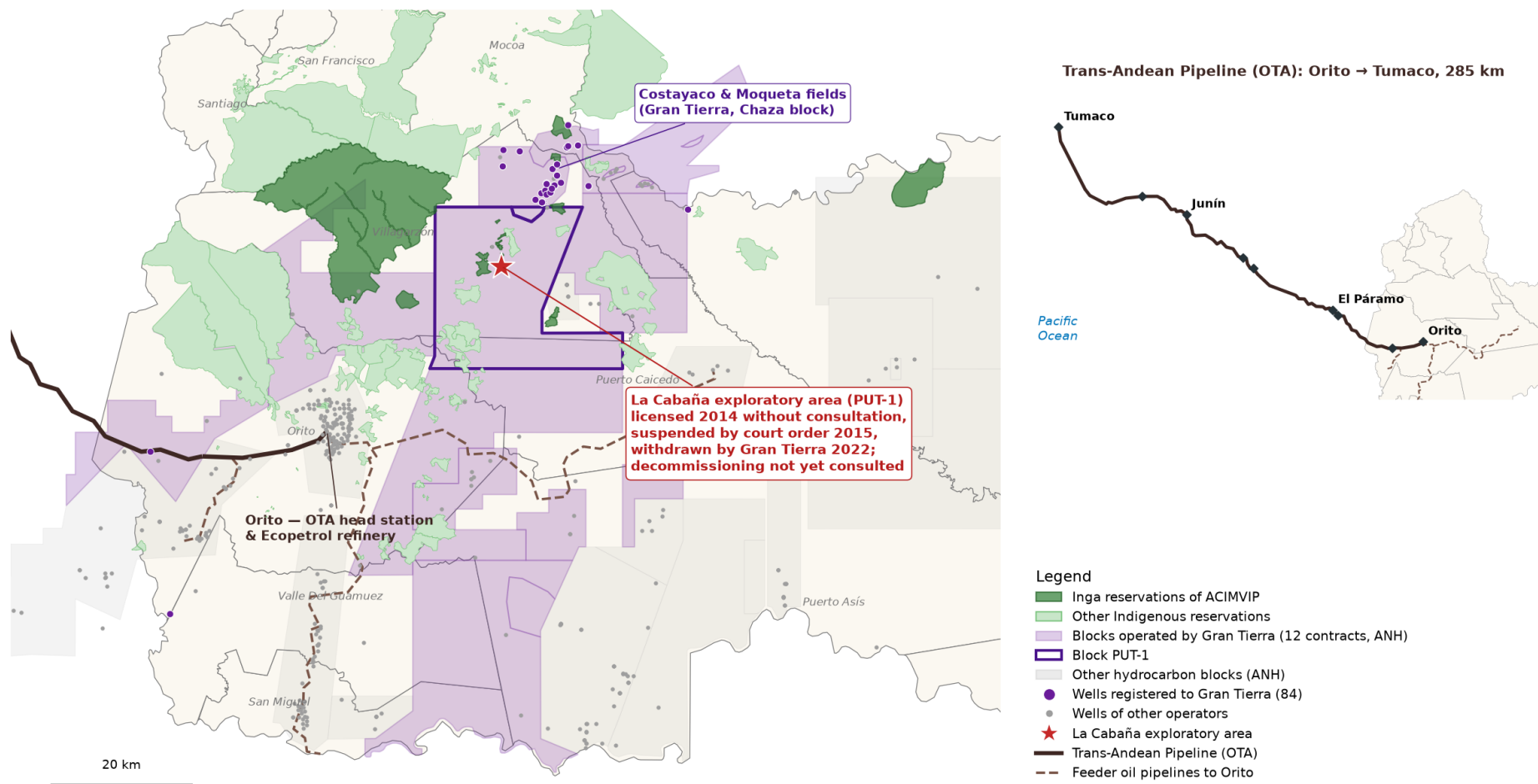
Sources: Ministry of the Interior, Resolution ST-0015 of 2022 and reply 2026-2-002424-047367 of August 10, 2026; ANLA Resolutions 0717 (2014) and 1022 (2015); Council of State, ruling of October 30, 2015; ACIMVIP appeal of November 2, 2022; Gran Tierra Energy Inc., news releases of August 5 and September 23, 2026, Form 10-K 2025 and definitive proxy statement (SEC); ANH land map; UPME/ANH well database; Global Affairs Canada; Mongabay, September 19, 2026.



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Gran Tierra Energy in Inga territory, Villagarzón (Putumayo, Colombia)

Blocks operated by Gran Tierra, registered wells, the La Cabaña exploratory area and the Trans-Andean Pipeline (OTA) to the Pacific



Sources: ANH land map (contract areas, operator); UPME hydrocarbon infrastructure and pipeline network (CENIT), wells from ANH EPIS, accessed 2026-09-25; ANT Indigenous reservations; DANE municipalities. Well records do not state whether a well is active, suspended or abandoned. Map: ACIMVIP Human Rights Coordination, 2026-09-25.