

ArcelorMittal operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina

- steelmill in Zenica, Federation of B&H
- iron ore mines in Omarska, Republic of Srpska

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ArcelorMittal Zenica

- After the war in B&H (1992-95), only some parts of facilities were working
- July 2008 - restart of integrated steel production
 - additional SO₂ and dust emissions



Environmental issues

- no pollution emissions data available
- incomplete air quality measurements
 - emissions exceeding EU and B&H standards (SO₂, NO/NO₂/NO_x, CO, O₃, C₆H₆, suspended particles)
- 26 September 2008 - Federal Inspectorate fined AM for failing to measure air emissions
- Several protests of Zenica residents in 2008

Environmental Action Plan

- ArcelorMittal Zenica still did not obtain environmental permit for integrated steel production
- 2005 - EBRD approved EUR 25 million for energy efficiency and environmental improvements
- early 2009 - activity plan of EAP is published and public hearings are held
- while public consultations still ongoing, EAP for steel plant and rolling mill approved on 12 February 2009. Remainder of EAP approved on 5 March 2009, more than 3.5 years after EBRD approved financing
- Zenica Eco-Forum, local citizens initiative submitted comments and demands related to EAP, but never received any response

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- Iron ore mines near Omarska --> extraction of iron ore for Zenica steelworks
 - Existing mines (Jezero and Mamuze) at distance of 3 km from Omarska center are expected to be closed in June 2009
 - New 550 ha open mine pit "Buvač" is expected to be open at distance of 1.4 km from the centre of Omarska
- Serious environmental concerns are present
- preparatory works at Buvač site without environmental permit
 - Gomjonica River was diverted (about 12 km) from its natural course without up to date permits

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- loading ramp generates dust and noise only few meters from nearest houses

- high level of respiratory and urinary diseases near the mines
- ongoing court cases regarding expropriation for Buvač mine

Demands to EBRD

- **ensure disclosure of emissions monitoring data**
- **disclosure of implementation reports on Environmental Action Plan**
- **no more loans to ArcelorMittal**