

**OFFICE OF THE
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Mr. Dusan Gasevic
Speaker of the Municipal Assembly
Han Pijesak
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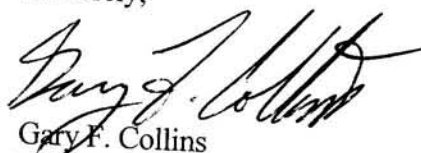
CHR-RRTF-HR/OIG
Dear Mr. Gasevic,

I refer to your letter of 24 August 2000 requesting a written waiver of the High Representative's Decision of 27 April 2000 that bans the reallocation of socially-owned land.

In particular, you request this office to allow the Municipality of Han Pijesak to allocate 1343 m² of municipal construction land, registered in the land books under number 333/59, to Mr. Mitar Pajic for the construction of a fuel station. You state that the land in question was not used for any purpose prior to the war and that it was sold to Mr. Pajic in an open auction that was approved by the Municipal Assembly on 31 March 2000. Of the three bids received, Mr. Pajic's bid of 10,000 DM was the highest. The sale was advertised in the local media and the land allocation project is in accordance with the Development Plan of Han Pijesak of 31 March 2000. In addition, the municipal authorities of Han Pijesak have complied with all relevant local laws and regulations and consider this project to be in the best public interest.

In light of the information you have given, this office authorizes the Municipality of Han Pijesak to allocate the aforesaid land for the purpose described above.

Sincerely,



Gary F. Collins
Property Team Leader
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