

Hostages of a pig farm

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In Prykarpattia, they began to study how environmental and social requirements are met at Goodwell Ukraine pig farms. The audit is conducted by an independent auditor and representatives of the Office of the International Finance Corporation Ombudsman. The commission already has several comments.

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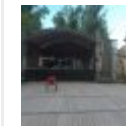
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Complaint to IFC

Representatives of the Office of the IFC Ombudsman's Adviser, Serge Selvan and Abisola Kazim, recently visited Ivano-Frankivsk Region. They came from the United States and together with the independent auditor Oksana Volosko-Demkiv, as well as representatives of the NGO "Ecodia" inspect the company "Goodwell Ukraine" (former name "Danosha").

As you know, people often complain about the activities of this company. In our region it has farms in Halych and Kalush districts. However, the residents of the village of Sivka-Voynylivska in the Kalush region are one of the few who have gone much further than simple conversations. They filed complaints with the International Finance Corporation. It is one of the five institutions of the World Bank Group that provides loans to Goodwell. In turn, the company must comply with social and environmental requirements.

Last year, representatives of the ombudsman's office came to Prykarpattia. After listening to people's complaints, they studied whether they had a basis. Realizing that the appeals were unfounded, the Americans now came again to conduct



Villagers say Goodwell's farms are located in the nearby village of Luke. However, on their territory there are lagoons - manure storages. In addition, company trucks drive on their roads in the village. And through the fields of the villagers, she made her way. At first the road was several meters wide, and now in some places it reaches 20 meters.

Executive Committee member Mykhailo Kalysh claims that there has been no improvement since last year's Goodwell visit. When the company started building farms in 2005, it promised jobs for locals and close cooperation with the authorities. But she did neither. No one from the village is hired because they seem to be able to get some diseases. An agreement on cooperation with the village council has not been concluded. And on leased lands sow plants that deplete the soil: sunflower, corn, canola.

Another problem is related to manure. Mr. Mykhailo says that although the company has built manure storages, they overflow and flow into streams, which flow into the Dniester.

"The worst thing is that they polluted wells with this manure. We do not have clean water. They drilled wells to bathe and water the animals, thus lowering the groundwater level, and water is lost in the well. The village is poor, people do not have the money to deepen wells or drill new ones. And even then there is no guarantee that the water will be odorless and will be at all, "- said a member of the executive committee.

Residents are also confused by waste disposal. They say that soon the skeletons of animals will probably be littered with villages, because there are already many of them in forests, ravines and fields. However, when the delegation requested evidence, people were unable to provide it.

"It seems to me that Danosha thinks that they are not our receivers, but we are theirs, and they are the hosts here. They need to be put in place to understand that they are guests, - the man continues. - We are patient people, but our history is rich in uprisings. We can stand up for ourselves with more radical methods. "

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Patience bursts in

Olga Franiv, a resident of Sivka-Voynylivska, also did not notice any changes on the part of Goodwell. He says they continue to pollute the air, soil and water. In March, the village analyzed the water, and its results are disappointing. "We bathe and drink one chemical. The analysis is terrible. There is so much fresh manure that sewage treatment plants cannot clean it and it spills out and goes into the soil and the Dniester," says the woman.

She also notes that once in the stream Burkach, which flows into the Dniester, there were fish, geese and ducks swam, and often a cow drank water. However, after the company started dumping there, the fish died and the bird and cow did not even fit.

Ms. Olga is concerned about Goodwell's intention to expand the farm and increase the number of pigs in Lutsk. Like, now there are 23 thousand animals and uses about 500 cubic meters of water per day. And if the farm takes it even more, there is a risk that the residents will have nothing left.

an independent investigation.

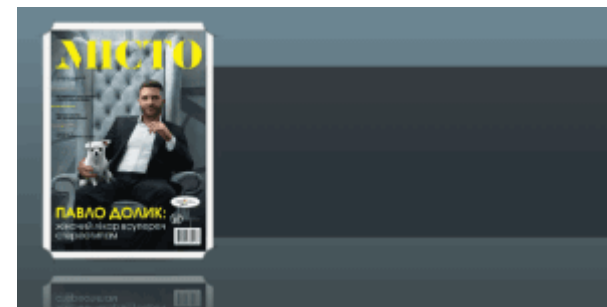
Research analyst Abisola Kazim says that after last year's visit, they realized that they needed to take a closer look at the social and environmental issues that the community was talking about. So now the commission is holding meetings with villagers, local authorities, company representatives and other structures to study everything in more detail.

Senior Compliance Specialist Serge Selvan adds that they are now trying to gather as much information as possible. An internal report will be prepared in September, and a final one by the end of the year. The IFC will then have time to respond, and then both reports will be submitted to the President of the World Bank.

On August 22, the team met with government officials from Sivka-Voynylivska, the community and the company.



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"We didn't have a road, we blocked it - and they do. So let's go and block the pigs from entering the car. They will suffer losses and will be reckoned with. Our patience is running out," Olga Franiv stressed.



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Suffers from health

Nadiya Palagniy, an employee of a rural outpatient clinic, claims that as soon as Goodwell sprinkles the fields, a queue of patients immediately gathers under the offices. At first, doctors were surprised by such a sudden outbreak of disease, and then realized that they have a connection with chemicals. The woman adds that people do not know what exactly the fields are sprinkled with, and they are not even informed about the fact of sprinkling.

"We must fight for clean air. We want Danosha to comply with environmental requirements. She has adapted to our corrupt government, knows who to bring money to, and does what she wants. We are very concerned about the

environment and destroyed roads. It is impossible to open the window in the evening because it stinks, "the doctor is indignant.

Ms. Nadiya assures that she can confirm the words about disease outbreaks, as all this is entered in the journal of outpatient records. And family doctor Ruslana Matseshek adds that most people have lung pathologies, allergies and gastrointestinal diseases.



Requirements of residents

Maria Antoniv, a member of the initiative group, presented the commission with an appeal on behalf of the community. She said that the pig farm produces 478 cubic meters of water a day, and said that, according to the norms, this volume should be more than twice less.

"Water is primarily for pigs, and people do not give extra profits, so let them survive as they want... Our wells were filled with water from streams, which are located in the place where there are six wells up to 25 m deep," she explained.

Residents see the solution to the problem of drinking water in the construction of a water supply system with the analysis of previous water reserves or the closure of wells. They also pay attention to the disposal of manure, which leads to soil and water pollution. Like, from the territory of a pig complex the hose on which the liquid fraction goes to human fields is laid.

As part of the investigation, residents are asked to conduct analyzes of water, soil and air, check the compliance of the working design with real objects, the availability of documents and more. They are asking for tests at the capital's Research Center for Preventive Toxicology of Food and Chemical Safety named after Academician Medved, because they do not trust the Frankivsk and Lviv laboratories.

They are also concerned about waste disposal, because when carcasses are transported on the streets there is a terrible stench. "IFCs need to analyze and make sure that all their standards have been violated, and take steps to work with the ombudsman's office to address the violations. In the absence of control over the use of loans by the company, these funds are slowly killing us. There can be no talk of expanding the farm and installing a recycler for burning pigs in the place where it is planned," said the activist.

Maria Antoniv emphasizes that Ukraine cannot be a testing ground for dirty European technologies. Like, meat is sent somewhere, and manure remains in human fields. As a result, the European investor incites the authorities to corruption, forming a corruption bow.

Another problem is land shares. Some residents claim that the company arbitrarily seized their land in 2005-2012 and does not pay any funds. Serge Selvan explained that IFC had only started lending to the company in 2013, so they could not solve the problems that existed before.

"Everything that happened before 2013 is not part of our work. We have seen 90 complaints about land leases, but only 9-10 fall under our period. We did not expect to come and find no problems. But we hope that the conversation between IFC and the company is aimed at correcting mistakes," explained the senior compliance specialist.

He assured that he would require IFC to properly supervise the company. However, such answers did not satisfy people at all. "How did you come to us?" Talk again? We are not satisfied with this. We want you to finally do something and help us. You come, and there are no results, "they were indignant.

Serge Selvan reiterated that he was conducting an investigation with the team. That is, they cannot clean wells or stop manure, but can only record facts.

Expert comments

Independent expert Oksana Volosko-Demkiv said that she is currently working to check complaints about water supply, pollution, odors, transportation of animal carcasses, land cultivation, manure and more. The results of the inspection will be submitted to the final report, which will contain recommendations to optimize the company's work and relieve tension in communication with the local population.

The expert assured that the commission believes only in facts, documents and what it has seen with its own eyes. During their work, they have already held several meetings. In particular, they met with representatives of the environmental inspection. It turned out that she had not been allowed to inspect Goodwell's facilities for three years.

"Of course, it would be much better if the inspection more or less checked everything and prevented such things as accidental manure spills. We note that not allowing regulatory authorities to inspect should not be a common practice," said Ms. Oksana.

The commission also talked to representatives of the Dniester Basin Water Administration. They assured that water in wells fell across all territory of area on one and a half meters. The commission also talked to the staff of the State Food and Consumer Service, which takes samples of monitoring wells near manure storages and air samples for analysis. They concluded that this was not enough and that an independent laboratory should analyze water, soil and air. At the same time, the regional state administration refused to meet with the commission.

Oksana Volosko-Demkiv noted that the company should inform people about spraying the fields with more than one announcement in the village - residents should know when, what and in what conditions it is carried out.

"Therefore, if we hear things that people are talking about now, it means that this should not be the case, and we pay attention to it. If air is being measured, why not involve people in it? You just need to inform beforehand. I think that's right and it should be. Our task here is to compare all the facts. Say what is and what is not, suggest what can be done. We work almost like detectives: we try to understand what is being done, where the truth is, what is justified and what is not," the expert added.

She also noted that there are claims before the carcasses of dead animals are disposed of. Goodwell hires a company that takes them 350 km to Vinnytsia region. Until then, they are stored in closed containers. This method of transportation does not contradict Ukrainian law. However, the commission will recommend that the carcasses be stored in refrigerators, which is in line with international practice. "This is not normal. We write them recommendations so that they can find a contractor and transport the carcasses tightly. We want there to be no smell," added Ms. Oksana.

We were unable to communicate with representatives of Goodwell Ukraine. The secretary of the reception Natalia Dykun said that the PR manager was on vacation and advised to make an information request, which we did.

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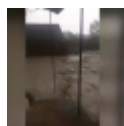
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