

# MEDIA ADVISORY



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## **Media Conference: Presentation of the Project for environmental impact assessment of the mining pits Brskovo and Žuta Prla in Mojkovac**

**What:** The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Montenegro will organize a media conference to present the Project for environmental impact assessment of the mining pits Brskovo and Žuta Prla in Mojkovac and the area where flotation plants are situated.

### **Speakers at the media conference will be:**

**Mr Miladin Mitrović, Mayor of Mojkovac**

**Mr Francisco Roquette, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in Montenegro**

**Ms Daliborka Pejović, Director of the Environmental Protection Agency**

**Mr Nicolaus Linder, Representative of the Associated Business Consultants (ABC) Company from Germany**

**When: Wednesday, 27 May 2009 at 11 a.m.**

**Where: Hotel Palas, Mojkovac**

### **\* \* \* Additional Information \* \* \***

As the areas of Brskovo and Žuta Prla mines, as well as the areas where flotation plants are situated were abandoned after 1991 without any planned closure, there has been neither recent reliable data on the impact of those locations on human health and security, nor has there been data on their impact on the environment.

Within the Project for remediation and recultivation of the tailing mine impoundment of lead and zinc mine Brskovo, which UNDP implements in the Municipality of Mojkovac, on several occasions it was pointed to the potential risk that these areas could have on human health and security, as well as on the environment.

With an aim to further support the Municipality of Mojkovac, UNDP prepared a project in 2008, which will:

- Investigate and identify risks for the environment, human health and security that the areas of Brskovo and Žuta Prla mines, as well as the areas where flotation plants are situated, might represent.
- Summarize conclusions of the research and laboratory analyses and recommendations for putting the sites into the condition acceptable from the point of environmental protection and human health and security.
- Based on the conclusions, prepare the project documentation for remediation, where possible.

Funds in the amount of USD108.000,00 for the implementation of this project were provided by the Czech Trust Fund and UNDP Montenegro, while the German Company **Associated Business Consultants (ABC)** was engaged to conduct the environmental impact assessment. Representatives of this company went to a working visit to Mojkovac for the first time between 24 - 27 May 2009.

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UNDP Country Office Montenegro coordinates the implementation of the \$15 million Dutch funded Western Balkans Regional Environmental Hot Spots Programme that includes nine locations in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia FYR, Montenegro, Serbia and UNSCR 1244 Kosovo.

As far as Montenegro is concerned, the WB Regional Environmental Programme is focused on Mojkovac - its economic development and removal of the key barrier to foreign investment, a tailing mine impound of the Lead and Zinc mine 'Brskovo.' The funds provided by the Government of the Netherlands and implemented thru UNDP and joint efforts of partners involved in the process of remediation: Government of Montenegro, Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Protection, Agency for Public Works, Czech Republic, will enable removing of a long standing hurdle to foreign direct investment and developing of the municipality.

Within these activities UNDP began a comprehensive area based development, with a aim to provide a variety of development routes that would utilize the undisputable comparative advantages of the entire northern region (including Mojkovac), its biodiversity, eco system and nature, in order to achieve economic progress.

UNDP Montenegro works on strengthening of the capacities for development and implementation of local environmental protection policies and investment projects, through establishing of four different sets of activities (nature based tourism, integration of sustainability principles in spatial planning, development of organic agriculture and remediation and recultivation of lead and zinc tailing mine impound) which complement the sustainable development circle of the Municipality of Mojkovac.

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