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COVER LETTER

Dear Dragana, dear Ljubisa,

We would like to submit the enclosed manuscript entitled "**A thermodynamic description of metastable c-TiAlZrN coatings with triple spinodally decomposed domains**" by *Jingjing Zhou, Lijun Zhang, Li Chen, Yong Du and Zi-Kui Liu* for possible publication in our journal - *Journal of Mining and Metallurgy Section B: Metallurgy*.

All the authors have participated sufficiently in this work, and reviewed the final version of this manuscript and approve it for publication. Neither this manuscript nor one with substantially similar content under our authorship has been published or is being considered for publication elsewhere. We believe that this manuscript will be of particular interest to the readers of your journal.

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Thank you very much for your consideration! The authors appreciate your time and efforts.

Best wishes!

Sincerely,

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