Dear BHRC team,

Our response to the concern related to Serbia Zijin Copper is as follows:

Serbia Zijin Copper has taken note of the concerns raised in the referenced article and treats all matters related to community well-being and vulnerable groups with seriousness and respect.

The situation described primarily relates to the presence of individuals residing in certain legacy structures associated with historical mining activities. These structures were already abandoned prior to the company's acquisition of the site, and the circumstances predate Serbia Zijin Copper's involvement.

The matter actually involves multiple stakeholders, including local authorities and different community groups. Serbia Zijin Copper does not carry out any involuntary relocation and remains committed to respecting human rights in line with internationally recognized standards, including the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

The company maintains communication with local communities and continues to support initiatives aimed at social inclusion and community development.

Serbia Zijin Copper is currently engaging with relevant government authorities to explore appropriate and sustainable solutions. Given the broader social and regulatory dimensions of the issue, any formal resolution will require a government-led approach.

We would also like to note that the referenced article shows certain limitations in its sourcing and presentation, with some information insufficiently verified and not reflecting the situation in a complete and objective manner. Taking the sulfur dioxide (SO_2) emissions mentioned in the article as an example, this was a long-standing issue in the Bor region. Since Serbia Zijin Copper's acquisition, substantial investments and major technological upgrades have been made, fundamentally addressing this historical challenge. However, the article not only fails to reflect these developments, but presents a picture that is inconsistent with the current situation.

We therefore suggest that, when referencing external materials, priority be given to sources that are reliable, well-verified, and capable of providing a more comprehensive and accurate representation of the facts.

The company remains open to constructive dialogue and will continue to engage with stakeholders in a responsible and pragmatic manner.

Kind regards,