

## Open letter from the Vreoci Community regarding the Kolubara lignite mine

*Sent on October 4, 2012 to:*

President of Serbia

First deputy of prime minister responsible for anti-corruption and coordination of security services

Minister for Energy development and environment

General manager of EPS

PC Kolubara mining company

Commission for resettlement of Vreoci municipality

Coordinator of community for resettlement of Vreoci cemetery

I am asking you in the name of citizens and council of MZ Vreoci to protect our property in the Vreoci cemetery and especially orthodox chapel that is property of all the citizens of Vreoci since it is built with resources provided from self-support money collected from all the citizens of Vreoci.

This chapel was built almost 30 years ago (more than 25 years before process of resettlement of Vreoci and about 10 years before 1991 when religion again become free for expression in former socialist country). Chapel was supplied with water pipes and completed in 2007. Chapel has electrical installation and metering hour that is legal and that is main proof that chapel is legalized object for decades.

Object is visible in ortho- photo picture of Vreoci community from 2007 that serves as proof (according to agreement of Vreoci community, government of Serbia and EPS public company) of existence and shows eligibility of Vreoci objects for resettlement therefore it can not be considered illegal and only recently constructed as some of managers of Kolubara company want to present.

Value of our chapel was never valued also value of fences, water infrastructure, electricity infrastructure lighting and other investments isn't added to value of chapel. There was no official finding of the department for Urbanism property rights, construction, and housing and construction inspection of City Municipality of Lazarevac regarding value of chapel which is illegal.

We will ask European institutions and interested domestic institutions, courts to protect our property rights since our property rights, law on expropriation constitution of Serbia and European legislation accepted also by state of Serbia are being broken in this case.

Public company Kolubara has constructed some kind of chapel in new cemetery and wants to push Vreoci community to accept it as solution. However we have expressed long time ago

that this chapel is not acceptable, also Kolubara do not want to give property rights over this chapel to Vreoci community since company has spent few million Dinars for new chapel.

In Vreoci, Serbia

October 04, 2012

With regards

President of Vreoci council

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