

On September 14, UK-based Central Asia Metals plc (CAML) reported a short-term leakage of tailings from Sasa, zinc-lead mine in North Macedonia. Leakage got from TSF4 facility into the local river. No person was harmed in the incident. The exact cause of the incident has not been confirmed.

North Macedonia's environment ministry said that the Sasa mine has reached an agreement with the State Inspectorate for Environment to pay a total of 65,000 euro (\$75,515) in fines and take sanitary measures over a tailings leakage incident that took place earlier this month.

The State Inspectorate for Environment imposed a 50,000 euro fine on the Sasa mine as a legal entity and a 15,000 euro fine on the responsible employee, the ministry said in a statement.

Under the agreement between the State Inspectorate for Environment and Sasa, the mine is also obliged to clean the part of Kamenica river and the nearby hydropower plant that were polluted, as well as take additional measures to avoid future similar incidents at the mining site, the ministry said.

Sasa is an underground zinc and lead mine located in north eastern North Macedonia that produces approximately 820,000 tonnes of ore per year. Central Asia Metals has been the sole owner of the North Macedonian Sasa mine since 2017.

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