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To: Compliance Advisor/Ombudsman
International Finance Cooperation
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COMPLAINT

We are a group of citizens from Katund i Ri village, Bradashesh Commune, Elbasan, Albania. Hereby, we are addressing you this complaint about our concern related to the pollution in our area, which is caused by Kurum International Company, a project that, to our knowledge, is financed by International Finance Cooperation.

Our village is located in a distance of 1 km far from the Steel Facility of Turkish Kurum International Company, and therefore we, the inhabitants, suffer the consequences of the air pollution caused by the activity of this company.

The pollution consists in:

- 1- Contamination and dust, smoke coming out of the chimneys and dust caused by selection of scrap.
- 2- Very bad smell of sulfur, which is used as combustible material in the steel rolling plant of this company.

The pollution is higher at night hours, when a cloud of smoke and very bad smell is spread over our village and other surrounding villages.

Therefore, we kindly request you to demand the Kurum International Company to reduce the level of pollution at maximum; to comply with the standards, in order that we can breathe air which is within the allowed norms.

In case of response, please contact us on the following address:

Address: [REDACTED] Komuna Bradashesh, Elbasan, Albania

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Tel: [REDACTED]

Hoping in your response to resolve our concern,

Sincerely, citizens: [REDACTED]