

Montenegrin bank seeks buyer for Sveti Nikola island, 33% discount

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Prva Banka Crne Gore (First Bank of Montenegro) (www.prvabankacg.com) has reiterated its offer for the sale of a part of the Sveti Nikola island, just off the coast of Budva, the country's biggest seaside resort. The reserve price for 37,000 square meters of the island has been set at 21 million euros, down from the previous asking price of 28 million euros. The area is being sold complete with a number of existing tourist facilities – mostly smaller structures that would probably be razed down by a new developer or possibly incorporated into a new tourist complex. According to local media reports, the sale has been prompted after the latest owner of the property, controversial Serbian businessman Stanko Subotic, defaulted on his loan taken from Prva Banka Crne Gore, and notified the bank that sell the collateral as he could no longer meet his obligations. A public auction is now expected to be held on May 23 at the Prva Banka Crne Gore (formerly NIKSICKA Banka) office in Budva. A 100,000 euro deposit is required for taking part in the bidding. If the auction succeeds, the buyer would have to make the agreed payment within seven days. So far, the attractive island, just 1 kilometer off the Budva coast, has been a top destination for day trips from the city by boats shuttling from all Budva beaches.