



## **08 October 2015 – We are glad to inform you about the Granted Construction Permit for the “Kazandol” Mining Complex for Cathode Copper Production**

In order to obtain the construction permit, “SARDICH MC”, in cooperation with “Empiria EMS”<sup>1</sup>, has developed the Project EIA, delivered for review to the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Spatial Planning on 27 January 2015. You can find more details on the procedures of preparation and review of the Project EIA in our press release on Project EIA compliance from 02 July 2015.

The development of State Urban Plan Documentation was going in parallel with the reviewing of the Project EIA for the construction of the “Kazandol” Mining complex for cathode copper production. On 20 May 2015, that set of documentation was adopted by the Decision<sup>2</sup> of the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

Another important step in the procedure of the construction permit obtaining was the preparation, reviewing and the signing of the contracts<sup>3</sup> on long-term construction land lease with the Ministry for Transport and Communications. The total area of leased land is 2,787,426 m<sup>2</sup>.

In cooperation with “Jord”<sup>4</sup>, possessing all necessary licenses for designing of similar construction objects, “Sardich MC” has developed a Basic Construction Project for the “Kazandol” Mining complex for cathode copper production. That Project has passed all of the strict and appropriate revisions from the Institute of Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Seismology, Institute for Material Testing and New Technologies Development, and the Ministry of Transport and Communication.

After completion the necessary documentation, “Sardich MC” has made a request to the Ministry of Transport and Communications to issue the construction permit on 24 August 2015. Based on the reviewed documents and confirmation of compensation payments made to Valandovo municipality for the construction lots, the Ministry for Transport and Communications issued a construction permit<sup>5</sup> on 08 October 2015. With it, the Ministry for Transport and Communications confirms that the Basic Construction Project complies with the initial permissive documentation, spatial plans and existing legislation of the Republic of Macedonia.

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<sup>1</sup> “Empiria EMS”, Macedonian certified company, expert for Macedonian and European legal norms, standards and BATs in regard of environmental protection. The company developed numerous projects, strategic documents, EIA projects and spatial planning projects.

<sup>2</sup> Decision on adopted State Urban Plan Documentation from the Ministry of Transport and Communications, number 24-8317/1 from 20/05/2015.

<sup>3</sup> Decision on long-term land lease number 29UP-285 from 04/08/2015; Decision on long-term land lease number 29 UP-284 from 04/08/2015.

<sup>4</sup> “Jord”, Macedonian licensed company founded in 1992, engaged in designing and monitoring of construction objects A and B categories. The company developed the Basic construction project for the “Buchim” cathode copper production complex, Radovish, Republic of Macedonia.

<sup>5</sup> Construction Permit of the Ministry of Transport and Communication number 27 UP-323/15E from 08/10/2015.