



**ESHIA public meeting notes /  
Протокол общественных встреч по ОВОССЗ**

<b>Date / Дата</b>	17 .11.03
<b>Time / Время</b>	17.00-18.00
<b>Village/town / Населенный пункт</b>	Makarov
<b>Location eg cultural center / Место проведения</b>	Cultural Center
<b>Number of attendees / Кол-во присутствующих</b>	28

**Meeting notes / Протокол встречи:**

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**Questions asked at the meeting:**

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**1. The information on required vacancies and English skills was not available beforehand. Why?**

**Answer:** English skills are not a must, they are necessary only for a few jobs. Such meetings have been held for 3 years already and you asked this question because it's your first meeting.

Employment of local people is preferable but they often fail to provide documents proving their qualification to the contractor.

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**2. The Company doesn't seem to control the quality of works. For example, the road in Makarovsky Rayon is rebuilt badly.**

**Answer:** This is a question not to the Company but to Sakhavtodor which accepted these works.

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**3. What percentage of local specialists will be employed?**

**Answer:** But there are always new vacancies as the scopes of works are growing. Preparatory works are being performed now. As working conditions will be challenging, medical permission will be required.

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**4. Why are workers being brought from the mainland?**

**Answer:** Contractors have certain terms and obligations as far as their works are concerned. Sometimes equipment is leased but initially it is brought from the mainland and experts come with the equipment to operate it.

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**5. What are the sums invested into the Project and Oblast economy?**

**Answer:** Direct benefits from the Project include:

- \$55,6 million. Paid for use of mineral resources
- \$100 million paid to Sakhalin development plan
- \$45 million paid as bonuses
- \$10 million paid as pay-roll taxes by the Company employees
- \$1 million. Paid to facilitate social programs

By the way, there are indirect benefits from the Company's activities, e.g. development of local business, services etc. By 2010 it is planned to achieve annual

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transfers of \$230 million to the Oblast budget, whereas now the budget expense item is \$250 million.

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**6. Does the Company cooperate with the Rayon employment bureau? There are no EB's representatives at this meeting.**

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**Answer:** Within a few weeks we are planning to organize a meeting with representatives of administration, the Company and EB, where the questions of re-training and further employment of local people will be raised.

EB's representatives have been invited to this meeting but for some reasons couldn't attend it.

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**7. Why do the contractors break the Labour Code?**

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**Answer:** If you think so, please sue upon them.

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**8. How do you plan to lay the pipeline?**

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**Answer:** Underground, at the depth of 2 metres.

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**9. Will there be gas supply to the island?**

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**Answer:** The Russian party will get its part of profit in gas and oil equivalent and it's up to the local administration how to use it. The Company plans additional pipeline branches, but these branches and relevant infrastructure will be built at the expense of the Oblast administration. Perhaps gas supply for heating plants will be provided in the future.

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**10. Any other jobs required for the Project?**

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**Answer:** Info on the vacancies will be available at EB and through mass media.

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**Pledge**

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Last summer some contractors (presumably BSK) working in Vostochny refused to employ local people.

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