

December 10th 2014

To: MK Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister
And Finance Minister

Dear Mr. Netanyahu,

Subject: Publication of Details Regarding EAPC Activities on Safety and the Environment

Following the disaster of the oil spill from the Eilat Ashkelon Pipeline Company pipeline in the Evrona Nature Reserve, I request on behalf of the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, that you will use your influence to allow the publication of information regarding the EAPC's conduct regarding safety, public health and environmental protection.

On 17/7/1968 the government declared, with the permission of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, that "all information regarding the pipe line of Eilat-Ashkelon" is a "secret matter" and it is "not allowed to be published by the Ministry of Finance", this is why we are asking you for assistance.

Over the last years several severe incidents have occurred with oil from EAPC pipelines leaking and damaging the environment. There are valid suspicions that these are not the only incidents, and that others have been hidden from the public, the cleaning efforts taken place as part of the recovery efforts in Evrona have revealed evidence that several similar incidents have occurred in this place, (their extent is unknown), but were not known to the public.

As opposed to previous work patterns, current reforms are meant to improve transparency and expose methods of operating and decision making of government activities, including budget management and expenditure spending money. The public has taken responsibility as "landlord" of the governmental authority and demands a full account for its actions. Also, EAPC is a government owned company, which operates in sensitive areas regarding public health and protecting the natural environment, and has an obligation to reveal to the public its operations in these areas and to publicly account for these incidents and the management culture that allowed them to happen.

The Society for Protection of Nature is pleased that in your role as a Minister of Environment Protection, you have taken an interest in this matter. In your visit yesterday (9/12/2014) to Evrona you must have noticed, first hand, the gravity of the matter and how insufferable is the situation that led to this.

Therefore, this is the time, to remove the veil of secrecy regarding the affairs of EAPC. The Society for the Protection of Nature requests that you use your authority as Minister of Finance to permit the publication (in full or at least partially, to avoid damage to national security) of the following:

- State comptroller report on EAPC activities
- Internal procedures of EAPC regarding issues of planning, building and environmental protection
- Documents of EAPC's internal investigations that were submitted to the Ministry of Environmental Protection in connection with previous incidents.

SPNI believes that the publication of these documents will be of significant benefit to the advancement EAPC's efforts to protect the environment as well as restoring the public's confidence in it and the people responsible for its activities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Koshia' or similar, written in a cursive style.

Kosha "Moshe" Pakman
CEO, SPNI

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