

Sardich MC's address at the Minex Europe International Forum 2018

On 12 and 13 June 2018 the Minex International Mining & Exploration Forum was held in Skopje, Republic of Macedonia.

Sardich MC participated in the forum and sponsored one of the sessions.

The Director of the Company, Mr. Igor Bogdanov, gave a presentation on the topic of environmental protection. The presentation highlighted the main aspects of the Company's project - the Kazandol Mining Complex for Copper Cathode Production, relating to environmental protection.

Giving the environmentally friendly Kazandol Complex as a clear example, it was shown how, in modern conditions, one can create a mining enterprise that not only ensures the safety of the environment, but also creates more acceptable conditions for the development of the local community in the course of the company's activities. Information was provided on the amount of money, effort, and attention that was given to investors directly for the purpose of creating safe conditions for operating the mine, both in terms of protecting the environment and in terms of protecting the health and welfare of the people of Southeast Macedonia.



At the presentation, the director also touched upon the issues that the company faced in implementing the project. Some of the main issues are presented below:

- The unprecedented campaign for manipulating the opinions of people residing in the South-East of Macedonia, by disseminating inaccurate, unrelated to the project, and clearly deceitful information, carried out by a small but well-organised, aggressive and motivated group of people hiding behind a screen of NGOs advocating for environmental protection, vigorously opposing the construction of mines in Macedonia;
- the illogical and unlawful decisions of the Government for the sake of purely political interests.

The participants in the Forum, the representatives of foreign mining companies, and the diplomatic representatives of other countries were deeply interested in the problems faced by the Macedonian mining industry, as exemplified by Sardich MC, and expressed concern about the Government's unfair treatment of foreign investors.

Nevertheless, the Kazandol Mining Complex was and remains the first project for extraction of metals and production of finished goods in Macedonia in the last 40 years, while at the same time being environmentally friendly, as it strictly follows all Macedonian and European standards for environmental protection. Sardich MC continues to fight for the economic development of Macedonia, as well as for the rich and environmentally friendly future of the younger generations.

