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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT AMEC SPIE….

Dear applicant

You are here today because you're interested in working for AMEC Spie. But did you know that the company is involved in an extremely controversial oil project which looks set to become a **human rights, environmental and social disaster**? IS THIS REALLY A COMPANY YOU WOULD WISH TO WORK FOR?

But what's this got to do with railways?

It's the same company recruiting here today that intends to build a controversial oil pipeline. Protests against this project are growing, and AMEC Spie is a campaign target. DO YOU WANT TO WORK FOR A COMPANY WHOSE NAME IS LINKED TO A HUMAN RIGHTS DISASTER?

What is this pipeline project, then?

The Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) pipeline project is to run from Azerbaijan through Georgia to Turkey, bringing oil from the Caspian Sea to the West. **AMEC Spie has won the largest construction contract for the pipeline from BP, and will build the pipleine section through Georgia**.

- The pipeline that AMEC Spie will build cuts through Georgia's **foremost national park** and under the mineral springs that provide one of Georgia's **most important exports**, Borjomi mineral water. When the Georgian environment minister said this would violate national law, she was detained by the president until 3am until she agreed to ratify the route.
- Local people's lands and livelihoods will be adversely affected by the pipeline, and **in Georgia, many have already started to protest**. They say they have not been fully consulted about the pipeline and are worried that they won't receive fair compensation for damage to their lands and communities.
- The contracts for BTC override any conflicting laws in the host countries (apart from the constitution). They exempt the BTC consortium from any new laws for the next 40 to 60 years, effectively **putting the pipeline route under the control of multinational oil companies**.
- In Turkey, the route passes through Kurdish areas devastated by war. Because the Turkish government is violently opposed to granting rights to the Kurds, the thousands of pages of environmental and social impact assessments do not mention the Kurds or human rights once. In Turkey, the security will be conducted by the gendarmerie, whose human rights record is so horrific they were ordered to disband by the Council of Europe.
- In all three countries the benefits of the project will be enjoyed only by elites; ordinary people will share only the environmental and social burdens.

We are part of a group of over 70 international NGOs who have raised serious concerns about the BTC project. You can find out more about us and BTC at **www.baku.org.uk**

We are campaigning to persuade AMEC Spie to pull out of the BTC pipeline. **We also urge you to take the chance today to ask the company about its involvement in this disastrous project**.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information.
Best wishes
Baku Ceyhan Campaign.