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Minister of Environment of Korea

Statement of Chuberi and Nakra Communities (Mestia Municipality)

on Nenskra HPP

We saw that company on its own page published the responses, amazingly, in English. While for us, it is totally not clear why the answers were not in Georgian, we still review the given responses. Despite the company claim that on all community answers the responses were given in detail, we still see that the lots of the important issues still need to be answered. E.g. how during the land acquisition (including the Ancestral forests and community lands) the traditional ownership rights will be recognized and compensation will be carried on, especially in situations when more than 700 h of the land was already given to the company.

The company claims, that the information about the project was individually notified to community members. In itself, it's very strange, if 98 % of the people knows everything about the project, why in this case, so many people attended public hearings, and why the large number of them left the meeting in protest.

On the question, who are responsible for major damage to the dam, the response is that company will be responsible, but where this issue is written in details, not seen

For us also not clear, how the 4 million USD from so called Community Development fund will be enough for two villages, as well as what would be the principle of election of the fund advisory committee, how the village representation will be chosen

Despite the company claim that 15% of jobs will be for a woman, it's not clear what type of jobs it would be, and do the positions of cleaning ladies really serves our positions.

In addition, there is still no access to the contract between the company and state, therefore the key issues, as the price of electricity, the state obligations, including our –indigenous peoples' lands (forest, pastures, community land) transfer of company on symbolic price. The company without any argumentations claims that the project does not represent any threat of population, that 5% of river flow would not impact on our livelihood.

We should stress, that already three years that the company enters the gorge with promises, that it will improve village infrastructure (bridges, roads), will rehabilitate schools, kindergartners and ambulance. Despite all of that company have not implemented any of them, except of insignificant repairs, that has been used for its own promotion just before the public hearing. The promise of the company that with Community development fund (4 mln USD) it will implement all above mentioned is out of critics

The one more false promise relates to employment and training. While the company claims that it will start the works nearest future, the employment and training center for locals has not been even created, while all our community members employed have just three month contracts

Taking all above mentioned, the company lost any trust and reputation among the local population, therefore we demand that the company stopped all types of activities on Chuberi-Nakra territory, while we call International Financial institutions to stop the project related reviews and reallocate the funds assigned for Nenskra hydro for the alternative projects that would be beneficial for Georgians.

The Chuberi and Nakra Communities would not allow construction of the Nenskra Hydro, that we are confirming by signatures