

Expropriations block golf resort

By Nuria Pérez

THE SANTA Ana del Monte golf resort which Grupo San José is set to build in Jumilla has been temporarily halted, the town hall explained this week.

According to the local authority the delay has been caused because expropriated land has not been paid for by the board of compensation which is managed by Grupo San José chief, José Rodríguez Murcia.

Only the first 2,286 properties of the 'plan parcial' scheme were approved by the town hall in a full council meeting in 2006.

Most of the land – four million square metres – is owned by the company.

However they face a bill of nearly 4.5 million euros for another 200,000 square metres of land and other smaller plots which they do not own.

A council spokeswoman explained: "Once the land has been paid for, the remaining administrative procedures will be carried out.

"A deposit to guarantee the building works are finished will be made by the company and then the building licences will be issued."

According to a licence issued by the town hall in April 2007 the company is only allowed to move earth and to build the foundations of 572 properties located in the RMD-4 area of the scheme.

The company is not allowed to build any property currently as no further licences have been issued.

Grupo San José hit the headlines in May when two of its companies – San José Inversiones and Herrada del Tollo – applied to the courts for voluntary suspension of payments ('concurso de acreedores').

Three administrators have been appointed by a judge for each company.

According to Antonio Navarro, president of promoters' association Procosta, Grupo San José is negotiating with several credit institutions in order to carry on with the Santa Ana del Monte scheme.

He said: "The viability of the company depends partly on this scheme."

CB News has asked Grupo San José to comment on the situation but no reply was received before going to press.

IU-Los Verdes councillor in Jumilla José Antonio Pérez said: "The company presented a massive scheme even though it did not own all the land."

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Email
June 25, 2008

Dear Sir,

I write to you regarding the administration of San José Inversiones and Herrada del Tollo and to let you know that not all purchasers have the return of their money as their aim.

I am a purchaser at Santa Ana del Monte Golf and Country Club and I like others wish for the development to go ahead and to have my property.

I believe that the building of SADM and its facilities will enable me and others to have our properties resulting in money going into the local economy, creating jobs when they are surely needed and providing improved local facilities for all.

I therefore, ask for you to please support the continuation of the development of SADM and do all that you can to help this to happen and ensure that it is known that there are purchasers who want to proceed with their purchase and have not given up.

I want my house!

Yours truly,

George and Lorraine Kidd



Email
June 24, 2008

Dear Costa Blanca News,

I am a purchaser at the Santa Ana del Monte Golf and Country Club and I am writing to you to ask that you support the development, which will bring jobs, money and additional facilities and amenities to Jumilla.

Others and I want our houses and we ask for the support of the media and press in getting the message to the regional government of Murcia, the town hall of Jumilla and the administrators of San José and Herrada del Tollo and asking for them to support the development of SADM and its completion!

I want my house!

Yours truly,

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