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**To: Mr. Richard Kingham
Environmental Supervisor**

**From: A. A. Abbasov
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Dear Mr. Kingham,

We have attentively reviewed your letter of April 27, 2004 and the attachment to it with the proposals for developing an extensive report on archeological excavation works of Zayamachay monuments along the BTC pipeline route in 2003. In the light of your request, we hereby submit you new draft development procedures for an extensive report (please find attached).

We find it expedient to meet with you at your earliest convenience, so as to discuss general issues.

Respectfully yours,
A. Abbasov

Design

for development of an extensive report on archeological excavation works on Zayamchay monuments along the BTC pipeline route carried out by the employees of the Institute of Archeology and Ethnography in 2003, as well as for restoration, chemical analysis and storage of the archeological findings.

- I. Non-technical summary (must be included obligatory and should include at least information requested in BTC proposed design)**
- II. Aim of Field Work**
- III. Methodology**
 - a. Methodology of Field Work**
 - b. Methodology of Post-field Work**
- IV. Contents and design of report**

IV. 1 **The Introduction Section** of the report will include such information as discovery of Zayamchay necropolis, its natural/geographical location, scientific literature-based summary of research activities carried out before the current excavation works, characteristics of Zayamchay necropolis, objectives and methodology of the recent works, etc. The information on BTC's financial support to the excavation works on the archeological monument, its significance in studying monuments of Azerbaijan, as well as the fact that the archeological excavation works on Zayamchay necropolis were initiated by BTC and that this research is one of the large-scale initiatives ever seen in the scientific history of Azerbaijan archeology will also be pointed out in the Introduction Section. Some points from this para should go item II and III above

IV. 2 A section named **Necropolis** will cover a large share of the report. This very section will give a description of each burial's type and structure, and will describe every single detail of all archeological materials (pottery ware, arms, adornments, etc.). Need to be divided by sub-sections, i.e. pottery; bronzework, beads, bones, etc...

IV. 3 The following section named **Residential Area** will describe the excavation works on the monument and classified archeological materials discovered from therein (earthenware, stoneware, etc.). Need to be divided by sub-sections, i.e. pottery, beads, etc...

IV. 4 The **Conclusion** of the report will explain the importance of the Zayamchay archeological excavation works and the artifacts discovered in the course of the excavations, which were carried out with the financial support of BTC, not only in studying the ancient history of Azerbaijan, but also the Caucasus as a whole. The said section will also include the generalized thoughts about the chronology of the dug out monuments of archeological value.

V. Archive deposition or Storage of the discovered archeological materials.

Following the report, the artifacts discovered in Zayamchay monuments will be handed over to the Archeological Collection of the Institute of Archeology and Ethnography. The archive will consist of the physical remains of the artefacts and the archaeological record (a copy of reports, drawing, photographs and written site records). The archive will be housed at XXXX

For this very reason, each artifact will be cataloged. It should be noted that the existing condition of the premises of Archeological Collection is not adequate for storage of the aforementioned materials. However, the Government of Azerbaijan has allocated a new building to house the Collection. It is considered to store, and furthermore, display the artifacts discovered in the course of the excavation works along the BTC pipeline route in the new building. For the refurbishment of the building, we have repeatedly requested BTC for financial support, but in vein. Following the completion of the studies, some of the artifacts can be returned to Shamkir Museum, provided that the Museum shall have storage conditions adequate to the BTC's requirements.

VI. Monitoring procedures

This section not fully reflects what BTC has requested. So, it should be re-written. The employees of the Institute of Archeology and Ethnography shall prepare the report on artifacts, discovered in the course of the excavation works, at the departments of the said Institute. BTC representatives may at any given time observe or control this process. The Ministry of Culture of the Azerbaijan Republic provides protection of the monuments located within Azerbaijan. The Institute of Archeology and Ethnography finds it important to arrange meetings and discussions with BTC representatives, so as to resolve any problem that may surface in connection with preparation of the archeological materials for drawing up a report.

Appendices

- 1) List of all artefacts and their context
- 2) The Institute of Archeology and Ethnography does not plan publishing any scientific articles of large volumes, unless the report is fully approved by BTC Co. We would like to emphasize that the Institute and BTC Co. shall have the property right over the said report and its electronic copy. BTC Co., in its turn, shall not submit the said report and its electronic copy to a third party prior to the publishing process that will be implemented by its financial support, so as to protect the authorship of the scientists working for the Institute.
- 3) Scientific interests of the Institute and BTC Co.'s international interests will prevail in all publishing activities.

Respectfully yours,

A. A. Abbasov