

To: Zoltán Illés – Secretary of state

Ministry for Rural Development

Budapest

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Dear Mr Secretary of state!

The undersigned organisations for environmental protection are worried that MAL Zrt.- whose red mud storage caused catastrophe in Veszprém county – is planning to enlarge his opencast bauxite mines. The outcast exploitation of a mine is planned in Nyirád on Darvasztó VII. and Darvasztó VIII. bauxite place on buaxite site called „Nyirád I. – bauxite”. Nowadays this area belongs to silviculture (forestry) branch.

Proceedings has been started in these two cases on Enviromental Inspectorate in Székesfehérvár and in one case the public hearing is hold on 11. October 2010 in the building of inspectorate.

After MAL Zrt.s' irresponsible attitude and declarations related with the catastrophe, the undersigned organisations thinks that opening more outcast mines cannot be allowed.

Regardless from the catastrophe, the extention of outcast exploitation of mines itself is questionable for it's effects on the environment. Our opinion is that because of the liquidation of forest on huge areas, the transport of produced material on public roads and beacuse of the difficulty of recultivation on carst areas, the exploitation of a mines shouldn't be allowed. Company which doesn't take responsibility for peoples death and burn injuries caused by it's own red mud storage, doesn't look like a company which cares about the environmet during their work and activities.

For the above mentioned reasons, we would like to ask you to suspend the licensing procedure for extention of mine capacity, while the responsables are not called to account and while similar activities cannot querantie safety for people, their homes and environment.

Budapest, 7., october 2010

Yours sincerely,

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