

- Local authorities and citizens opposed to the company "Serbia Nickel" on Sunday, 17 November, to start research in the field of nickel of Trstenik.

Municipal President Miroslav Aleksic said that the local infrastructure will not be available to the enterprise "Srbija Nikl" and they will not be able to use the access roads.

Aleksic has warned that all inspections will go on the site and react to the previous municipal decisions.

Trstenik Municipal Council decided in September last year not to allow any works in conjunction with nickel, and it has informed the state government.

"Srbija Nikl" informed the municipality that they will begin a detailed research on 17 November, because solution that was originally valid until the end of 2012 was extended. Who is able to extend the solution at the Ministry, if the municipality has decided not to accept any research of nickel. According to the current legislation, the solution can be applied only after the investor obtains the consent of the municipality, which they don't have," said Aleksic.

Trstenik requested from the Ministry of Natural Resources, Mining and Spatial Planning and from "Srbija Nikl" to provide him that solution ten days ago, but it did not get it, so Aleksic considers that the notice of the company "does not mean anything."

Aleksic has announced administrative proceedings against the Ministry, if it passed such a resolution, and that he will submit charges against those who ignore the will of the municipality and its 50,000 residents.

He recalled that experts point out that there is no clean technologies for the exploitation of nickel.

Aleksic specified that area that is predicted to start the exploration of nickel includes ten villages of Trstenik, inhabited by 8,000 people. This area begins at less than two kilometers from the city center and from water sources, and is bordered to the exploitation field of mineral water "Mivela".

Aleksic said the research in the 1960s showed that in this area it has about one percent of nickel in the mixture with other minerals, as well as in Kavaradci where due to poor ore, the local mines went down, and factory FENI is used for processing ore from Indonesia, with storage of tailings in the vicinity of this Macedonian town.

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