

LATAM Market Update

- **Peru: PPK detained for money laundering; Today will be a key day for Las Bambas**

A judge ordered the detention of President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski, PPK, for a period of ten days. The legal figure used, “preliminary detention”, allows for an up to 10 days detention to prevent those under investigation from interfering in an evidence discovery process. This process is different from the up to 35 month “preventive” detention that Keiko Fujimori is under and which requires more evidence. However, if more evidence is uncovered, then PPK could also be detained for 35 months. The Attorney General’s office is investigating whether PPK had a role in aiding and abetting acts of corruption (legally, money laundering) between Odebrecht and former President Alejandro Toledo in the tender of the Interocéánica Sur highway project and the Olmos irrigation project, which took place when PPK was minister of finance during the Toledo regime (2001-2006). The investigation also includes the possibility that Odebrecht retributed PPK by hiring him for advisories and conferences once his term in office ended.

Today, Thursday, will be a key day for Las Bambas Government officials are scheduled to meet with dozens of communities in the vicinity of MMG’s Las Bambas copper project today, in search of an agreement that would unblock the access road to Las Bambas. It is not clear whether Salvador Del Solar, the president of the cabinet, will be in attendance as he has conditioned his presence to the lifting of the mine access road blockade, which has been done only partially. Copper concentrate from Las Bambas is still being halted, as not all members of the different communities have been in agreement with the decision to lift the blockade, nor do they all back the preliminary agreement reached late last week in Lima. Given the large number of communities involved, and the differences in their interests and profiles, it will not be easy for so many parties involved to reach an agreement that is satisfactory to all.

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