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THE SECOND SESSION OF THE PUBLIC LIAISON COMMITTEE WAS HELD

In the Municipality of Vareš, on 16th February Eastern Mining held the second session of the Public Liaison Committee in the new convocation. The session began with the review and adoption of the Minutes and Conclusions from the previous, first (I) session of the PLC. The second item on the agenda was the presentation of the members of the Eastern Mining of the previous activities and the presentation of the planned activities for the next period.

At this session, members of the Public Liaison Committee had the opportunity to meet the new management of the Eastern Mining: Matthew Hine, General Manager and Alem Logo, Executive Director. They thanked all the members for their presence and expressed hope for successful cooperation in future activities.



RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN IN THE EASTERN MINING COMPANY



In March, Eastern Mining Human Resources Department organized a recruitment campaign for 180 new working positions. As the project is in the construction phase, which includes the construction of a haul road, a processing plant, and the opening of a mine Rupice, there is a need for a larger workforce. Although the company currently has 184 employees, in the next 6 months it is planned to employ an additional 180 employees in various positions. In order to present the employment plan to citizens in more detail, representatives of the Human Resources Department informed the local community about the campaign through Bobovac radio and were available to all interested parties at the Information Center in Vares until the end of March, where everyone could get detailed information and apply for job. In addition to Vareš, the campaign also included the municipality of Kakanj. The Eastern Mining company wants to encourage the development of the municipality of Vareš and neighboring municipalities, and employment is one of the best ways of contributing to a better economy and the quality of life of a local community.

BAZAAR "BY WOMAN'S HANDS"

On Tuesday, 07th March, the Association of Women for Rural Development, Sustainable Return, Reintegration and Resocialization of returnees "Zvijezda" Vareš organized a bazaar called "By Woman's Hands" on the plateau of the town market place. The goal of this bazaar was to bring together local women's associations and independent exhibitors who are engaged in various productions of decorative items, jewelry, essential oils and domestic products that can also be used as gifts.

The "By Woman's hands" bazaar was organized before the celebration of International Women's Day, in order to bring together active associations of women and women from the area of Vareš Municipality who are engaged in certain small businesses. Five associations and thirteen independent exhibitors participated at the Bazaar.

Eastern Mining, as a sponsor of this event, is proud to be a part of this story, and looks forward to further cooperation and hopes that this event will become a tradition. The company supports positive changes and activism of the local community, especially vulnerable groups such as women's associations who are active in their work and who proudly represent the culture and tradition of the municipality of Vareš.



NEWSLETTER

INTERVIEW WITH AIDA IMAMAGIĆ

First of all, let me greet you and thank you for agreeing for interview as part of the "Living History Project" of the Eastern Mining. To begin, tell us a little more about yourself.

Good afternoon and thank you for the invitation. I am happy that I have the opportunity to be part of your project as High School "Nordbat-2" Vareš employee, where I work as secretary. My name is Aida Imamagić and I graduated from secondary mining and technical school. At that time, the practical classes of the secondary mining - technical school were held at the Smreka open pit. At the end of my high school education, mining began to slowly die out, so I continued my education and obtained a master's degree in law. My work experience of 26 years was spent in school with young people, which makes my job beautiful.

Can you make a comparison of life as it was before and as it is today in Vareš?

Vareš is a specific town that has a soul and that is something unchanging. The former Vareš economy and mines were tempting for the arrival of many people to the very events of the war. My opinion is that in about twenty years, Vareš will return to its former state. I believe that the opening of your mine will encourage people to come or return and stay permanently in Vareš. Thanks to us residents of Vareš who stayed here to live, the spirit of Vareš is coming back again, that culture, youth, sports, music, all this is the spirituality of these people who live in this area and who want Vareš to be what it is. If the landfill at the entrance to Vareš were rehabilitated, the condition of infrastructure and roads would be improved, our municipality would already flourish. I love Vareš and I really have no intention of leaving it despite the opportunities that have been given to me, because I believe that there will be life as before.

How familiar are you with the mining project in the area of Rupice and Veovača?

I get the information I know through the media or through work at school. I am happy that you employ many young people and that a large number of foreigners visit us. Although I don't see anything being done quickly, I believe that your project will contribute to the population and the local community.



What is your opinion on the new mining vocational course and what do you think it will mean for the future of education?

The students accepted this course with joy, besides having quality professors and lecturers in your company, they have an additional incentive of scholarships. I believe that it is very important to have new professional staff who teach children, because these professors are mining and mechanical engineers.

What is the significance of this project for future generations?

It is significant to the extent that most of these children will be employed immediately. However, it will only work with a three-year school and a third degree. It would not be bad if a four-year education was also introduced, where students could continue their further education at technical colleges and so that you would have engineers from Vareš.

Let's go back in past a bit. Did any of your relatives work in a mine or iron factory?

My father worked in a foundry, in the Ironworks, finishing final products and casting after finishing school in Vareš.

Do you remember if the environment was taken care of at that time?

I wouldn't know what the situation was when my father was working. But that's why from the beginning of my high school education in 1981 until the events of the war, the environment was taken care of and it was much more organized than now.

To end our conversation, do you have any message for young people?

I want to tell all generations to start believing primarily in themselves, and then in our town, to stay here and find their place. My advice is to invest in education, because without science and books you can't get anywhere. So stop dreaming about a better life in the west, but try to have a better life in your own environment.

Thank you very much for your time.

You're welcome, thank you for giving me the space and opportunity to express my opinion. It's nice to see that a positive story is happening in our city, I'm happy that you're hiring, especially the young people.