

Dear Beka,

I trust this message finds you well.

Further to your request to facilitate communications with the four institutes/companies suggested to undertake a technical/OSH assessment of the Tkibuli mine, we have attempted to contact all.

We were able to establish contact with Insemex and it is our understanding that you are currently in direct contact with them to discuss possible collaboration.

We spoke with a representative of SRK consulting on the phone last week, who informed us they would respond to your email at their earliest convenience. If they have not done so at this stage, please let us know so we can follow up.

We were, unfortunately, unable to establish contact with the Swedish Work Environment Authority.

In Germany, there are a number of TUVs (Technical Inspection Associations), with two of the largest being TUV Sud and TUV Nord. As you did not provide us with the email sent to TUV Sud, we were unable to establish contact. However, it appears that the DMT Group, which contacted you directly to offer its services, is affiliated with TUV Nord, which has a good public reputation in the fields in which it works. More specifically, DMT Group's web profile suggests a certain level of experience in different technical consulting areas related to mining. In this respect, it is our understanding that DMT has worked with GIG in the past. You may therefore wish to request GIG and/or DMT to provide you with any reports available on the work carried out by DMT, so as to be better able to assess its expertise and experience, as well as to assess whether the information already available may be sufficient for your immediate purposes, and no further assessment may be required.

Please, let us know if the ILO can be of any further assistance at this stage.

Best regards,

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Dear Ms. Sibbel

First of all, let me to greet you, hope you are doing fine.

As you know, during last period of time (April, June and July 2018), in Tkibuli/Georgia mine several people died due to coal mine collapse and explosion. Soon after the April accident, based on the decision of the tripartite social commission of social partnership regarding Tkibuli accident issue, International Labour Organization (ILO) was addressed to suggested potential consultants who could assist ILO tripartite constituents in Georgia in providing expertise in the areas of mine management and operation practices and systems. ILO suggested 4 companies that can make technical and H&S inspections and thus provide expert conclusion regarding technical and H&S conditions in the mines (annex 1).

Labour Condition Inspecting Department of the Internally Displaced Persons from the Occupied Territories, Labour, Health and Social Affairs of Georgia has addressed all of the companies but unfortunately has not got any reply from them.

Beside the mentioned 4 companies, initiative of inspection of the mines has been expressed by the DMT Group (DMT GmbH & Co. KG - <https://www.dmt-group.com>).

Considering the importance of the issue and the last period tense, it's very crucial to make an inspections of mines in a tightened time.

Due to above mentioned issues, we kindly ask you to support us in effective communication with 4 companies that were suggested by the ILO in a tightened time, to get information from them regarding: a) Services they offer; b) All of the costs related to the procedures of inspection; c) Duration period of the inspections; and d) Numbers and specializations of engaged experts/specialists.

Also, kindly ask you to provide your vision and suggestions regarding DMT Group and their involvement in the inspection process.

With this letter, we attach ILO suggestion letter (annex 1) and Terms of References for Tkibuli/Georgia mine technical and H&S inspections (Annex 2).

Sincerely,

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