Pirot, Babušnica, Dimitrovgrad and Bela Palanka municipalities (total population 105,000) are establishing a regional solid waste management scheme, including the construction of a regional sanitary landfill.

The site for the landfill is in Pirot municipality (Muntina Padina) near the highway Bela Palanka - Pirot.

The solid waste management scheme is in compliance with Serbian and EU standards.

**PROJECT GOALS**

- Provision of reliable and safe communal waste collection and disposal in line with EU solid waste management practices.
- Significant improvement in the overall environmental status of the municipalities.
- Reduction/elimination of the existing risks to public health due to the existing waste dumps in the region which are classified as K4: (dumpsites, not fulfilling minimal protection measures, completely filled up, requiring immediate closure, restoration, and recultivation).

**PROJECT SUMMARY**

The four municipalities decided to establish a municipal Waste Management Scheme as a top investment priority. The scheme consists of:

1. A new regional sanitary landfill that will be used for reliable and safe communal waste disposal. The proposed solid waste management scheme is fully in accordance with the Serbian Waste Management Strategy;
2. A new access road to the landfill site;
3. New collection trucks and containers.

The estimated lifetime of the landfill is 30 years. The construction of the landfill will be undertaken in the following phases:

- Phase I - 12 years
- Phase II - 9 years
- Phase III & IV - 9 years

The project does not have negative impact on the environment and the Environmental Impact Assessment was accepted by the Serbian Government and the European Agency for Reconstruction.

**TOTAL BUDGET BREAKDOWN**

- Pirot regional sanitary landfill - Phase I - € 6.030.000 (including landfill body, infrastructure mobile equipment, access road)
- Pirot regional sanitary landfill - Phase II - € 3.295.354
- Pirot regional sanitary landfill - Phase III & IV - € 2.473.192
- Total: € 11.798.546
STATUS OF PROJECT (AUGUST 2008)

- Sanitary landfill for Pirot, Phase I - tender completed for construction of the landfill body and infrastructure, to be financed by European Agency for Reconstruction;
- The contract will be signed on 20 August 2008;
- Design and permit-issue in progress for the access road.

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