

La Naturen Leve ("Let Nature Live") has sent the following letter today, 14 January 2019, to Mr. Christian Vogt, investment director at Stadtwerke München (SWM):

*Dear Mr. Vogt,*

*I write to you on behalf of the Norwegian environmental organisation La Naturen Leve ("Let Nature Live"), regional and local environmental organisations in the county of Hedmark as well as concerned individuals in the vicinity of Kjølberget.*

*We have been informed that Stadtwerke München is in the final stage of negotiating an investment agreement for Kjølberget. I hope there is still time for you to reconsider your position as a potential investor in this project.*

*SWM is probably not aware of the qualities and values you are about to ruin. The Finnskogen area in Hedmark, and the Finnskogleden in the border region between Norway and Sweden, represent unique areas of unspoiled nature, enjoyed and praised by local citizens, environmental and tourist organisations as well as regional and national authorities. They are visited by thousands of tourists every year, coming to Finnskogen because of its beautiful nature, silence and peace. This is why the municipalities surrounding Finnskogen in Norway and Sweden, work together to have Finnskogen and Kjølberget included on the UNESCO World Heritage list.*

*13 huge wind turbines (230 meters high) on Kjølberget, as well as a comprehensive network of roads, will have disastrous effects on people, animals and birds - not to speak of the lost attractivity as a tourist destination. Can you imagine UNESCO wishing to include Finnskogen on its heritage list if these monsters are being erected?*

*Last week, on the 10th of January, about 120 people met representatives of Eidsiva/Austri at Elverum in Hedmark, to discuss and protest against the Kjølberget project. They were perfectly aware that the project has got all necessary licenses from the Ministry of Energy - and yet, they wished to show their dismay and despair.*

*We appeal to you to cancel your plans for Kjølberget. The project will form a very small/ insignificant part of your portfolio, yet you risk a serious loss in terms of reputation and good-will in the region. You have already been criticised for your investments at Fosen in Trøndelag and Raskiftet in Hedmark (the latter is very close to Kjølberget). Don't you think it is enough now? Does SWM really want to greenwash German coal power plants by destroying valuable Norwegian nature - to "save the climate"?*

*I hope you will bring this matter to the urgent attention of the SWM General Manager and the Board of Directors.*

*Copy: Mr. Thor Svegård, Eidsiva and selected regional media.*

*Yours*