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CHR-RRTF - HR/026  
Dear Mr. Bubalo,

I refer to your letter of 25 April 2001 requesting a written waiver of the High Representative's Decision of 27 April 2000 that bans the reallocation of state owned property, including former socially-owned property.

In particular, you request this office to allow the Municipality of Mostar North to allocate five plots of land, registered in the land books under the following cadastral numbers: 63/16, covering the area of 800 m<sup>2</sup>; 63/17, covering the area of 1,200 m<sup>2</sup>; 64/3, covering the area of 1,300 m<sup>2</sup>; 64/4, covering the area of 60 m<sup>2</sup>; and 64/5, covering the area of 2,472 m<sup>2</sup> – cadastral municipality of Prigradjeni, to "NORFISH BLAGAJ" from Mostar for the purpose of building a fish processing plant and auxiliary facilities.

The enclosed land records demonstrate that the above mentioned cadastral numbers refer to socially-owned and undeveloped pastureland, while the Municipal Council's Decision of 16 February 2001 confirms that the right to use the land in question rests with the Municipality of Mostar North. The Decision also states that land plots 64/3, 64/4 and 64/5 had been within the "Water Power Plant-Jablanica" complex until 22 March 1995, when the "Water Power Plant-Jablanica" decided to give the land over to the "Fish Farm-Blagaj", which is the legal predecessor of "NORFISH BLAGAJ".

Declaring that the proposed construction project is in the public interest, the Municipal Council of Mostar North approved the land allocation in question by its Decision number 01-28-1481/00 of 16 February 2001, while the Mostar Urban Planning Institute gave the urban permit for the proposed construction in its Opinion number 36-23-893/00 of 2 August 2000. The land allocation in question was also approved by the Municipal Public Attorney, Mr. Zenaid Djelmo, who states in his letter number 97-08-19/01 of 19 April 2001 that there are no legal obstacles for the issuance of the requested waiver of the High Representative's Decision of 27 April 2000.

"NORFISH BLAGAJ" is obliged to pay 66,796 KM for the land allocation and 8,467 KM for the land development and it will be registered in the land books as the new user of the land in question only upon this payment.

In light of the information that you have provided, this office authorises the Municipality of Mostar North to allocate the aforesaid land for the purpose described above.

To the extent that this waiver is granted on the basis of the validity of the documentation you have provided, this waiver shall itself cease to be valid if a court of competent jurisdiction, under a final and binding decision, brings into question the authenticity or accuracy of this documentation, and/or the information that it contains.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'V. Sluiter', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ambassador Valerie Sluiter  
Deputy High Representative for Return and Reconstruction