

Response to letter by Vega Wind Energy, former ABK RES, dated 9th of Sep. 2019.

BHR is a NGO which work with everyone to advance human rights in business. They track over 9000 companies, and help the vulnerable eradicate abuse.

ABK RES/Vega Wind Energy project has since the first day it became known to the local community/stakeholders been exhausted in court. Jan. 2014, the large scale industrial wind turbine construction started on 1st and 2nd degree natural protected private property and state owned land. This without even having the project area in its legal possession. No real stakeholder meetings have ever been held and an EIA report has never been conducted. The court verdicts against the project regarding the expropriation of private property and the planning have never been implemented. The project not being in the "Public of Interest" has also been ruled. (Final verdicts ruled against the project in 2018.)

It's a fait accompli project disregarding the local community, environment and the Constitution of the Turkish Republic. The fact that the German Nordex turbines under these circumstances have been erected and even operating, only makes this project more illegal. When court verdicts against a project with 24 million Euro on stake, are not being implemented, one cannot out rule corruption.

Instead of acting as a responsible investor towards the local community, environment and the Constitution of the Turkish Republic, to either welcome or reach out for a solution to mitigate the damages, the ones whom opposed the illegal project have been harassed, threatened and even brought to court with several irrelevant Slapp-suits, issued by the company and its owners. The project has since 2013/14 been scattered with many illegal activities and with its unacceptable procedures it's today a clear Business Human Right case.

In 2014 the first complaints to OECD was filed, where the insufficient outcome led to German watch including the project in the Miseror, Global Energy and Human Rights report 2017. Since April, 2019, a profound investigation by Goldstandard UN CDM is on-going. Due to all these documented facts, the project has also been classified and launched as a "Dodgy deal" by Banktrack. These entities are all prominent NGO's working for sustainability, Business due diligence, ethics, human rights within the International legal framework.

Rather than answering upon the allegations with all its provided documents, we find the answer non-relevant, since there really isn't anything substantial in it. Ending their letter with a threat only confirms the way ABK RES / Vega Wind Energy and its owners choose to execute in business.

Your sincerely,  
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