

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 10 December 2018

Participants: Representatives of MO Plzeň 7 — Radčice, representatives of MO Plzeň 9 - Malesice, representatives of the Regional Public Health Office and representatives of the "Občané pro Radčice z.s." – "Citizens for Radčice" (NGO) association represented by JUDr. T. Vacík; for details see the Attendance Sheet.

By way of introduction, MUDr. Rolando Arias, Mayor of MO Plzeň 7 – Radčice, invited the participants and started the meeting concerning the company HP-Pelzer s.r.o. having their manufacturing plant in the territory of MO Plzeň 7 — Radčice. The meeting dealt mainly with the limits of the noise generated by the said plant during operation. The Mayor informed the participants that the General Manager of HP-Pelzer s.r.o. had sent his regrets for not being able to take part due to being busy but, regrettably, did not appoint any other company representative to attend the meeting to address the failure to keep the noise limits. Thus, the meeting would unfortunately take place without any HP-Pelzer representative being present.

The representatives of the Regional Public Health Office ("RPHO") informed the participants about the noise measurements made by the RPHO in the night time in September 2018. HP-Pelzer s.r.o. did not meet the noise limits defined by the applicable legislation. The RPHO proceeded to impose a sanction by order. HP-Pelzer s.r.o. did not file any protest against the order, which then came to legal force. Further, the representatives stated that HP-Pelzer s.r.o. had submitted an action plan to the RPHO which should lead to a reduction in operation noise generation (e.g., crusher jacketing, HVAC repair, etc.). On the basis of the measurement results, the RPHO set a precondition in its binding statement issued for the trial operation, namely operation in the daytime only.

The representative of the "Občané pro Radčice z.s." – "Citizens for Radčice" (NGO) association responded immediately by stating that HP-Pelzer s.r.o. was in violation of the said precondition (operation also in the night time). The same response came from the mayors of both MO, saying that according to the reports of people, the time limits were being violated frequently and that the crusher was said to be operated often also in the night time.

The Mayor of MO Plzeň 7 Radčice MUDr. Rolando Arias offered that the registered association and also other people who would notice the noise in the night time should make (even non-professional) recordings and send them to the RPHO or to the Office, even if it they were non-authorized measurements. The same also applies to the citizens of Malesice, who should address the Mayor of MO Plzeň 9 - Malesice.

The Mayor of MO Plzeň 9 - Malesice Bc. Aleš Tolar noted that the highly unsatisfactory situation in noise was currently leading also in his municipal district to the establishment of another non-governmental non-profit organization/association (NGO) also intending to demand the observance of the noise standards as the principal aim of their activities. Further, he reminded that his Office had also been contacted repeatedly by the discontented Malesice citizens. He also proposed both municipal districts to enter into close cooperation.

Further, after being asked by the Mayor of MO Plzeň 9 - Malesice Bc. Aleš Tolar, the workers of the RPHO stated that HP-Pelzer s.r.o. was entitled to order a noise measurement itself with an authorized firm in the pending procedure and to submit the results to the RPHO. The representative of the "Občané pro Radčice z.s." – "Citizens for Radčice" (NGO) association recommended to the RPHO workers that their organization should make independent noise measurements in the premises in question so as not to rely only on the measurements made by the authorized firm contracted by HP-Pelzer because as people have reported, it was possible that during such measurements ordered by HP-Pelzer operation seemed to be cut down significantly with the resulting marked noise level decrease at the time of measurement.

The Mayor of MO Plzeň 7 — Radčice further asked Ms Pavla Stará, worker of the construction department of the local office, to inform the participants about the pending building permit proceedings in the HP-Pelzer s.r.o. premises. Ms Stará stated that the permit for the trial operation of the reconstructed P3 shop, technology and compressor plant 2 was issued by the construction department in the previous election period with validity until 31 March 2019. Within this time limit, the company should also apply for a permit for construction modification before finishing to address noise reduction. No such request has been filed with the Office yet. The Mayor of MO Plzeň 9 - Malesice Bc. Aleš Tolar and the representative of the "Občané pro Radčice z.s." – "Citizens for Radčice" (NGO) association asked as to how the construction department would proceed after the lapse of the said time limit. Ms Pavla Stará said that the trial operation period would not be extended as no measures had been taken to reduce the noise limits, unless construction modification before finishing is applied for. The RPHO workers agreed with the outlined construction department procedure. Further, the RPHO workers agreed with closer cooperation in the next building permits issued for the premises in question. The construction department of MO Plzeň 7 — Radčice agreed in this respect.

The representatives of the Municipal District Plzeň 9 — Malesice reminded the participants that in their district an association (NGO) would also be established to deal with the intolerable noise level in the housing area of Malesice caused by HP-Pelzer s.r.o. operation. In this respect, the Mayor of the Municipal District Bc. Aleš Tolar asked the RPHO workers to send copies of the documents intended to HP-Pelzer s.r.o. also to the Office (for information). This request was joined by the Mayor of MO Plzeň 7 — Radčice MUDr. Rolando Arias, who asked the participants to ensure mutual informedness concerning the issue in question. He proposed further that the participants should meet regularly with respect to the issue and inform each other about any news. All the participants agreed.

The Mayor of MO Plzeň 9 — Malesice Bc. Aleš Tolar further asked to deal with the traffic situation by the HP-Pelzer s.r.o. premises (trucks laid by on the road, etc.). The Mayor of MO Plzeň 7 — Radčice MUDr. Rolando Arias informed the participants that the Office was planning an overall reconstruction of the road in front of the premises and other traffic measures to be taken (e.g., "No Parking" signs for trucks). Such steps are currently being discussed with the Road Administration and Maintenance Authority workers and with the Department of Transport of the Statutory City of Plzeň.

Conclusion:

The involved parties agreed without any reservations on their mutual future cooperation and coordination in dealing with the noise limits exceeded by HP-Pelzer s.r.o.. The company will be demanded uncompromisingly to observe the laws and health standards of the Czech Republic. The involved parties declared their intention to cooperate to the highest possible extent in the future in addressing the issue of the noise and environmental burden resulting from the industrial zone operation.

The mayors of both municipal districts also expressed their hope that such a highly successful European economic subject, which HP-Pelzer undoubtedly is according to the publicly available annual reports of the company, would also use its economic strength in the future to improve the environment considerably in the area where it conducts its manufacturing activities and generates its economic profit and that it would show a higher level of cooperation with both municipal districts MO Plzeň 7- Radčice and MO Plzeň 9 - Malesice, with the RPHO and with the non-governmental organizations which are concerned about the issue.

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