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AND NATURAL HABITATS

**Standing Committee**

43<sup>rd</sup> meeting

Strasbourg, 28 November - 1 December 2023

**Complaint on stand-by 2021/7**

**Alleged threat to fauna species and protected sites due to the  
proposed construction of a lithium mine in the Jadar River  
Valley  
(Serbia)**

**- COMPLAINANTS' REPORTS -**

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10th August 2023

To the Bern Convention Secretariat

Dear Ms Stern,

**Bern Convention - Complaint No. 2021/07 - Serbia-lithium mine in the Jadar Valley  
Second report - August 2023**

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute with our Report on the status of the Jadar lithium mine project in Serbia.

Please find below our joint report for the September sitting of the Bureau:

**Earth Thrive Report:**

For this Report, on our part, we would like to submit only one point and document that we have come into possession of recently:

In the Government's first Report to the Standing Committee, they quoted a File with the Reference Number **353-02-1167/2021-03**.

*The File under that reference number refers to one of the environmental impact assessments related to the activities in the Jadar valley and the proposed mine - namely, the very important Decision on the annulment of the Decision on determining the scope and content of the EIA and is therefore rather pertinent to this case and our Complaint.*

When a law firm 'Sreten Djordjevic' requested to see the said File under the Information of Public Importance Act, they were told by the Ministry for the Protection of the Environment that such a File "was never received [by the Ministry], hence it does not exist and it was impossible to access it."

We attach the translation of the first page of this Communication from the Ministry for the Protection of Environment to Mr Djordjevic's law firm where we have highlighted the said statement.

In the Communication the Ministry quotes all the available documents related to the Case, and indeed lists the same allegedly non-existing reference number 6 times under the points 95, 96, 97, 101, 110, 115 in the same Communication to Mr Djordjevic's firm!

We attach the translation of the above points for your ease of reference.

We also attach the entire Communication for your reference - in Serbian language.

It would be important to clarify this inconsistency on the part of the Ministry, as the Ministry did quote it no less than 6 times in the same Communication where they had first denied the receipt and existence of the same said File.

If we are to take their first statement as true - and the Ministry has never received the File under the above reference **353-02-1167/2021-03**, then they told untruth in their Progress Report sent to the Bern Convention Standing Committee dated 18 January 2023?

If, however, they **are** in possession of the said File and did not share it with the parties requesting an insight, this would be a breach of the Information of Public Importance Act.

To highlight the importance of this, the said reference number, as in the Government report states in the Progress Report refers to: “Decision of the Ministry of Environmental Protection (No. 353-02-1167/2021 of 14 February 2022), suspending the procedure initiated at the request of Rio Sava Exploration d.o.o. from Belgrade pertaining to determining the scope and content of the Environmental Impact Assessment Study for the project referring to the underground exploitation of lithium and boron deposits in Jadar, ore beneficiation plant and disposal of tailings generated by the mining activities...”

This in clarity surrounding one of the key procedures adds to mounting concerns about whether the project’s permits have actually been canceled, the concerns that we already expressed in our previous report. Adding to this is the continued presence of the company in the area and outspoken interest to develop the project, and the adjudication cases filed by the company against the Government’s decisions with the Administrative Court, as reported by the Ministry of the Environmental Protection(T-PVS/Files(2023)17), about which there is no further public knowledge to date.

In any case, we would be grateful if the Standing Committee would ask the Serbian government to clarify this, explain their inconsistency and provide an insight into this important File given that they did quote it in their official Report to the Bern Convention Secretariat and Bureau.

Sincerely

Zorica Lujic

Earth Thrive and on behalf of Earth Law Center

### **Zastitimo Jadar i Radjevinu Report to Complaint No. 2021-7, August 2023**

Dear Secretariat of the Berne Convention,

We are obliged to share with you with the information on the current state of the “Jadar” project, regarding the report to our Complaint.

Probably the most concerning documents Serbian government is about to adopt is Integrated National Energy and Climate Plan of the Republic of Serbia for the period 2030 with the projections up to 2050<sup>1</sup>. On the page 183<sup>2</sup> of its English version in the table 4.2 is mentioned production of “Lithium/Boron and related products” in the amount of 3 000 000 tons by 2050 starting from 2030. The document does not mention where from the lithium/boron would be obtained but we all know that the only source of these amounts could be “Jadar” project. This is in direct opposition to the government’s decision to abolish the project in January of 2021.

All the research permits company had, have expired and all the contracts the company had with the land owners to perform research drills on their land, have expired. Since there is no legal reason to renew the contracts in order to keep the remains of the drills, the company is giving money, donations or voucher to the land owners and to anyone from the territory of municipalities of Loznica and Krupanj who is willing to accept<sup>3</sup>. The company is breaking the law because agriculture, education nor none other activity they are funding is the activity they are registered for. The only activity Rio Tinto is registered for in Serbia is “Exploitation of minerals, production of mineral fertilizers and chemicals”. Concerning the obvious corruption (of which the company was accused in the USA this year) the organization Protect Jadar and Radjevina has submit a report to the public prosecutor and the case is ongoing. The problem remains though, since none of the republic inspections we contacted is reacting:

- Tax administration at the Ministry of Finance does not react to our multiple applications and e-mails since the 5<sup>th</sup> of May. Employees in their office in Loznica state that they may not do anything about our demand unless they get the approval from Belgrade.
- The inspection at the Ministry of Education does not react to our demand to perform the inspection since the company offered paid summer internship<sup>4</sup> to the students of all faculties except to the students of Faculty of Mining and Geology, which is the only activity the company is registered for.
- The inspection at the Ministry of Labor does not react as well.

The Ministry of Mining and Energetics refuses to intervene and make the company remove the remains of the research drills and return the land in the previous condition and do what is necessary to recover the soil.

As you can see, once again Serbian institutions remain silent and fail to protect citizens, our rights and simply do their job. In the situation where company pays for advertisement of false information, the local communities feel constantly threatened and live as hostages of propaganda<sup>5</sup>.

The Serbian legal system does not recognise documents as “internal studies” and that is exactly what company promotes in their advertisement: they will represent their own EIA and their own feasibility study etc. But these documents cannot have legal importance since there is a law saying that those studies must be approved by the institutions like the Ministry of Environmental Protection. The company also keeps repeating that they are about to finish the feasibility study which must had been done long before the approving of the Spatial plan back in

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.mre.gov.rs/tekst/1094/-javne-konsultacije-i-javna-rasprava-na-predlog-uredbe-o-utvrđivanju-inekp-a.php>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.mre.gov.rs/extfile/sr/1113/INECP\\_Serbia\\_ENG\\_13.06.23.pdf](https://www.mre.gov.rs/extfile/sr/1113/INECP_Serbia_ENG_13.06.23.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://riotintoserbia.com/en/media/news/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://riotintoserbia.com/mediji/vesti/2023/2023-05-29-Prilika-za-mlade-talente>

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<https://lotel.rs/%D1%82%D1%80%D0%B5%D0%BD%D1%83%D1%82%D0%BD%D0%B8-%D1%81%D1%82%D0%B0%D1%82%D1%83%D1%81-%D0%BF%D1%80%D0%BE%D1%98%D0%B5%D0%BA%D1%82%D0%B0-%D1%98%D0%B0%D0%B4%D0%B0%D1%80/>

2020. They are practically admitting that they had already broken the law without any consequences.

The president of Republic of Serbia, Aleksandar Vučić<sup>6</sup>, keeps regretting the withdrawal of the “Jadar” project offending all of us who opposed the project in his public speeches. Saying that we are “foreign mercenaries” working against the development of Serbia he directly threatens our security and safety.

The company not only continues to promote the project but they are doing it in such manner that it disturbs not only local communities but wider public. The commercials promising new jobs, economic growth and development are everywhere and we, as local communities, do not get the chance to speak the truth publicly since media freedom does not exist in Serbia and current socio-political context which all together leads to company that has money to represent “their truth” and mislead the public. Not to mention how much their neocolonial narrative offends us as simple habitants of Serbia disabling us from peaceful enjoyment of our private property and from planning our future.

On the other hand, mountain of Cer that was partly in the abolished Spatial plan, was placed under the protection of the state “as a natural asset of international, national, i.e. exceptional importance and is classified in the I category of protection, as an Area of Exceptional Characteristics” on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2023, which is speaking in favor of the Complaint we submitted to the Secretary and is stating once again that “Jadar” project must not be realised and we are asking the Secretary once again to make the decision in favor of all living beings in Jadar and Radjevina.

Rio Tinto does not have the consent of either formal or informal members of the community, and especially not the local population except for few individuals, so we consider that everything it does is not only illegal, that it has gone deep into bribery and corruption but that they are harming our basic human rights preventing us to live peacefully.

Due to all of the above, we are not convinced of the sincerity of the government of Republic of Serbia, that it is committed to its decision to cancel the “Jadar” project, and we are increasingly convinced of the necessity for you, as the competent institution, to end the proceedings on our appeal with your decision, and that as we requested in the appeal.

Kind regards,

Marija Alimpic Katsakiori

Protect Jadar and Radjevina/ Zaštito Jadar i Rađevinu

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<sup>6</sup> <https://www.serbianmonitor.com/en/vuciceur-692mln-worth-of-fdis-made-in-serbia-this-year-so-far/>

## Annex 1

**Republic of Serbia**  
**Ministry of environmental protection**  
**No: 353-02-1163/2021-03**  
**Date: 29.06.2023.**  
**Belgrade**

**The Official note**

drawn up pursuant to Articles 64. and 65. Law on General Administrative Procedure, in the case of acting upon the request of the applicant of the Association for Environmental Protection AEP, through a proxy, attorney Luka S. Đorđević, dated June 1st 2023.

Present:

1. Zoran Veljković, Head of the Department for Environmental Impact Assessment.
2. Jovana Mataruga, Head of The Department for Environmental Impact Assessment and Activities.
3. Andrea Tankosić, lawyer trainees (by power of attorney in case files).

**The previous request for access to information of public importance, by which they requested access to the files of the case 353-02-1167/2021-03, the case under that number was never received by the Ministry of Environmental Protection, and it does not exist and it was not possible to inspect the case files under that number.**

The requested information for which the complete documentation of the case file was inspected and scanned represent information relating to the requested matter, which was filed in the Ministry of Environmental Protection under the number of cases 353-02-1163/2021-03 and 08.06.2023. was inspected in the same insight.

On June 29th 2023. an insight into case files no. 353-02-1163/2021-03 was made by Andrea Tankosić in the premises of the Ministry of Environmental Protection in the period from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and a list of cases was made, as follows:

1. Letter from the Ministry of Environmental Protection 353-02-1163/2021-03 of 02.08.2022. To the Administrative Commission of the Government submitting a complaint Rio Sava Exploration Doo Belgrade
  2. Complaint of RIO Sava Exploration Doo Belgrade filed through law office Moravčević Vojnović dated 06.05.2022.
  3. Letter of the Ministry of Environmental Protection dated 27.04.2023. (no.: internally) to the Department for Impact Assessment
  4. Decision of the Ministry of Environmental Protection from 18.08.2021;
  5. Decision of the Administrative Commission of the Government 353-9316/2021-003 of 25.01.2022. ;
- (...)

Annex 2

(...)

95. Letter from the Ministry for the Protection of Environment with the reference number 353-02-1167/2021-03 dated 09.06.2021

96. Letter from the Ministry for the Protection of Environment with the reference number 353-02-1167/2021-03 dated 2.07.2021 sent to the town of Loznica

97. Letter from the Ministry for the Protection of Environment with the reference number 353-02-1167/2021-03 dated 02.07.2021 sent to the Krupanj Municipality

101. Letter from the Ministry for the Protection of Environment with the reference number 353-02-1167/2021-03 dated 10.05.2021 sent to the Ministry of Mining and Energy

110. Letter from the Ministry for the Protection of Environment with the reference number 353-02-1167/2021-03 dated 07.06.2021 (not stating to whom it was sent)

115. Letter from the Ministry for the Protection of Environment with the reference number 353-02-1167/2021-03 dated 29.04.2021 sent to RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd (Rio Tinto's Serbian subsidiary) for the additional information of the Request

## Annex 3



Република Србија  
МИНИСТАРСТВО  
ЗАШТИТЕ ЖИВОТНЕ СРЕДИНЕ

Број: 353-02-1163/2021-03

Датум: 29.06.2023. године

Београд

**СЛУЖБЕНА БЕЛЕШКА**

сачињена на основу члана 64. и 65. Закона о општем управном поступку, у предмету поступања по захтеву подносиоца захтева Удружења за заштиту животне средине АЕП, преко пуномоћника, адвоката Луке С. Ђорђевића, од 1.6.2023. године.

**Присутни:**

1. Зоран Вељковић, начелник Одељења за процену утицаја на животну средину, Сектор за управљање животном средином;
2. Јована Матаруга, шеф Одсека за процену утицаја и активности на животну средину;
3. Андреа Танкосић, адвокатски приправник (по пуномоћју у списима предмета)

Претходним захтевом за приступ информацијама од јавног значаја којим су тражили увид у списе предмета 353-02-1167/2021-03, предмет под тим бројем Министарство заштите животне средине није никад запримило, те исти не постоји и није било ни могуће извршити увид у списе предмета под тим бројем. Тражене информације за који је извршен увид и скенирана целокупна документација списа предмета представљају информације које се односе на тражену материју, а која је у Министарству заштите животне средине заведена под бројем предмета 353-02-1163/2021-03 и 8.6.2023. је у исти извршен увид.

Дана 29.6.2023. извршен је увид у списе предмета број 353-02-1163/2021-03 од стране Андреа Танкосић у просторијама Министарства заштите животне средине у времену од 11 до 15 часова и извршен је попис предмета и то:

1. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 2.8.2022. Административној комисији Владе којим се доставља жалба RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd
2. Жалба RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd изјављена преко адвокатске канцеларије Моравчевић Војновић од 6.5.2022.
3. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине од 27.4.2023. (број: интерно) Одељењу за процену утицаја
4. Решење Министарства заштите животне средине од 18.8.2021.
5. Решење Административне комисије Владе 353-9316/2021-003 од 25.1.2022.
6. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине упућен Министарству грађевинарства, саобраћаја и инфраструктуре од 3.6.2022. у вези са управним спором који се води пред Управним судом ради оцене законитости решења Административне комисије Владе 14 број 353-9316/2021 од 25.1.2022.



7. Информација о локацији Министарства грађевинарства, саобраћаја и инфраструктуре бр. 350-02-00302/2021-07 од 29.3.2021.
8. Информација о локацији Министарства грађевинарства, саобраћаја и инфраструктуре бр. 350-02-00403/2021-07 од 9.4.2021.
9. Информација о локацији Министарства грађевинарства, саобраћаја и инфраструктуре бр. 350-02-01550/2020-07 од 6.8.2020.
10. Информација о локацији Министарства грађевинарства, саобраћаја и инфраструктуре бр. 350-02-01262/2020-07 од 31.03.2021.
11. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине упућен Министарству грађевинарства, саобраћаја и инфраструктуре бр. 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 3.6.2022.
12. Решење Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 14.2.2022.
13. Одговор Министарства заштите животне средине на жалбу RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd од 25.6.2022.
14. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине упућен RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd од 14.2.2022.
15. Акт Министарства грађевинарства, саобраћаја и инфраструктуре ROP-MSGI-1245-LOCH-2/2021 заводни број 350-02-00066/2021-07 од 23.8.2021. (локацијски услови)
16. Акт Министарства грађевинарства, саобраћаја и инфраструктуре ROP-MSGI-32973-LOCH-2/2021 заводни број 350-02-01686/2021-07 од 19.10.2021.
17. Акт о урбанистичким условима
18. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине од 6.6.2022. упућен Административној комисији Владе у ком се доставља предлог одговора на тужбу заведену код Управног суда под бројем У 20069/22 од 13.5.2022.
19. Одговор Административне комисије Владе на тужбу 353-9316/2021-003 од 6.6.2022.
20. Допис Административне комисије Владе 353-9316/2021-006 од 1.6.2022. којим се Министарству заштите животне средине доставља захтев Управног суда У 20069/22 од 26.5.2022. за одговор на тужбу
21. Допис Управног суда У-20069/22 од 26.5.2022. којим се Административној комисији Владе доставља захтев за доставу списка и одговора на тужбу
22. Тужба Управном суду поднета од стране RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd 13.5.2022. против Административне комисије Владе
23. Обавештење Министарства заштите животне средине упућено Министарству рударства и енергетике 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 14.2.2022. о обустављању поступка по захтеву RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd о одређивању обима и садржаја студије о процени утицаја на животну средину
24. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине упућен Граду Лозници којим се доставља решење Министарства заштите животне средине 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 14.2.2022.
25. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине упућен Општини Крупањ којим се доставља решење Министарства заштите животне средине 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 14.2.2022.
26. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине упућен RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd којим се доставља решење Министарства заштите животне средине 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 14.2.2022.
27. Обавештење Министарства заштите животне средине за јавност о решењу 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 14.2.2022.

28. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине упућен Министарству рударства и енергетике којим се обавештава Министарство рударства и енергетике од 14.2.2022.
29. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине од 18.3.2022. којим се Министарство рударства и енергетике обавештава да је решењем Административне комисије Владе број 353-9316/2021-003 од 25.1.2022. поништено решење Министарства заштите животне средине од 18.8.2021.
30. Допис Министарства рударства и енергетике 310-02-00017/2021-02 од 21.2.2022. упућен Министарству заштите животне средине
31. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине од 18.3.2022. упућен Министарству рударства и енергетике као одговор на допис Министарства рударства и енергетике 310-02-00017/2021-02 од 21.2.2022.
32. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине од 18.3.2022. Владану Јаковљевићу
33. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине од 18.3.2022. адвокату Сретену Ђорђевићу
34. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине од 18.3.2022. Златку Кокановићу
35. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине од 18.3.2022. Удружењу Крени-Промени
36. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине од 18.3.2022. Удружењу иницијатива за Пожегу
37. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине од 18.3.2022. проф.др. Биљани Стојковић
38. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине од 18.3.2022. РЕРИ-ју
39. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине од 18.3.2022. Љиљани Томовић
40. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине од 18.3.2022. Биљани Новаковић
41. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине од 18.3.2022. Бојани Новаковић
42. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине од 18.3.2022. адвокату Душану Филиповићу
43. Допис Административне комисије Владе број 353-9316/2021-003 од 25.1.2022. којим се Министарству заштите животне средине доставља решење од 25.1.2022.
44. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине од 5.10.2021. којим се Административној комисији Владе достављају жалбе на решење од 18.8.2021, одговори првостепеног органа на жалбе и нацрт решења којим се жалбе одбијају као неосноване
45. Нацрт решења којим се жалбе одбијају на решење од 18.8.2021.
46. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине Административној комисији Владе од 15.10.2021. којим се доставља нацрт другостепеног решења са исправком и решење о исправци грешке у решењу
47. Решење Министарства заштите животне средине од 18.10.2021. о исправци грешке у решењу
48. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине упућен Административној комисији Владе од 4.10.2021. којим се доставља одговор на жалбу РЕРИ-ја
49. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине упућен Административној комисији Владе од 4.10.2021. којим се доставља одговор на жалбу Владана Јаковљевића
50. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине упућен Административној комисији Владе од 4.10.2021. којим се доставља одговор на жалбу Подрињског антикорупцијског тима



51. Захтев РЕРИ-ја за доношење решења по жалби од 23.11.2021.
52. Жалба Удружења „Не дамо Јадар“ од 23.9.2021. против решења Министарства заштите животне средине бр. 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 18.8.2021.
53. Жалба РЕРИ-ја од 14.9.2021. против решења Министарства заштите животне средине бр. 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 18.8.2021.
54. Жалба Удружења Крени-промени преко адвоката Сретена Ђорђевића од 17.9.2021. против решења Министарства заштите животне средине бр. 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 18.8.2021.
55. Жалба Љилане Томовић преко адвоката Сретена Ђорђевића од 17.9.2021. против решења Министарства заштите животне средине бр. 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 18.8.2021.
56. Жалба Биљане Новаковић преко адвоката Сретена Ђорђевића од 17.9.2021. против решења Министарства заштите животне средине бр. 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 18.8.2021.
57. Жалба Бојане Новаковић преко адвоката Сретена Ђорђевића од 17.9.2021. против решења Министарства заштите животне средине бр. 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 18.8.2021.
58. Жалба проф.др.Биљане Стојковић преко адвоката Сретена Ђорђевића од 17.9.2021. против решења Министарства заштите животне средине бр. 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 18.8.2021.
59. Жалба Владана Јаковљевића од 24.9.2021. против решења Министарства заштите животне средине бр. 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 18.8.2021.
60. Жалба Удружења „Не дамо Јадар“ од 27.9.2021. против решења Министарства заштите животне средине бр. 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 18.8.2021.
61. Жалба Подрињског антикорупцијског тима преко адвоката Душана Филиповића од 21.9.2021. против решења Министарства заштите животне средине бр. 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 18.8.2021.
62. Жалба Удружења „Не дамо Јадар“ од 21.9.2021. против решења Министарства заштите животне средине бр. 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 18.8.2021.
63. Жалба Удружења „Иницијатива за Пожегу“ преко адвоката Сретена Ђорђевића од 24.9.2021. против решења Министарства заштите животне средине бр. 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 18.8.2021.
64. Решење Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-02-1163/2021-03 од 18.8.2021.
65. Допис Административне комисије Владе број 353-9316/2021-007 од 29.6.2022. којим се доставља Министарству заштите животне средине решење Управног суда број 26 У12561/22 од 27.5.2022.
66. Допис Управног суда 26 У12561/22 од 20.6.2022. упућен Административној комисији Владе којом доставља одлуку број 26 У12561/22 од 27.5.2022.
67. Решење Управног суда број 26 У12561/22 од 27.5.2022.
68. Допис Управног суда број 26 У12561/22 од 9.5.2022. којим се Административној комисији Владе доставља тужба РЕРИ-ја од 21.3.2022.
69. Решење Административне комисије број 353-9316/2021-003 од 25.1.2022.
70. Решење о исправци грешке у решењу Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-02-1163/2021-03 од 8.10.2021.
71. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине 353-02-1163/2021-03 од 8.6.2023. којим се АОД Моравчевић Војновић и партнери доставља Решење Административне комисије Владе 14 број 353-3848/2023 од 8.6.2023.

72. Допис Административне комисије Владе број 353-3848/2023 од 8.6.2023. којим се доставља Министарству заштите животне средине Решење Административне комисије Владе 14 број 353-3848/2023 од 8.6.2023.
73. Решење Административне комисије Владе број 353-3848/2023 од 8.6.2023. којим се одбија жалба RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd изјављена на решење Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-02-01163/2021-03 од 14.2.2022.
74. Пуномоћје RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd дато АОД Моравчевић Војновић и партнерима од дана 26.4.2022.
75. Пуномоћје Подрињског антикорупцијског тима и Коалиције против корупције у животној средини дато адвокату Душану А. Филиповићу
76. Молба RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd 480-03-353-02-2415/21 од 26.8.2021.
77. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-02-1163/2021-03 од 18.8.2021. упућен Граду Лозници, који се односи на Решење о одређивању обима и садржаја Студије о процени утицаја на животну средину
78. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-02-1163/2021-03 од 18.8.2021. упућен Општини Крупањ, који се односи на Решење о одређивању обима и садржаја Студије о процени утицаја на животну средину
79. Допис RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd од 27.8.2021. упућен Министарству заштите животне средине у вези са извршеним оглашавањем Решења којим се одређује обим и садржај Студије о процени утицаја на животну средину са прилогом
80. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-2-1163/2021-03 од 18.8.2021. којим се налаже RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd да достави доказ о оглашавању
81. Обавештење Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-02-1163/2021-03 од 18.8.2021.
82. Решење Министарства заштите животне средине о одређивању обима и садржаја Студије о процени утицаја на животну средину број 353-02-1163/2021-03 од 18.8.2021.
83. Примедба Савеза пчеларских организација Србије на студију изводљивости о могућим последицама отварања рудника јадарита од 20.7.2021.
84. Оспоравање пројекта Јадар од стране Удружења Не дамо Јадар упућено Министарству заштите животне средине дана 19.7.2021.
85. Коментари Коалиције за одрживо рударство у Србији од 23.7.2021. на захтев RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd за одређивање обима и садржаја Студије о процени утицаја на животну средину
86. Мишљење и примедбе адвоката Сретена Ђорђевића од 23.7.2021.
87. Примедбе Зорана Китановића на захтев RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd за одређивање обима и садржаја Студије о процени утицаја на животну средину
88. Примедбе Удружења Заштитимо Јадар и Рађевину од 23.7.2021. на захтев RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd за одређивање обима и садржаја Студије о процени утицаја на животну средину
89. Примедбе РЕРИ-ја од 23.7.2021. на захтев RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd за одређивање обима и садржаја Студије о процени утицаја на животну средину



90. Примедбе Завода за заштиту природе Србије од 26.7.2021. на захтев RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd за одређивање обима и садржаја Студије о процени утицаја на животну средину
91. Примедбе Српске академије наука и уметности од 19.7.2021. на захтев RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd за одређивање обима и садржаја Студије о процени утицаја на животну средину
92. Допис Министарства рударства и енергетике број 30-02-01518/2021-02 од 19.7.2021. упућен Министарству заштите животне средине – Сектору за управљање животном средином
93. Захтев Министарства пољопривреде шумарства и водопривреде 021-01-72/2021-07 од 20.7.2021. за мишљење за одређивање обима и садржаја Студије о процени утицаја на животну средину пројекта подземне експлоатације лежишта литијума и бора „Јадар“
94. Допис Министарства за просторно уређење, грађевинарство и екологију Владе Републике Српске број 15.04-052-5300/21 од 27.7.2021.
95. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-02-1167/2021-03 од 9.6.2021.
96. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-02-1167/2021-03 од 2.7.2021. упућен Граду Лозница
97. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-02-1167/2021-03 од 2.7.2021. упућен Општини Крупањ
98. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-02-1163/2021-03 од 2.7.2021. упућен Министарству за просторно уређење, грађевинарство и екологију
99. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-02-1163/2021-03 од 2.7.2021. упућен Министарству унутрашњих послова
100. Допис Министарства рударства и енергетике број 310-02-00017/2021-02 од 24.5.2021.
101. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-02-1167/2021-03 од 10.5.2021. упућен Министарству рударства и енергетике
102. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-02-1163/2021-03 од 2.7.2021. упућен Министарству пољопривреде, шумарства и водопривреде
103. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-02-1163/2021-03 од 2.7.2021. упућен Министарству рударства и енергетике
104. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-02-1163/2021-03 од 2.7.2021. упућен Министарству здравља
105. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-02-1163/2021-03 од 2.7.2021. упућен Заводу за заштиту природе Србије
106. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-02-1163/2021-03 од 2.7.2021. упућен Заводу за заштиту споменика културе „Ваљево“
107. Допис RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd од 8.7.2021. упућен Министарству заштите животне средине ради достављања доказа о извршеном оглашавању Захтева за одређивање обима и садржаја Студије о процени утицаја на животну средину, са прилозима
108. Допис RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd од 1.7.2021. упућен Министарству заштите животне средине ради допуне захтева
109. Допис RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd од 18.6.2021. упућен Министарству заштите животне средине којим се одговара на други позив за допуну захтева

110. Допис Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-02-1167/2021-03 од 7.6.2021.
111. Допис RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd од 24.5.2021. упућен Министарству заштите животне средине ради допуне захтева
112. Допис Министарства пољопривреде, шумарства и водопривреде број 110-00-18/2020-09 од 10.2.2022. упућен Министарству грађевинарства, саобраћаја и инфраструктуре
113. Решење Министарства рударства и енергетике број 310-02-1602/2020-02 од 29.12.2020.
114. Допис RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd од 24.5.2021. упућен Министарству заштите животне средине – одговор на примедбе
115. Позив Министарства заштите животне средине број 353-02-1167/2021-03 од 29.4.2021. упућен RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd за допуну захтева
116. Допис RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd од 15.4.2021. упућен Министарству заштите животне средине којим се доставља допуна документације уз Захтев за одређивање обима и садржаја Студије о процени утицаја на животну средину Пројекта подземне експлоатације лежишта литијума и бора Јадар
117. Захтев RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO Beograd од 14.4.2021. за одређивање обима и садржаја студије о процени утицаја на животну средину Пројекта подземне експлоатације лежишта литијума и бора Јадар
118. Одлука Министарства грађевинарства, саобраћаја и инфраструктуре ROP-MSGI-1245-LOCH-2/2021 заводни број 350-02-00066/2021-07 од 20.1.2022.

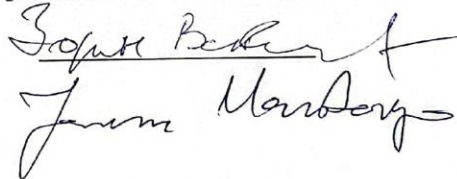
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У Београду, дана 29.06.2023. године

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- February 2023 -

## **REPORT BY PROTECT JADAR AND RADJEVINE / ZAŠTITIMO JADAR I RADEVINU**

Dear Secretariat of the Berne Convention,

We are obliged to share with you with the information on the current state of the “Jadar” project, regarding the report to our Complaint.

Since our previous communication, the Government of the Republic of Serbia has not been acting like someone who cancelled the “Jadar” project including all the documents related to it. On the contrary, the Government is trying, both directly and indirectly, to revive the “Jadar” project, in a very perfidious way, both through the actions of the Prime Minister and relevant ministers, and the President of the Republic Aleksandar Vucic, and through the public appearances of certain experts<sup>7</sup> connected to the Government or the company.

On several occasions, almost during each address to the nation, the President of the Republic, Aleksandar Vučić, mentions and expresses regret that the “Jadar” project was cancelled. Addressing the public on the national television service from January 4th, 2023<sup>8</sup> President Vučić even promised a referendum on lithium (even though the referendum in Serbia no longer has a census) while speaking about the subject that is already regulated by domestic and international laws, and conventions which the president himself persistently ignores. In this address, as in many others, he insulted the activists and the people who stood for the suspension of the “Jadar” project.

Newly appointed Minister of Mining and Energy, Dubravka Đedović, stated on the November 4th, 2022 that it is necessary to "consider how to use domestic lithium reserves"<sup>9</sup>, and on December 29th, 2022<sup>10</sup> she openly declared that the Government of the Republic of Serbia will decide on lithium, forgetting that the Government of the Republic of Serbia has already made a decision on it on January 20th, 2022 when the "Jadar" project was cancelled by the decree with legal force.

Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia, Ana Brnabić, during almost every address in the media, makes statements that the "Jadar" project will be reconsidered<sup>11</sup>.

At the regional meeting and conference "Look up"<sup>12</sup> dedicated to the green agenda and the circular economy on December 7th and 8th, 2022 to which our association "Protect Jadar and Radjevina"<sup>13</sup> was invited as a participant, at the opening of the conference, Minister of Environmental Protection Irena Vujović as well as the president of the Serbian Chamber of Commerce, Marko Čadež, stated that lithium is a great opportunity for Serbia.

On December 15th, 2022 Jakob Stausholm, one of the CEOs of Rio Tinto, stated that the company has not given up on the "Jadar" project<sup>14</sup>. In addition, the company advertised for positions in Serbia<sup>15</sup> in January 2023, as did the company Bechtel, also recruiting employees for the "Jadar" project<sup>16</sup>.

The request for the exploitation field that the company requested from the Ministry of Mines and Energy has not yet been approved, but it has not been rejected neither and it still stands as an active request.

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<sup>7</sup> Many of them, including some academics and experts from the University of Belgrade, advocated for the introduction of a moratorium on the "Jadar" project after the cancellation of the project, despite the loud protests of the local communities.

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.danas.rs/vesti/politika/vucic-zao-mi-je-sto-nije-bilo-referenduma-za-litijum-da-ga-je-bilo-opozicija-bi-izgubila/>

<sup>9</sup> <https://balkangreenenergynews.com/rs/djedovic-prioritet-reforma-energetskog-sektora-razmotriti-kako-da-se-iskoristi-litijum/>

<sup>10</sup> [https://www.rtv.rs/sr\\_lat/ekonomija/djedovic-energetskim-preduzecima-potreban-profesionalni-menadzment\\_1404094.html](https://www.rtv.rs/sr_lat/ekonomija/djedovic-energetskim-preduzecima-potreban-profesionalni-menadzment_1404094.html)

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.tanjug.rs/ekonomija/srbija/2883/brnabic-treba-nam-siroka-javna-rasprava-o-litijumu-nema-privatizacije-eps-a-vest>

<sup>12</sup> [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lxv8FcfntVA&ab\\_channel=Blic](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lxv8FcfntVA&ab_channel=Blic)

<sup>13</sup> [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQevlpFIOTQ&ab\\_channel=Blic](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQevlpFIOTQ&ab_channel=Blic)

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.reuters.com/article/rio-tinto-lithium-serbia-idUKL1N33436F>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/3436152187>

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/3431712188>

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The authority given by the Roads of Serbia to the Rio Sava exploration to change the route of the Loznica-Valjevo regional road has not yet been withdrawn.

It is symptomatic that not a single law firm from Serbia, NGO or citizen's association has approached any international institution such as Secretariat of the Bern Convention probably out of fear that projects like "Jadar" could actually be stopped. We get the impression that most NGOs and associations are satisfied with the status quo, that is, that projects like the one mentioned last as long as possible without a real epilogue. So, in Serbia, the high corruption is on the scene, as we mentioned in the last report and the aforementioned actors confirmed by reviving the "Jadar" project. We would like to inform you that in the last three years, since the fight against the "Jadar" project has been going on, not a single domestic institution (judiciary, prosecutor's office, inspections and similar bodies) has responded to any application, lawsuit, or complaint related to the issue submitted so many times by many, including us.

The company Rio Sava Exploration, a subsidiary of Rio Tinto in Serbia, in cooperation with some representatives of the professional public, representatives of the government and some NGOs and associations of the civil sector, is exerting pressure on public opinion, in order to create the impression that everything is over, i.e. that the implementation of the "Jadar" project is inevitable, even though all the arguments are against it. In support of this statement are the job advertisements of the companies Rio Tinto and Bechtel, which clearly advertise that they are hiring employees to work on the "Jadar" project. The company insists on completing the Feasibility Study, which not only is not needed for anything and anyone now because the project has been officially cancelled, but to, as we have already stated, to create false public opinion. An additional question arises concerning the Feasibility study, as to where the study had been before the adoption of the Spatial Plan of the Special Purpose Area for the "Jadar" project and the adoption of other supporting documents, on the basis of which all other documents were approved in the first place, if that study was neither completed nor available to the public. From all of the above it is clear that the study has not been completed even today. From reliable sources close to the association, we learn that both the Feasibility Study and the Environmental Impact Assessment Study have been completed, but that they are not even remotely able to meet the requirements of preserving biodiversity and the environment, and that for these reasons they were never presented to the public.

This constant insistence, which has been going on for a full year since the cancellation of the "Jadar" project, with the media's most often biased reporting, exerts constant pressure on the people of Serbia, especially on the people living in Jadar and Radjevina, violating many of our rights guaranteed by law, bringing us to a situation where we live in fear every day, not having the possibility of peaceful enjoyment in our homes, the possibility of planning for the future and so on.

Taking into account the decisions of the COP15<sup>17</sup> United Nations Summit that was held in Montreal in December 2022 and in which the Republic of Serbia also participated<sup>18</sup>, we consider and hope for your help to protect the rich biodiversity of Jadar, Radjevina and its surroundings for the benefit of entire humanity, and Nature as a separate entity that has its own Rights.

If you any of the above should be clarified, we will make a statement at your request. Considering that we are the only complainant on the ground every day as a local association and as residents of Jadar and Radjevina, and the only one in a situation where we can continuously assess the situation and have valid information, while we have not been in a situation to establish any communication with the other co- complainants for a long time, we ask you, as last time, that you inform us directly of everything that happens regarding this Complaint, so that we can act in a timely manner.

Once again, we repeat that your decision regarding our Complaint and the arguments submitted in the Complaint is very important to us. Since we have no contact with the other co- complainants, as we previously informed you about, we are obliged to repeat, for the sake of clear and precise communication, that we are not represented in this proceeding by anyone but ourselves.

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<sup>17</sup> <https://www.cbd.int/article/cop15-cbd-press-release-final-19dec2022>

<sup>18</sup> [https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=461894956113729&id=100068796866473&mibextid=Nif5oz](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=461894956113729&id=100068796866473&mibextid=Nif5oz)



## REPORT BY EARTH THRIVE, EARTH LAW CENTER

January 2023

### Bern Convention - Complaint No. 2021/07 - Serbia-lithium mine in the Jadar Valley

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute with our Report on the status of the Jadar lithium mine project in Serbia.

First, we would like to confirm that, officially and to publicly available knowledge at least, the key licences and procedures for the project have been ‘terminated’ or ‘revoked,’ however, as we shall show, the project has *not* been annulled in its entirety as the Government has publicly stated. In the response by the Ministry for Environmental Protection to the Secretariat of the Bern Convention dated 27 January 2022 (T-PVS/Files(2022)16) is listed a series of acts that have been terminated, however it appears that there are several key outstanding matters:

1. Request for approval of exploitation field, which was declared as “ongoing” procedure in the Ministry response to the Secretariat. Two requests for access to info of public importance to the Ministry of Mining and Energy were submitted concerning this procedure by [Mars sa Drine](#), one on May, 04th and October, 05th 2022.

1<sup>st</sup> Answer: May, 11th 2022.

“The company Rio Sava submitted the "Request for the approval of exploitation field no. 3” on January, 06th 2021. process still in progress.” (Appendix 1, the part quoted is highlighted in red.)

Along with this there is also a map of coordinates of e.p.3.

2<sup>nd</sup> Answer: October, 10th, 2022.

To their question: Is the procedure concerning the "Request for the approval of the exploitation field no. 3”, from January 06th 2021. suspended?

Answer was: Upon inspection of the official documentation of the Ministry of Mining and Energy, it was established that the procedure is ongoing.

(Appendix 2, the part quoted is highlighted in red.)

We attach the said documents as evidence. (Appendix 1)

2. Permit for “engineering-geological exploration” of water given to Rio Sava (Rio Tinto’s local branch) in the area directly south of the “exploitation field” (the area according to the Spatial Plan would include the mine and a processing plant), is still marked as active, according to the public registry of the Ministry of Mining and Energy of the Republic of Serbia, as of the most recent update of the database (30 December 2022). Screenshot attached. (Appendix 3)
3. Given that the state-owned road company Putevi Srbije (Serbia Roads), granted Rio Sava a power of attorney, we have a well-founded suspicion that they did the same for the construction of gas pipelines, transmission lines, and railroads.

The Power of Attorney was granted before the project was “terminated,” however, it states that it is valid until the ‘licence to build’ has been issued -which means it is still a valid

document given that no licence to build anything has been granted yet - to our knowledge.

We believe that it would be good to present our doubts to the Secretariat, so you could ask the State of Serbia if they have granted Rio Sava authorization for any/all of the above, considering that they did so for the road construction.

We attach the said document as a proof. (Appendix 4)

4. Local movement Ne damo Jadar has alerted that a number of plots of land have been registered at the Cadastre on the name of Rio Sava in 2022, even after the official termination of the Spatial Plan, EIA and related procedures. It is unclear on which legal basis the company would continue to acquire land, since it is the Spatial Plan that altered the purpose of the land plots from agricultural to construction. By the decision from April 19, 2022, the Republic Geodetic Authority has returned the purpose of the plots of land under the previous Spatial Plan from construction to their original uses (Agricultural, Forest, Pasture, Housing).

This should be further investigated.

5. It has been documented that company Bechtel, one of the contractors, has been collecting Expressions of interest for water waste processing plant for the project Jadar. The civil society was alerted about an e-mail circulated internally on August 8, 2022, months after the supposed 'termination' of the project. Further to that, it appears that Bechtel is currently advertising for the position of a 'Mine Area Manager,' "with an initial assignment supporting the Jadar Project." ([Page archived on 30 January 2023](#))

We attach the said screenshots as evidence. (Appendix 5)

To this should be added that, in the media, political sphere and especially on the ground however, there are noticeable works going on in the background which give us reasonable doubt that those are all in preparation for the project to be reinstated and the mine to be opened in due course.

The company has repeatedly declared that they are still interested in the project and "exploring all the options," and the CEO has as recently as December 2022 claimed that "we haven't given up." ([Reuters](#)) The President of the Republic of Serbia has multiple times over the year commented that supposed "termination" of the project by the Government was a mistake, effectively increasing the pro-mining rhetoric as the time goes on. ([Istinomer](#)) It seems that the public is being prepared for another push to approve the project, and that instead of 'terminating' the project, as the Prime Minister officially announced in January 2022, Project Jadar has rather been put 'on hold.'

Therefore, as we claim in our original Complaint, there is an ongoing threat to the flora and fauna species and wild habitats in the region from this mining project.

## APPENDIX 1 COMMUNICATION OF THE MINISTRY OF MINING AND ENERGY



Република Србија  
МИНИСТАРСТВО РУДАРСТВА И ЕНЕРГЕТИКЕ

Број: [REDACTED]  
Датум: 11.05.2022. године

[REDACTED]

Дана 04.05.2022. године доставили сте Министарству рударства и енергетике Захтев за приступ информацијама од јавног значаја, у складу са чланом 15. ст. 1. Закона о слободном приступу информацијама од јавног значаја („Службени гласник РС”, бр. 120/04, 54/07, 104/09 и 36/10), којим тражите да Вам се достави следеће:

- Документа која дефинишу локацију концесије рудника ради пројекта Јадар
- Документа која дефинишу локацијске концесије целог пројекта Јадар, ради спровођења пројекта Јадар или неког другог пројекта са компанијом Rio Sava Exploration
- Документа која дефинишу све концесије ради спровођења пројекта Јадар или неког другог пројекта са компанијом Rio Sava Exploration

У складу са чланом 16. Закона о слободном приступу информацијама од јавног значаја, дају се потребна обавештења и достављају документа из надлежности Министарства рударства и енергетике – Сектора за геологију и рударство:

Закон о рударству и геолошким истраживањима не прописује поступак одобрења експлоатације минералних сировина путем концесија. Наиме, у члану 70. наведеног Закона прописан је поступак одобрења експлоатационог поља, у виду подношења захтева за издавање одобрења и неопходне документације која се подноси уз наведени захтев.

Привредно друштво Rio Sava Exploration doo Beograd поднело је један Захтев за одобрење експлоатационог поља бр. 03 од 06.01.2021. године и поступак је још у току.

Иначе, што се тиче локације, наведени Захтев за одобрење експлоатационог поља привредног друштва Rio Sava Exploration doo Beograd се односи на границе дефинисане координатама тачака наведеним у наредној табели.

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2.	4.931.969.	7.370.663
3.	4.932.172	7.371.083

4.	4.932.281	7.371.427
5.	4.932.321	7.371.719
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7.	4.932.112	7.372.999
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9.	4.930.483	7.373.508
10.	4.929.643	7.372.691
11.	4.929.745	7.371.181
12.	4.930.369	7.370.450
13.	4.930.508	7.370.123
14.	4.930.688	7.369.722
15.	4.931.128	7.369.572
16.	4.931.270	7.369.590
17.	4.931.301	7.369.699
18.	4.931.383	7.369.774
19.	4.931.643	7.369.784
20.	4.931.971	7.369.688
21.	4.932.140	7.369.884
22.	4.932.254	7.369.845
23.	4.932.660	7.369.580

С поштовањем,

ВД СЕКРЕТАР МИНИСТАРСТВА

Доставити:

- Наслову, на захтев тражиоца
- достава ће се извршити електронским путем
- Архиви.

## APPENDIX 2

### COMMUNICATION OF THE MINISTRY OF MINING AND ENERGY



Република Србија  
МИНИСТАРСТВО РУДАРСТВА И ЕНЕРГЕТИКЕ

Број: [REDACTED]  
Датум: 10.10.2022. године

Дана 05.10.2022. године, обратили сте се Министарству рударства и енергетике, согласно Закону о слободном приступу информацијама од јавног значаја („Службени гласник РС”, бр. 120/04, 54/07, 104/09 и 36/10) захтевом за слободан приступ информацијама од јавног значаја – доставу копије документа, а која се односи на:

„ - Информацију да ли је поступак, чији је припадник Rio Sava Exploration doo Beograd, који наводите мени у одговору датума 01.06.22 (овде у прилогу) - "Захтев за одобрење експлоатационог поља бр. 03 од 06.01.2021 године" обустављен?

- У случају да јесте обустављен, молим да ми доставите правни акт којим је поступак обустављен или решење о обустави поступка.“

У складу са чланом 16. Закона о слободном приступу информацијама од јавног значаја, дају се потребна обавештења и достављају документа из надлежности Министарства рударства и енергетике - Сектора за геологију и рударство и то:

Увидом у службену евиденцију Министарства рударства и енергетике, констатовано је да је управни поступак, покренут на основу захтева за одобрење експлоатационог поља број 03 од 06.01.2021. године поднет од стране привредног друштва RIO SAVA EXPLORATION DOO BEOGRAD, у току.

С поштовањем,

В.Д. СЕКРЕТАРА МИНИСТАРСТВА



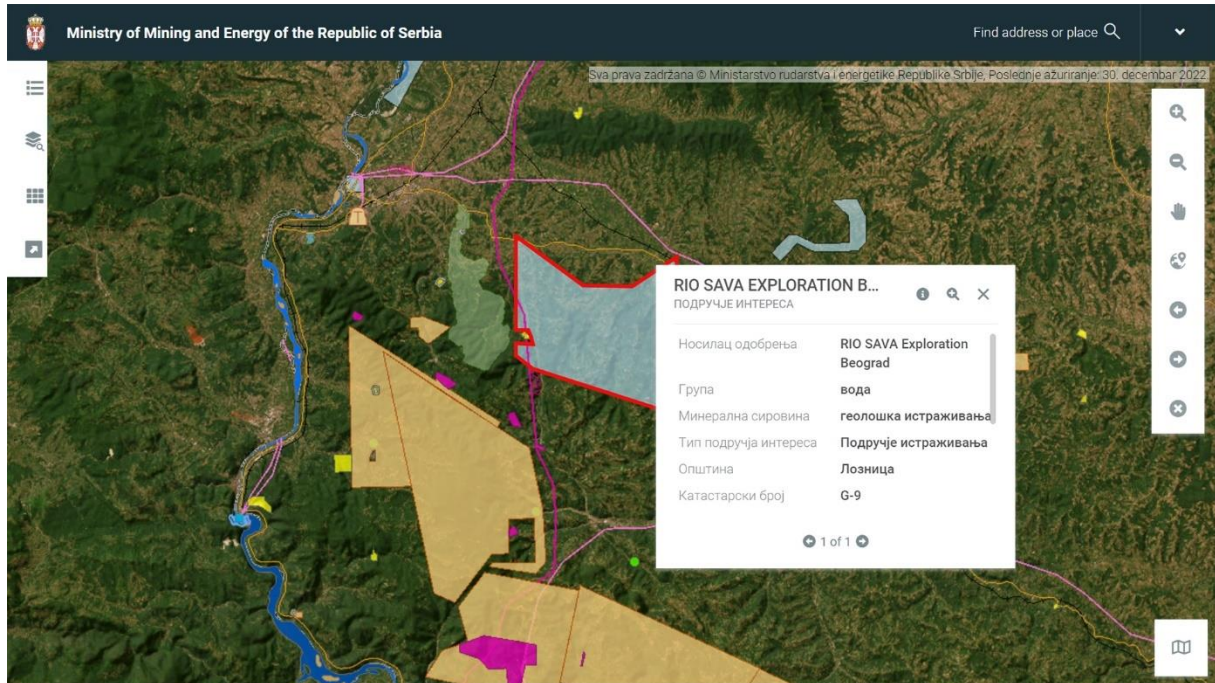
Доставити:  
- Наслову,  
- Архиви.



Drawing based on the coordinates provided in the FOI request above.



## PUBLIC REGISTRY OF THE MINISTRY OF MINING AND ENERGY OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA



### APPENDIX 4

## POWER OF ATTORNEY



JAVNO PREDUZETJE  
PUTEVI SRBIJE

VI Број:  
Датум:  
Београд, Булевар краља Александра бр 282

JAVNO PREDUZETJE "PUTEVI SRBIJE"  
Број: 953-26977  
29-12-2020  
Датум:  
БЕОГРАД, Булевар краља Александра бр. 282

На основу чл. 49. Закона о општем управном поступку („Службени гласник РС”, бр. 18/16 и 95/18 – аутентично тумачење), и члана 37. став 1. тачка 18) Статута Јавног предузећа „Путеви Србије” (бр. 953-8606/17-11 од 04. 05. 2017. год.) а у вези Закона о планирању и изградњи („Службени гласник РС”, бр. 72/09, 81/09 – исправка, 64/10-УС, 121/12, 42/13-УС, 50/13-УС, 98/13-УС, 132/14, 145/14, 83/18, 31/19 и 37/19-др. закон и 9/20), издајем:

### ПУНОМОЋЈЕ

Овлашћује се Привредно друштво „RIO SAVA EXPLORATION” д.о.о. Београд, ул. Ресавска 23, Врачар, матични број 17316095, које заступа [REDACTED] да у име и за потребе управљача државних путева ЈП „Путеви Србије”, Булевар краља Александра бр. 282, Београд, подноси документацију и захтева надлежним органима, која се односе на прибављање:

- Локацијских услова за подручје на коме се планира измештања државног пута IB реда број 27, деоница Брезјак (Државни пут IB-27 Ваљево – Лозница на км 16+446) – Липнички Шор (државни пут IB 26 Шабац на км 118+394) од км 0+000,00 до км 13+604,11 Л=13,604 км;
- изради Идејно решење, Идејни пројекат и Пројекат за грађевинску дозволу (са техничком контролом);
- поднесе све захтева за прибављање свих услова ишљења, сагласности и дозвола надлежним министарствима, установама и јавним предузећима.

Овлашћујем „RIO SAVA EXPLORATION” д.о.о. Београд, да у складу са обимом овлашћења која су дата, може појединачним овлашћењима да овласти запослене у оквиру Привредног друштва да обаве све или поједине послове.

Ово овлашћење важи до добијања грађевинске дозволе.

Трошкови прибављања предметних мишљења, услова и сагласности падају на терет „RIO SAVA EXPLORATION” д.о.о. Београд.

#### Доставити:

- Министарству грађевинарства, саобраћаја и инфраструктуре;
- „RIO SAVA EXPLORATION” д.о.о. Београд;
- Сектору за стратегију, пројектовање и развој ЈППС и
- Архиви

ЈП „ПУТЕВИ СРБИЈЕ”  
ДИРЕКТОРА  
[REDACTED]

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR WATER WASTE PROCESSING PLANT AND JOB VACANCY.

From : [redacted]@Bechtel.com  
To : [redacted]  
Cc : [redacted]  
Date : Mon, 08 Aug 2022 08:19:57 +0200  
Subject : Jadar Project - Expression of Interest -  
Wastewater Treatment Plant  
\*\*\*\*\* Forwarded message \*\*\*\*\*

Dear Sir / Madam,

I would like to introduce myself as Responsible Buyer on Jadar Project. I understand your company may be able to offer firm pricing for the **Wastewater Treatment Plant**.

Rio Tinto would like to invite your company to prequalify and submit a fixed & firm quotation for **Wastewater Treatment Plant** for the Jadar Project.

The Jadar Project aims to develop a new mine and processing facility for the Jadar mineral deposit, located near the town of Loznica, Serbia.

Further information on the Project is available on the Rio Tinto website. (<https://www.riotinto.com/en/operations/projects/jadar>)

To ensure the Project has your correct company details, please complete the following table and return it by email, before close of business **9<sup>th</sup> August 2022**.


1.

Upon receipt of your response we will:

- issue you a confidentiality agreement; and
- upon receipt of your signed confidentiality agreement we will proceed to issue the pre-qualification package to you.

Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

Pozdrav/Kind regards,

 **Bechtel Logo full colour**  
[redacted]  
Jadar Project  
Belgrade, Milutina Milankovića 11, 5<sup>th</sup> floor  
T: + [redacted]  
[redacted]@bechtel.com



Od: [redacted]@Bechtel.com>  
Za: " [redacted]"  
Cc: [redacted]@bechtel.com  
Datum : Pon, 08 Aug 2022 08:19:57+0200  
Subjekat : Jadar Project -Expression of interest -  
 [redacted] Wastewater Treatment Plant

Poštovani,

Želeo bih da Vam se predstavim kao odgovorni kupac za projekat Jadar. Razumem da bi Vaša kompanija mogla da ponudi čvrste cene za postrojenje za **Prečišavanje Otpadnih Voda.** **2.**

Rio Tinto želi da pozove Vašu kompaniju da se predkvalifikuje i podnese fiksnu ponudu za postrojenje za **Prečišavanje Otpadnih Voda** za projekat Jadar.

Projekat Jadar planira otvaranje novog rudnika i pogona za preradu mineralnog ležišta Jadar, koji bi se nalazio u blizini grada Loznice, Srbija.

Dodatne informacije o projektu dostupne su na Rio Tinto veb stranici.  
(<https://www.riotinto.com/en/operations/projects/jadar>)

Po prijemu vašeg odgovora ćemo:

- Izdati Vam ugovor o poverljivosti; i
- Po prijemu vašeg potpisanog ugovora o poverljivosti, nastaviemo da Vam izdajemo predkvalifikacioni paket



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## Mine Area Manager

Requisition ID: 265311

- Relocation Authorized: National - Family
- Telework Type: Full-Time Office/Project
- Work Location: Belgrade

### **Mine Area Manager - 265311**

#### **Company Overview**

Bechtel helps clients deliver projects of purpose that create a lasting positive legacy globally. These projects create jobs and grow economies; improve the resiliency of the world's infrastructure; connect communities to resources and opportunities; get us closer to net zero; tackle critical environmental challenges to protect people and the planet; and accelerate progress to make the world a cleaner, greener, safer place.

We are currently recruiting for long term career professionals, with an initial assignment supporting the Jadar Project. Jadar is a unique, world-class lithium-borate deposit near the town of Loznica in western Serbia. The deposit contains jadarite – a lithium sodium borosilicate mineral – and is the only place in the world where this mineral can be found. Our client, Rio Tinto, as part of their long-standing internal commitments, is currently engaging with suppliers and other key stakeholders to complete an internal feasibility study related to the project design, with Bechtel as the Project Management Contractor.

To achieve this goal individuals from Bechtel bring their experience and expertise to the role while working

within the client's organisation as part of an integrated team. We commit to supporting the client's goals while promoting our values of fairness, diversity, inclusion, trust and collaboration guided by our Vision, Values and Covenants.

#### **Position Summary**

Responsible for managing, coordinating, and administering the contractor responsible for the Mine area which consist of; above ground Mine infrastructure, shaft sinking, underground mine lateral development and underground mine infrastructure through the engineering, procurement, construction, start-up, performance testing, initial operations, and prime contract close-out.

Manages the contractor/s to specific budgets and schedules, manages performance, analyzes progress reports, and initiates action to assure project objectives and schedules are met and work is performed within budget and according to specifications.

Resolves problems and coordinates with the customer throughout the EPC phases including the final turnover of the project to the customer. Provides leadership for the development and maintenance of a high-performance project team. Has overall responsibility for ensuring all the standards are met, ensuring that scope is delivered within contract requirements, standards of quality and safety and to customer and PMC performance expectations.

#### **Typical Responsibilities**

- Establishes an appropriate, integrated organizational structure, including off-project functional and specialist support. Defines and communicates roles, responsibilities, and authorities to the assigned team members and the customer to ensure the mine area contracts are completed in a safe manner, within budget, on schedule, and in conformance with the appropriate standards, specifications and applicable regulatory requirements.
- Ensures all scope requirements are implemented and objectives are defined and understood; best practices and lessons learned reviewed; detailed work plans, schedules, budgets and procedures are established.
- Promotes the use of constructability reviews during design and ensures the implementation of actions across the project.
- Monitors and controls all contractual commitments to ensure that all work is being performed in accordance with the specifications, drawings, and terms of the contract, that a trend program is in place and that change orders and claims are processed in a timely manner. Implements and maintains a change management control system. Ensures that all communications on the contract are documented.
- Reviews, approves, and monitors the project control systems which measure progress, performance, provide early warning of deviations from plan and identifies corrective actions to be taken.
- Identifies quality requirements and ensures the proper processes are identified and implemented to achieve contractual quality commitments. Assesses customer perception of quality on a regular basis and ensures expectations are met.
- Ensures the Environmental, Safety & Health program for both the office and field work environments, including contractor and subcontractor activities are aligned with the project HSEC requirements are completed in accordance with HSEC laws and regulations.
- Oversees the Document Control and Records Management function for the mine area. Coordinates the documentation and software turnover package to the client at completion. Ensures that

customer standards for documentation and electronic files are maintained, as appropriate

- Ensure the contractors have established procurement processes from identification of the bidders to final warranty acceptance and ensure that critical changes are communicated and coordinated with the project team.
- Ensures all turnover activities are documented by the contractors and ensures the customer final acceptance of the work.
- Conducts regular contract and customer meetings to promote and facilitate communication, review progress and performance, discuss issues and facilitate solutions.

#### **Skills and Qualifications**

- The preferred candidate should have extensive experience working on Underground mining projects including vertical shaft and lateral engineering and construction dealing with all aspects related to design, procurement and construction of the mine
- Should have extensive experience of progressive leadership experience in the following functions: project management, engineering, construction, project controls and procurement. Should have a degree from an accredited University in Engineering or Construction Management
- Should have advanced knowledge of industry, technology and EPC work processes, including knowledge of customs, culture and business practices where project is located
- Should have advanced knowledge of front-end activities including:
  - Best Practices, Lessons Learned
  - Constructability
  - Risk Analysis
  - Quality implementation
- Must have advanced knowledge and experience in baseline management and implementation including:
  - Scope definition
  - Roles and Responsibilities
  - Resource loaded schedules
  - Progress and performance curves and metrics
  - Reports and action items tracking
- Must have advanced knowledge and experience in commercial management of a contractor including:
  - Risk Analysis and negotiations
  - Cost trend program and its linkage to change control
  - Change control and documentation management
  - Cost trend program and its linkage to change control
- Should have advanced knowledge of cross functional work processes and interface knowledge, especially Project Controls, Supply Chain management, Quality management and the ability to manage the relationships, interfaces with clients, management and functional groups
- The preferred candidate will have advanced presentation and communication skills (e.g. oral, written and graphical) and the proven ability to conduct effective meetings

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