

19 November 2015

To: The Gold Standard Foundation
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Attn: Pinar Ozturk, Regional Manager, Turkey

Cc: Neha Rao, Head of Certification
Lisa Rosen, Chief Operations Officer
Owen Hewlett, Chief Technical Officer
Marion Verles, Chief Executive Officer

Re: Ruzgar Elektrik Uretim, A.S., registered owner of production licence
Previously known as **Ruzgar Elektrik Uretim Ltd. Sti.**
An affiliate of ATASEVEN GROUP
Ceyhun Atuf Kansu Caddesi, 1271. Sokak
Sumer Is Merkezi, No. 15/16
06520 Balgat, Ankara, TURKEY
Stocks owned by **YIGITRES Elektrik Uretim A.S.** as of 04.12.2013

GERIS Rüzgar Enerji Santrali

GERIS Wind Power Plant project, Yalikavak, Bodrum, Turkey
Energy Market Regulatory Authority Licence no: **EU/3680-3/2232**
Number of Turbines: **13** (as per developer's Project Description Booklet)
Installed Capacity: **11.2 Mw** (as per developer's Project Description Booklet)

Project Supplier: **ENERCON GmbH** – Sales International
Teerhof 59, D-28199 Bremen, GERMANY

Your electronic mail dated **11 September 2015**, and
Current events

Dear Ms. Ozturk,

Our original **grievance letter** regarding the above referenced project was sent to you along with an entire binder of supporting documentation dated 6 July 2015.

A shortened version of that same letter which was to be published in the Gold Standard Foundation's new web site was sent to you, at your request, dated 28 October 2015.

Also sent to you on 28 October 2015 under separate cover were copies of Court Ordered Expertise Reports which concluded with statements in support of our collective case against **Ruzgar Elektrik Uretim, A.S.** that **“the chosen location of Geris and Yalikavak Hills is not the right place for the erection of above referenced Wind Electric Generation Industrial Plant.”**

As we wait for the Administrative Court's decision on the various litigation petitions, however, there is new development at the project site as of last weekend which we wanted to alert the Gold Standard Foundation to:

Apparently not feeling the need to wait for the Court's decision, **Ruzgar Elektrik Uretim, A.S.**, has decided to bring in their construction equipment to the proposed project site and start construction without any notice to the private land owners, to the Municipality, to the Governance, or to the general public; without any construction permits posted, or in hand, or any proof of necessary documents regarding the legal expropriation of privately owned land.

The Minutes of Public Meeting held last night, the night of 18 November 2015, at the Geris Village coffehouse and public square is attached for your information. The minutes themselves are self explanatory, but are unfortunately written in Turkish out of immediate necessity. We will need to rely on your good offices to please have the minutes translated into the English language for distribution to the persons Cc'd above.

Attached photographs of residents gathered at the planned location of **Turbine No. 9**, the site of attempted excavation work, in opposition to this unlawful act by **Ruzgar Elektrik Uretim, A.S.** attest to the difficulty we the people are having in stopping the developer from running over our lands without proper legal authorization. Also attached are photographs taken from National News coverage regarding the current situation.

Rather than opening up a **stakeholder consultation process** with the local as well as seasonal residents and **creating** much needed **transparency**, **Ruzgar Elektrik Uretim, A.S** is taking advantage of legal loopholes and lax, corrupt bureaucracy, and is using illegal low level interference with the legal system in collusion with the Department of Environment and City Planning's Mugla Regional Office, trying to slow down the Court's decision process in order to prepare and file a slightly revised Zoning Plan and cause an **abatement of action!**

Such attempts to circumvent or prevent the Court's proper action and decision on the matter and force the public to refile litigation petitions now for a "slightly revised" new Zoning Plan, however, strengthens and proves our case **that this Project is AGAINST THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE and these attempts do not change the fact that the Project does not satisfy any of the Gold Standard Principles as stated by the Foundation.**

If **Ruzgar Elektrik Uretim, A.S.** can not be stopped on its tracks before the Administrative Court reaches a decision to adopt a motion to stop the execution on the project, much irreversable harm will be done to important existing archeological sites, the natural landscape and the pistine silhouette of the hills of Geris and Yalikavak. With no regard or supervision for proper measures to be taken during any large scale excavation and land disturbance on such a steeply inclined difficult land, land slides, rolling rocks and siltation at lower elevations will be **extremely hazardous to life and property.**

It is of utmost importance at this point that the Gold Standard Foundation concludes the project submission review for this proposed Geris Wind Electric Generation Industrial Plant and resolves and informs the developer that the project does not currently satisfy the Gold

Standard Principles as stated by the Foundation and that the project, as it stands, is unworthy of the Gold Standard Foundation Certificate.

With best regards and much appreciation,

for GERIS PLATFORM of Town of Yalikavak, Bodrum, Turkey

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attachments:

1. Minutes of Public Meeting in Geriř, dated 18 November 2015
2. Three (3) photographs from the site of attempted excavation work showing residents near **turbine No. 9** on Sunday, 15 November 2015
3. Three (3) photographs of news coverage in National Press