

To Mr. Wilhelm Molterer,

Vice-President of the European Investment Bank

I am [REDACTED] from Georgia. Georgia is the country where European Investment Bank has financed high-speed highway construction in the West part of the country. I live in village [REDACTED], Lanchkhuti Region/West Georgia. I have a lease agreement with the local government on a 20.5 hectare land in the neighbor village Chkonagora since 2003. My business partner [REDACTED] has the same land leased from the local government between 1992-2003 years. My partner has built 300 sq.m cow farm on the land mentioned above and fenced with barbwire. There are 25 cows in the farm. I built 5.5 hectares fish pond on this land in 1997. This farming structure you can view in the attachment file "Chkonagora". The cow farm and fish pond were the main financial source for my and my partner's families. The land can be seen on Google map via this link: <https://www.google.ge/maps/@42.0942805,42.1424446,838m/data=!3m1!1e3?hl>

In 2015 I found out with neighbor farmers that high-speed highway construction was planned on the above-mentioned territory. This is the highway that is financed by European Investment Bank. They said the government was having negotiations on relevant compensation with farmers. Therefore, I had expectations on the same offer from the government. After long waiting in vain, in 2016 (16 June) I officially notified the Department of Roads that I am currently farming the land where the construction is taking place and demanded evaluation to be conducted in order to determine the loss for my farming activities and calculate the appropriate compensation.

On August 6th, 2016 highway construction company representatives broke into the property and started road construction without prior notice. As of today, there is built a narrow road-line on the property that crosses South part of the fish pond. You can see the damaged pond walls on the photos attached to this letter.

On August 16th, 2016 I received a letter from the Department of Roads asking for the documents including lease agreement for the land, proof of ownership of the farming constructions and other relevant documentation. On August 19th, 2016 I presented all the requested documents to the Department of Roads.

On November 9th, 2016 I received the response from the Department of Roads stating I wasn't eligible for the compensation since the land belongs to the government and farming constructions are not included in the highway project map.

On December 7th of 2016, I appealed the case to the Ministry of the Regional Development and Infrastructure. The Ministry has annulled Department of Road's decision and deemed it illegal. The case on my compensation has been handed over to the Department of Roads for review.

There's a risk the Department of Roads may suspend my right to the compensation as they've done it before. Therefore, I depend on your support to get the appropriate compensation I deserve.

Sincerely,

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