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Governor of the Liberec Region

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Dear Marshal,

based on the agreement reached during our last personal meeting in Jakuszyce on 13 January 2021, we have prepared a draft of conditions we perceive as standpoints for negotiation with Lower Silesian Voivodeship in association with further continuation of brown coal mining at the Turów mine. From our point of view, we deem it necessary and useful to concentrate on the following main problems currently:

- 1) As a sign of good will on the side of the Polish investor, we hereby demand immediate preparation and realization of an earth mound and green wall protecting the citizens of Uhelná from increased dustiness. The scope was discussed in detail during a meeting in Uhelná in November 2019 with the Turów mine director, Mr. Slavomir Wochna. It is an earth mound with protective green vegetation alongside the road Opolno-Zdrój - Sienawka, in an estimated length of approx. 1 km, with an assumed realization term in 2021 - 2022.
- 2) We hereby request the Polish investor to assume responsibility for financing the measures to protect Uhelná water source and to increase its capacity. With respect to the fact that according to the findings of Czech Geological Survey, direct impact of mining at Turów mine is demonstrable on a long-term basis and it contributes to significant decrease of the water column in this water source, we demand financial participation of the Polish side in the necessary measures, the strengthening of this water source, and its connection to the water mains on the Czech side in such a way as to ensure that it can provide potable water to the citizens of Uhelná, Václavice and Hrádek nad Nisou in future. Currently estimated costs of these induced measures amount to CZK 176 mil.
- 3) The Czech side demands further negotiations regarding a contribution for the construction of reserve water mains in the areas of Hrádek, Chrastava and Frýdlant and their surroundings in the so-called first degree of severity. According to the viewpoint of Czech Geological Survey, it is not possible to rule out the impact of continuous mining at the Turów mine on the state of water in wells in this area. It will therefore be necessary to replace local sources of potable water by the construction of water mains. Estimated costs of this infrastructure amount to CZK 414 at Severočeská vodárenská and CZK 425 at Frýdlantská vodárenská. In this issue as well, we propose to initiate negotiations with the Polish investor regarding his share in the financing of these necessary investment events.

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- 4) We propose the establishment of a “Fund for Small Projects” for the area of environment, by means of which the self-government on both Czech and Polish side could co-finance, for example, planting green vegetation, preparation and realization of small projects in the area of water retention within the countryside, long-term monitoring of impact of brown coal mining on the water level in the Quaternary and Tertiary sediments. The Liberec Region is ready to deposit in this fund the same amount as the Polish Turów mine owner, in an overall volume not exceeding CZK 2.5 mil. per year.
- 5) The Liberec Region proposes the formation of an inter-governmental Czech and Polish committee consisting of representatives of the Liberec Region and municipalities from within the region, Hrádek, Chrastava, Frýdlant areas, Lower-Silesian Voivodeship and the town of Bogatynia. The aim of the regular meetings of this working group, which should be held at least once per year, is to continuously assess the monitoring of the measurement borehole network checking the state of underground water on the Czech and the Polish side of the border, to assess the results of measurements of dust and dust particles on the Czech territory in the Uhelná locality, as well as to measure noise severity. At the same time, this working group should be capable of assessing the measurements of terrain drops and the eventual impact of such drops on the state of real estate on both sides of the border. We believe that based on the outputs from this working group, it will be possible to assess any eventual expansion of impacts of continuous mining in the Turów mine on the environment within Czech Republic's territory. This working group should have guarantors on both sides of the border, with the Minister of Environment and Lower Silesian Voivodeship marshal being the guarantor for the Polish side, and the Minister of Environment of the Czech Republic and the Governor of the Liberec Region being the guarantor for the Czech side.

Dear Marshal, please allow me to appreciate your personal interest in friendly cooperation, development of our partnership, as well as help in searching for solutions to problems, which, in our opinion, require special attention.

Thank you.

With respect,

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