

Raska Project, Serbia

Adriatic Metals d.o.o. is the holder of permits for geological exploration and exploitation in Raska (Serbia). It is owned by Adriatic Metals plc, a company listed on Australian and London Stock Exchange. The company's focus is on exploring mineral resources that have the potential for the company's growth.

Since 2016, Adriatic Metals d.o.o., former Tethyan Resources d.o.o., has been conducting exploration on several locations in the municipality of Raska, including the already existing Kizevak and Sastavci open-pit mines.

Raska mining history

Raska is known throughout history as a mining region. In ancient times, the Romans dug mines on the Karadak-Rudnica stretch, where we also have the legacy of their metallurgical complex on Kopaonik, at the Zajacak (Kremici) site from the end of the 3rd and the beginning of the 4th century. With the arrival of Nemanjic to power, the mines from the ancient and prehistoric period were quickly renewed. Copper, zinc, lead and iron ores were exploited. In the first half of the 20th century, the main lead and zinc deposit was the Trepca mine. Lumps of coal were found by breaking through the road through the Ibar valley in Baljevac. Investigative works were carried out on that site, as well as in the vicinity of Kopaonik and Golija, which was the beginning of the development of the Ibar mines. In the 40s work was done in the village of Kremice on discovery of copper ore deposits, in the village of Badanj on lead-zinc ore, in the village of Radosice on manganese ore, in the village of Velez on silver-copper and in Korlac on asbestos and copper ore. In the mid-1970s Kiževak and Sastavci mines contained significant historical mineral resources of lead, zinc and silver. These mines were managed by the state from 1984 to 2000, when all mining activities ceased due to the conflict in the region.

History of the project

No significant exploration work has been conducted on either permit since mining ceased until Tethyan Resources began exploratory drilling in 2018.

These two projects offer significant exploration potential for expansion of the existing mineralization of open-pit mines Kizevak and Sastavci. Opening these mines would be of great importance for Serbia, especially for the municipality of Raska. This would bring new employment opportunities - direct and indirect, economic development and benefits for the wider community.

Adriatic Metals is very committed to protecting the natural environment, using resources in a sustainable manner, developing high-quality health and safety standards, and engaging openly and proactively with local communities and project stakeholders.

Our business philosophy is to adhere to good international best practice (GIIP) and implement the highest standards of corporate governance laid out by the World Bank's International Finance Corporation (IFC Performance Standards), European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD Performance Requirements 2019) and the Equator Principles.

From the beginning, our project is conducted in accordance with international practice and all the legal regulations of the Republic of Serbia. All our activities are carried out in cooperation and with the support of the municipal authorities and other stakeholders at state level.

The current intention of Adriatic Metals is to continue the exploration of existing ore deposits in order to identify their size and value, with the ultimate goal of reviving the mining industry in the municipality of Raska through exploitation.

The focus of exploration at the Raska Project is currently threefold. Since 2018, the company has been conducting drilling on Kizevak for exploration purposes and to verify historical results. Currently, the efforts are aimed at resource definition and exploration drilling outside of the historic resource.

Sastavci remains in exploration stage. Mineralisation is well-defined in the open pit and the focus is now on drilling beyond the limits of the open pit. Surface geochemical sampling is also ongoing at Sastavci.

Regional exploration at the Raska Project involves drill testing lesser-known prospects such as Karadak and Rudnica. Geophysics, geochemical sampling, and mapping are currently underway to define drill targets.

Along with geological exploration activities, we conduct ongoing environmental monitoring to allow for the identification of potential impacts from our operations and the implementation of appropriate mitigation actions. Our monitoring covers a range of environmental indicators including air, soil and water quality, biodiversity, dust, noise, vibration, and energy use.

Currently, we are working on the baseline study, which includes biodiversity on site, noise level, and quality of air, soil, groundwater, and surface water.

We have also set up an experiment which will provide information on the management of drainage mining waters, we monitor meteorological conditions on the project site from the meteorological station we set up, and we are beginning to keep records of waste generated on exploration drilling sites, as well as the quantity of resources used (water, oil, fuel, additives).

The company will continue to invest in all activities aimed at preservation of the environment, because our imperative is commitment to operating to the highest international standards of environmental practice and engaging with local communities to ensure that there is mutual benefit for exploration and future mining activities.

Social Responsibility

Since the beginning of our exploration in Serbia, Adriatic Metals has been building relationships that demonstrate mutual respect and understanding, active partnerships, and long-term commitment. We implement social management programmes in our operations, which seek to minimise and mitigate any adverse social impacts generated by its activities, and to enhance beneficial social impacts where possible, in accordance with GIIP.

Over the years, our company has supported a number of projects and initiatives in the local community, including donations to the Raska Hospital and sporting events. This level of contribution is likely to continue until the mines enter the production phase, after which greater support will be available.

We are currently collecting information and social parameters and developing Community Engagement Plan (CEP) and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP).

Info center

By opening the Info Center in Raska, Adriatic Metals would like to provide a space where all interested parties can meet our team to ask questions and express their opinions and concerns. The Info Center will serve as the main location where people can become acquainted with our activities and exchange information about the project while it is in the development phase. We are also working on finding the best way to communicate with people from surrounding villages, so that information is available to as many people from the local community as possible.

If you have any grievances about current activities related to our project, we have established a clear grievance procedure. A separate brochure explains this in detail, including how to register a grievance and the time it takes to receive a response.

For a copy of the above-mentioned brochure, please contact our colleague Ivana Miletic, tel: +381652105120 email: ivana.miletic@adriaticmetals.com

If you have any questions, visit us in our Info center 25 Ratka Lukovica street.

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This leaflet contains
information about Adriatic
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current and planned activities

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