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ASB completed the repair of two electricity networks in the municipality of Sirač and the town of Daruvar

The repair of the electricity network in the village of Donji Borki, the municipality of Sirač and the village of Batinjska Jezera, the town of Daruvar, financed by the European Union and implemented by the Office of the Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund (ASB), is another integral step in the ongoing European Union Reconstruction Programme for Return (Europska unija program obnove za povratak - EUPOP). This programme is aimed at accelerating the multiple-way return and reintegration, encouraging the reconciliation process and revitalisation of regional economy in the Republic of Croatia.

This project is a part of the EUPOP agreement implemented in the framework of the CARDS 2001 programme signed with the municipality of Sirač and the town of Daruvar on 22 October 2002.

The repair of the electricity network in the village of Donji Borki covers the distance of 6,975 m of the high voltage network, 2,760 m of the low voltage network, repair of two transformer stations and building of three new transformer stations. The repair of the electricity network in the village of Batinjska Jezera covers the distance of 1,260 m of the low voltage network. With this project, the safe and constant supply of electricity for the both villages is guaranteed. The total costs of this electricity projects amounts to € 175,000.

Since 1996, ASB has implemented EU-funded projects in Croatia for a total amount of € 67 million, reconstructed more than 3,067 destroyed housing units and carried out numerous projects in the field of public, social and economic infrastructure as well as mine-clearance.

On this occasion, ASB invites all representatives of the media in Croatia to attend this event which will take place on Wednesday, 26 March 2003. All invitees will gather at 9:15 hrs in front of the municipality building in the town of Daruvar and then proceed to the projects' sites.

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