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COPY: DR. MARGARITA NIKOLOVA
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Regarding: *Notification about investment proposal for “Sand and Gravel Excavation from Alluvium Deposits in the Bed of River Danube, Mishka Section (from km 462.0 to km 459.4) in the area of Babovo village, Municipality Slivo pole, Ruse Region”.*

DEAR MR. CHAKMAKOV,

In reference to obtained at the Ministry of Health your letter with Ref. No: III-002 / 22. 04.2014 and attached thereto documentation about investment proposal for “Sand and Gravel Excavation from Alluvium Deposits in the Bed of River Danube, Mishka Section (from km 462.0 to km 459.4) in the area of Babovo village, Municipality Slivo pole, Ruse Region”, we inform you the following:

After the submitted information the investment proposal shall be realized on two sites – excavation site – Mishka, located in the bed of r. Danube and pier site for discharge of the obtained alluvial deposits, located in the Eastern Industrial Zone of town Ruse, which is a licensed and effective port for processing of general and loads in bulk.

The envisaged section for excavation of sand and gravel from river Danube is from km 462. 0 to km 459.4, to the north of Ryahovo village and Babovo village, north-west of island Mishka (Great Mishka-1 and Small Mishka-2) and south of Mishka-3. The area of the section (0,433km²) is with length 2. 6 km and width 300 m in the south-western part and up to 100 m in the north-eastern part.

The regulation boundaries of both nearest settlements Ryahovo village and Babovo village, are distanced at:

- Ryahovo village - 1 km
- Babovo village – 2 km from the excavation section.

The distance along the flow of river Danube in town Ruse is 29. 5 km

In connection with the described technology in the submitted documentation, we consider that the Terms of Reference for scope and environment impact assessment (EIA) it is necessary that some issues, related to the current health status of the population have to be reviewed, as well as the expected impact on human health in the stages of construction and realization of the investment proposal, location and distance of the proposed sites versus the residential zones of the nearest settlements and other sites and activities, subject to health protection.

Various sections have to be included and assessment shall be done of the impact on the individual factors and components of the environment, including the health and hygiene aspects of the environment and the possible favourable or negative impact on human health.

Information shall be submitted regarding the current status of environment and the likely development without realization of the investment proposal, the so called “zero alternative”, as well as in realization of the same.

Overall assessment shall be made of the likely health risk and on the impact on human health as a result of the realization of the investment proposal.

Measures shall be pointed out for prevention, minimization and possibly most complete compensation of the expected unfavourable consequences from the realization of the investment proposal on the environment and the human health.

The prepared Terms of reference for scope and content of EIA for the investment proposal “Sand and Gravel Excavation from Alluvium Deposits in the Bed of River Danube, Mishka Section (from km 462.0 to km 459.4) in the area of Babovo village, Municipality Slivo pole, Ruse Region” have to be submitted to the Ministry of Health for Observation, according to the requirements of Article 9 of the Ordinance on the terms and conditions for execution of EIA (SG, issue 3 of 2006, last amendment and supplement SG issue 94 of 2012).

Respectfully,

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Dr. Angel Kunchev
Chief State Health Inspector

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