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Dear Mr. Gadomski,

In continuation to your inquiry of 5 November 2014, we would like to report that the *Croatian Chamber of Architects* is always ready for consultations on a bilateral or some other basis for the sake of exchanging experience that can contribute to the promotion of the work of licensed architects and raising the quality of built environment.

With regard to your inquiry on ensuring an appropriate interspace between residential buildings on the plots owned by various owners, we would like to state that this area has been resolved in the *Republic of Croatia* by spatial plans.

This means that a licensed architect starts the designing work by having insight into the spatial planning documents representing a legal act with obligatory application, which is as a rule comprised of a textual description and a cartographic presentations defining: the use and purpose of the space, traffic and communal infrastructure network, conditions for the use, organisation and protection of space, as well as other issues relevant for the designed building. In other words, there is no special procedure in which the issue of interspace between residential buildings would be separately resolved; rather, it has been resolved in the area of spatial planning.

Specifically, in the *City of Zagreb*, based on the provisions of the *General Urban Plan of the City of Zagreb*, depending on the zone in which the building is situated, the distance of residential buildings may vary in accordance with the provisions of an individual zone.

The verification of the project documents, by signature and stamp on the part of a licensed architect, which among other things guarantees that the provisions of spatial planning and other legal regulations are respected, is a precondition for submitting a request for issuing a construction permit to the competent body of state administration.

At present, the key legal acts in the domain of spatial planning and construction in the *Republic of Croatia* are:

The Law on construction (the *Official Gazette - Narodne novine* number 153/13)
and the *Law on spatial planning* (the *Official Gazette - Narodne novine* number 153/13).

Hoping that having insight into the Croatian experience of organising the conditions of construction of residential buildings will be of use to you, we remain

Sincerely yours,



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