

**THE LAW
ON PERMANENT CLOSE-OUT OF URANIUM ORE EXPLOITATION
AND PREVENTION OF MINING CONSEQUENCES AT THE
ŽIROVSKI VRH URANIUM MINE**

Article 1

The Žirovski Vrh Uranium Mine shall permanently cease with the uranium ore exploitation and exploration.

Article 2

Permanent close-out of the uranium ore exploitation and exploration by this law means:

- planning and implementation of temporary protection of environment and facilities against harm to public health, until the Programme on permanent close-out of uranium ore exploitation and prevention of mining consequences at the Žirovski Vrh Uranium Mine fully starts;
- planning and implementation of facilities close-out;
- planning and implementation of permanent environment protection against consequences of uranium ore exploitation and necessary decommission;
- assurance of supervision on protection of environment, including radiological and meteorological monitoring during the close-out period and after close-out;
- programme set up and implementation of adequate substitute activities to employ workers who are not needed in the mine anymore, with a special environment impact evaluation if activities in the mine area introduced;
- monitoring of workers' health condition, who work or worked on posts with accelerated retirement plan.

Article 3

For the execution of permanent close-out of the uranium ore exploitation and prevention of mining consequences the Žirovski Vrh Uranium Mine shall be converted into a public company.

Article 4

Corporate title of the public company is: Rudnik Žirovski vrh, public company for uranium mine close-out, full responsibility, Todraž 1, Gorenja vas.

Shortened corporate title of the public company is Rudnik Žirovski vrh 1, Todraž, Gorenja vas.

Headquarters of the public company is in Todraž 1, Gorenja vas.

Article 5

Activities of the public company are:

- planning and implementation of the uranium mine close-out;
- planning and implementation of the permanent environment protection against consequences of uranium mine exploitation;
- activities required for uranium mine close-out.

Article 6

Administrating body in the public company is the Board of Directors which has 5 members. The Government of the Republic of Slovenia nominates 3 members to the Board of Directors, one of them is from the local community, where the mine is located. Two members are nominated by workers of the public company.

Article 7

The Parliament of the Republic of Slovenia nominates a supervisory board which is established in the public company. The supervisory board consists of 5 members, one of them is nominated by the Parliament of the Republic of Slovenia on the proposal of the municipality of Škofja Loka and one on the proposal of the local community of Gorenja vas.

The supervisory board shall supervise the operations of the public company and shall review and announce annual reports on the operations of the public company.

Article 8

With the entry into force of this law the Uranium Mine Žirovski Vrh (in the process of being established) assets shall become the assets of the Republic of Slovenia and shall be transferred to be administered by the public company.

Article 9

For the implementation of tasks from Article 2 the Government of the Republic of

Slovenia shall approve the Programme on permanent close-out of uranium ore exploitation and prevention of the mining consequences at the Žirovski Vrh Uranium Mine.

The funds for preparation and implementation of this Programme shall be provided in the budget of the Republic of Slovenia.

Article 10

For the implementation of the tasks by the Programme on permanent close-out of uranium ore exploitation and prevention of the mining consequences at the Žirovski Vrh Uranium Mine, the public company shall prepare each year by 1 September an operative plan for the next year of the activities for the Programme implementation, including evaluation of the funds needed. By 31 March the public company shall prepare a report on implementation of the programme for the previous year.

The Government of the Republic of Slovenia shall consider and approve the operative plan of the activities and the report on the programme implementation and then shall report about them to the Parliament of the Republic of Slovenia.

Article 11

Inspection of the implementation of the permanent close-out of uranium ore exploitation and prevention of mining consequences is within their competence performed by: the National Mining Inspectorate, National Inspectorate for Energy, National Sanitary Inspectorate, National Water Management Inspectorate and the Slovenian Nuclear Safety Administration.

Article 12

Upon completion of the Programme from Article 9 of this law and assurance of further monitoring of environment impact the regular liquidation of the company shall take place.

Article 13

This law shall enter into force on the fifteenth day after its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia.

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