



## PRESIDÊNCIA DA REPÚBLICA

Dili, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Excellency,

*Dear friend,*

*I deeply regret that the rescue of the miners in Pike River mine is now extremely uncertain, due to the second explosion that occurred earlier today making it unlikely that there would be any survivors. If this indeed is the case, I lament this misfortune, as this truly is a national tragedy.*

*On behalf of the People of Timor-Leste, I extend our profound condolences to the relatives of the miners and to the people of New Zealand. Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*With our deepest sympathy,*

*J. Ramos Horta*

*Dr. José Ramos-Horta  
President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste*

*H.E. Sir Anand Satyanand  
Governor-General of New Zealand*