

REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

REFERENCE NOTE

to Application for access to public information entry № ЗДОНД-28/15.04.2013

Further to the submitted by you Application we inform you that on the territory of protected zone Complex Kalimok with code BG0002030 in MOEW a procedure (independent) was carried out pursuant to the *Biodiversity Act*, and the *Ordinance on the terms and conditions for conducting assessment on compatibility of plans, programs, projects and investment proposals with the subject and the targets of conservation of protected zones*. In this connection we provide the decision of the Minister of Environment and Water, whereby the procedure has been finalized.

We also notify you that that in 2012 in MOEW notification was received from Romania under Article 3 of the *Convention on Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) is a transboundary context for investment proposal* "Development of Ardzesh river and Dambovitza river for navigation and other purposes", for which it has been assessed that it can affect protected zone **Complex Kalimok** with code **BG0002030**.

Information about the EIA procedure in transboundary context is available at the site of MOEW: www.moew.government.bg in Preventative activity/EIA/Transboundary procedures/Transboundary procedures, wherein Bulgaria is an affected country.

Attachment: Decision № 45-OC/2012 of the Minister of Environment and Water.



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DECISION № 45.....OC /2012

on assessment of the likely rate of significant negative impact

Pursuant to Article 31, paragraph 7 of the *Biodiversity Act (BA)*, Article 18, para. 1 of the *Ordinance on the terms and conditions for conducting assessment on compatibility of plans, programs, projects and investment proposals with the subject and the targets of conservation of protected zones. (CA Ordinance, promulgated in SG, issue 73/2007, amended and supplemented in SG issue 81/2010 and 3/2011)* and submitted notification and additional information with entry №№ HC3П-289/18.07.2012 and, HC3П-289/22.08.2012, HC3П-289/24.09.2012 and HC3П-24.09/17.10.2012 of MOEW,

I DECIDED:

I coordinate Forestry and Hunting Plan (FHP and HP) – Forestry Management Project (FMP) of TD State Hunting Enterprise (SHE) Danube, which is **not likely** to have significant negative impact on natural habitats and habitats of species, subject to conservation in protected zones **BG0000168 Ludogorie, BG0000232, Batin, BG0000377 Kalimok-Brashlen, BG0000529 Marten-Ryahovo** and **BG0000608 Lomovete** for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna, and **BG0002024 Ribarnitzi Mechka, BG0002025 Lomovete, BG0002030 Complex Kalimok** and **BG0002062 Ludogorie** for protection of wild birds.

Location: The current FHP and HP - FMP cover the State Forest Fund (SFF) in the common lands, located within the boundaries of municipalities Ivanovo, Ruse and Slivo pole, and part of municipalities Vetovo (Smirnenski village, Vetovo village, Pisanetz village and Bazan village) and Tzar Kaloyan (Svalenik village), Ruse Region,

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General information about the proposed project:

FHP and HP - FMP of TD SHE Danube is assigned for development within the period 2011-2012, and has to be adopted at Expert Technical Economic Council (ETEC) after second

forestry management meeting and endorsed by the Chairman of FEA to MAF. It does not fall under the provisions of the *Environment Protection Act* and accordingly is not subject to the regulated with Chapter 6 from it procedures on environment impact assessment and environmental assessment, but falls within the scope of Article 2, para. 2 of *CA Ordinance*.

With letter outgoing No HC3II-289/27.07.2012 of MOEW the Contracting Authority is informed that considering the territorial scope of FHP and HP - FMP and the character of the envisaged with it activities, the competent body has assessed the necessity of carrying out assessment procedure of its compatibility with the subject and targets of conservation of the aforesaid protected zones pursuant to Chapter two of the *CA Ordinance*.

According to the submitted notification under Article 10, paragraph 1 and 2 of *CA Ordinance* and the attached explanatory note to it under FHP and HP - FMP activities are envisaged, concerning the territory of TD SHE Danube, falling partially within the boundaries of nine protected zones (NATURA 2000 locations) pursuant to the *Biodiversity Act* (BA):

- **BG0000168 Ludogorie** for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna, included in the list of the protected zones, adopted with Decision № 661/2007 of the Council of Ministers (SG, issue 85/2007). From the territory, managed by FHP and HP - FMP of TD SHE Danube, 165,0 ha are SFF, falling within the boundaries of the protected zone. On it as forestry activities only loggings at total area of 74,7 ha are envisaged;
- **BG0000232 Batin** for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna, included in the list of protected zones, adopted with Decision № 122/2007 of the Council of Ministers (SG, issue 21/2007). From the territory, managed with FHP and HP - FMP of TD SHE Danube, 640,1 ha are SFF, falling within the boundaries of the protected zone. On it as forestry activities loggings of total area of 69,7 ha and afforestation of area of 26,4 ha have been envisaged;
- **BG0000377 Kalimok-Brashlen for** protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna, included in the list of the protected zones, adopted with Decision № 122/2007 of the Council of Ministers (SG, issue 21/2007). From the territory, managed with FHP and HP - FMP of TD SHE Danube, 406,6 ha are SFF, falling within the boundaries of the protected zone. On it as forestry activities loggings on total area of 42,7 ha and afforestation on area of 7,5 ha are envisaged;
- **BG0000529 Marten-Ryahovo** for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna, included in the list of protected zones, adopted with Decision № 122/2007 of the Council of Ministers (SG, issue 21/2007). From the territory, managed with FHP and HP - FMP of TD SHE Danube, 792,6 ha are SFF, falling within the boundaries of the protected zone. On it as forestry activities loggings at total area of 130,9 ha and afforestation of area of 14,8 ha are envisaged;
- **BG0000608, Lomovete** for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna, included in the list of protected zones, adopted with Decision № 122/2007 of the Council of Ministers (SG, issue 21/2007). From the territory, managed with FHP and HP - FMP of TD SHE Danube, 7 287,4 ha are SFF, falling within the boundaries of the protected zone. On it as forestry activities are envisaged loggings on total area of 3 278,6 ha, afforestation on area of 13,5 ha and setting aside of game fields at area of 8,9 ha;
- **BG0002024 Ribarnitzi Mechka** on protection of the wild birds, declared with Order ПД-561/05.09.2008 of the Minister of Environment and Water (SG, issue 84/2008). Of the territory,

managed with FHP and HP - FMP of TD SHE Danube, 638,9 ha are SFF, falling within the boundaries of the protected zone. On the protected zone as a forestry activities are envisaged loggings on total area of 68,5 ha and afforestation at area of 26,4 ha. The area of the zone is fully coinciding with the one of protected zone **BG0000232 Batan** for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna, and the envisaged forestry activities (loggings and forestations) overlap;

- **BG0002025 Lomovete** for protection of wild birds, declared with Order № ПД-562/05.09.2008 of the Minister of Environment and Water (SG, issue 84/2008), amended and supplemented with Decision № 335/26.05.2011 of the Council of Ministers (SG, issue 41/2011). From the territory, managed with FHP and HP - FMP of TD SHE Danube, 7 281,9 ha are SFF, falling within the boundaries of the protected zone. On it as forestry activities are envisaged loggings at total area of 3 278,6 ha, afforestation at area of 13,5 ha and setting aside of game fields at area of 8,9 ha. The area of the zone fully overlaps with the one of the protected zone **BG0000608 Lomovete** for protection of natural habitats wild flora and fauna, and the envisaged forestry activities (loggings, forestations and hunting activities) overlap;

- **BG0002030 Complex Kalimok** for protection of wild birds, declared with Order № ПД-831/17.11.2008 of the Minister of Environment and Water (SG, issue 108/2008). From the territory, managed with FHP and HP - FMP of TD SHE Danube, 406, 6 ha are SFF, falling within the boundaries of the protected zone. On it as forestry activities only loggings at total area of 42,7 ha are envisaged . The area of the zone is fully overlapped with the one of protected zone **BG0000377 Kalimok-Brashlen** for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna, and the envisaged forestry activities (loggings) overlap;

- **BG0002062 Ludogorie** for protection of wild birds, declared with Order № ПД 837/17.11.2008 of the Minister of Environment and Water (SG, issue 11/2009). From the territory, managed with FHP and HP - FMP of TD SHE Danube, 167,4 ha are SFF, falling within the boundaries of the protected zone. On it as forestry activities are envisaged loggings on total area of 74.7 ha. The area of the zone fully overlaps with the one of protected zone BG0000168 Ludogorie for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna, and the envisaged forestry activities (loggings) overlap;

Within the territorial scope of TD SHE Danube also fall eight protected territories pursuant to the *Protected Territories Act (PTA)*:

- **Natural Park Rusenski Lom**, in the common lands of Ivanovo village, Koshov village, Nisovos village, Charven village, Shtraklevo village and Tabichka village, Municipality Ivanovo, Pizanetz village, Vetovo Municipality, Ruse Region, Svalenik village, Municipality Tzar Kaloyan, Region Razgrad, declared as national park with Order № 567/26.02.1970 MFFI (SG, issue 30/1970), amended with Order № 586/08.06.1983 of CPE at MC (SG, issue 52/1983), amended with Order № 580/17.06.1986 of CPE at MC (SG, issue 52/1986), re-categorized as national park with Order № ПД- 794/19.08.2002 of MOEW (SG, issue 86/2002) and with Management Plan, endorsed with Decision № 539/06.06.2005 of MC (SG, issue 50/2005).

The area of the national park fully falls within the boundaries of protected zones BG0000608-Lomovete for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna, and BG0002025 Lomovete for protection of wild birds, and the envisaged forestry activities (loggings and forestations) within its boundaries overlap with part of the envisaged within the boundaries of

the quoted zones, in particular:

- **Tree felling** - at total area of 869,8 ha, whereof:

- Recuperative – at total area of 524,1 ha, distributed as follows:

- ✓ *Short-term-gradual* - at area of 63,8 ha (including 12,2 ha envisaged for the final phase) in the *Quercus cerris* economic class for transformation;
- ✓ *Gradual-hollow* - at total area 267,9 ha in the Lime average and low growth economic class (20,5 ha), in the Blagun average and low growth class for transformation (56,0 ha), In the mixed average and low growth economic class for transformation (31,4 ha), *Quercus cerris* economic class for transformation (150,9 ha) and in the *Quercus cerris* high growth economic class for transformation (9,1 ha);
- ✓ *Clear felling* - at total area of 192,4 ha in the acacia (190,7 ha) and poplar (1,7 ha) economic classes.

- Intermediate felling - at total area of 345,7 ha, distributed as follows:

- ✓ *Cultivation of undergrowth* - at area of 255,4 ha;
- ✓ *Disengagement cuttings* - at area of 0,6 ha;
- ✓ *Rearrangement* - at area of 21,4 ha;
- ✓ *Selection* - at area of 68,3 ha.

- Recuperation and afforestation – new *afforestation* is envisaged on total area of 10,0 ha with winter oak (6.0 ha), silver leaf lime (1,8 ha) and oak (2.2 ha) and *filling of rows* at area of 1,3 ha with silver leaf lime.

● **Natural landmark Cave Orlova Chuka**, in the vicinity of Pepelina village, Municipality Dve Mogili and Tabichka village, Municipality Ivanovo, Region Ruse, declared with Order No 2810/10.10.1962 of MFA of MC (SG, issue, 56/1963) with change in the regime with Order № ПД-663/21.08.2007, of MOEW (SG, issue 79/2007) and updated by area with Order № ПД-421/24.06.2009 of MOEW (SG, issue 63/2009). *Within its boundaries no forestry activities are envisaged;*

● **Natural landmark Rocky Formation Dekilitash**, in the common land of Mechka village, Municipality Ivanovo, Region Ruse, declared with Order № 707/09.03.1970 of MFFI (SG, issue 34/1970) and updated by area with Order № ПД-952/28.12.2007 of MOEW (SG, issue 32/2008). *Within its boundaries there are no forestry activities envisaged;*

● **Natural landmark Rocky Formation Mamula**, in the common land of Pisanetz village, Municipality Vetovo, Region Ruse, declared with Order № 707/09.03.1970 of MFFI (SG, issue 34/1970) and updated by area with Order № ПД-552/12.07.2007 of MOEW (SG, issue 68/2007). *Within its boundaries no forestry activities are envisaged;*

● **Protected locality Lomiya**, in the common land of village Kriviya and town Vetovo, Municipality Vetovo, region Ruse and town Tzar Kaloyan, Municipality Tzar Kaloyan, Razgrad Region, declared as buffer zone of conservation area Beli Lom with Order № 764/19.08.1987 of CPE of MC (SG, issue 74/1987), re-categorized it in protected locality with Order No ПД-520/12.07.2007 of MOEW (SG, issue 72/2007) and updated on area with Order No ПД-606/18.08.2011 of MOEW (SG, 80/2011). *Within the boundaries a gradual-hollow (recuperative) felling at area of 10,0 ha has been envisaged;*

● **Protected locality Kalimok-Brashlen**, in the common lands of Ryahovo village, Golyamo Vranovo village, Babovo village and Brashlen village, Municipality Slivo pole, region Ruse, Nova Cherna village, village Tzar Samuil, Staro Selo village and town Tutrakan, Municipality Tutrakan, region Silistra, declared with Order № ПД- 451/04.07.2001 of MOEW (SG, issue 68/2001) and with Management Plan, endorsed with Order No ПД-886/07.12.2007, of MOEW (SG, issue 17/2008). *Within its boundaries there is envisaged: clear (recuperative) felling at total area of 186,4 ha of acacia (26,5 ha) and poplar (159,9 ha) and afforestation at total area of 197,0 ha, whereof: New afforestation at total area of 7,5 ha with бяла willow (0,6 ha) and hybrid poplar 1-214 (6,9 ha) and Afforestation in mature plantation after clear felling of total area of 189,5 ha with hybrid poplars BL (10,3 ha), Bahlieri (16,7ha), 1-214 (148,8 ha), 1-3761 (11,2 ha) and white willow (2,5 ha);*

● **Protected locality Complex Aleko-Telika**, in the common lands of village Sandrovo, Municipality Ruse, town Slivo Pole and Ryahovo village, Municipality Slivo Pole, region Ruse, declared with Order № ПД- 784/04.08.2004 of MOEW (SG, issue 79/2004), *Within its boundaries there are envisaged: clear (recuperative) felling at area of 69,6 ha of poplar and afforestation at total area of 71,4 ha, whereof: new afforestation at total area of 1,8 ha with white willow (0,6 ha) and hybrid poplars 1-214 (0,5 ha) and Bahlieri (1,2 ha) and Afforestation in mature plantation after clear felling at total area of 69,6 ha with hybrid poplars Bahlieri (8,5 ha), 1-214 (58,1 ha), white willow (1,6 ha), white poplar (0,4 ha) and black poplar (1,0 ha);*

● **Protected locality Ribarnitzite**, in the common lands of town Vetovo, Municipality, Vetovo, region Ruse and town Tzar Kaloyan, Municipality Tzar Kaloyan, region Ragraad, declared as natural landmark with Order № 1145/16.12.1981 of CPE at MC (SG, issue 102/1981), re-categorized in protected locality with Order № ПД-1204/29.09.2003, of MOEW (SG, issue 91/2003) and updated by area with Order № ПД-423/24.06.2009 of MOEW (SG, 63/2009). *Within its boundaries, no forestry activities are envisaged.*

In the explanatory note in systematized way a characteristics of the main indicators under FHP and HP – FMP has been made. The envisaged activities in the plantations, falling within the boundaries of the protected zones, are presented in the form of summarized references on the current and future composition of the planted crops, on the planned, recuperative loggings by type, forestations by tree species, fire protection activities, hunting economic activities and etc.

I. TREE FELLING (LOGGING)

1. In protected zone BG0000168 Ludogorie for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna - at area of 74,7 ha loggings are envisaged, distributed as follows:

1.1. Recuperative - at total area of 32,5 ha, whereof 20,5 ha in natural habitat 9IZO "Misian forests of silver leaf lime", subject to protection in the protected zone, distributed as follows;

- A) *Gradual-hollow* - at area of 20,5 ha in natural habitat 9IZO "Misian forests of silver leaf lime".
- B) *Clear felling* - on area of 12,0 ha in the acacia economic class.

1.2. Intermediate felling - at total area of 42,2 ha, distributed as follows:

- A) *Cultivation of undergrowth* - at area of 20.5 ha;

B) Disengagement cuttings - at an area of 21,7 ha

2. In Protected zone BG0000232 Batin za protection of natural habitats and of wild flora and fauna - at area of 69,7 ha loggings are envisaged, distributed as follows:

2.1. Recuperative - clear felling on total area of 57,7 ha in the acacia (19,7 ha) and poplar (38,0) economic classes.

2.2. Intermediate - at total area of 12,0 ha, distributed as follows:

A) Disengagement cuttings - at an area of 6,2 ha;

B) Rearrangement - at an area of 3,8 ha;

C) Sanitary fellings - at area of 2,0 ha.

3. In protected zone BG0000377 Kalimok-Brashlen for protection of natural habitats and of wild flora and fauna - at area of 42,7 ha loggings are envisaged, distributed as follows:

3.1. Recuperative - clear felling at total area of 30,9 ha in the acacia economic class.

3.2. Intermediate felling - liberation cuttings at area of 11,8 ha.

4. In protected zone BG0000529 Marten-Ryahovo for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna - at area of 130,9 ha loggings are envisaged, distributed as follows:

4.1. Recuperative - clear felling of total area of 123,3 ha in the acacia (12,8 ha) and the poplar (110,5) economic classes.

4.2. Intermediate felling - at total area of 7,6 ha, distributed as follows:

A) Disengagement cuttings — at area of 6,5 ha,

B) Cultivation of undergrowth - at area of 1,1 ha.

5. In protected zone BG0000608 Lomovete for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna - at area of 7 287,4 ha loggings are envisaged, distributed as follows:

5. 1. Recuperative - at total area of 1 846,8 ha, whereof 1 234,9 ha in natural habitats, subject to protection in the protected zone, distributed as follows:

A) Short term-gradual – at area of 413,0 ha (including 134,3 ha envisaged for the final phase), whwreof 389,1 ha in the following natural habitats:

● *91G0* "Pannonia Forests with Quercus petraea and Carpinus betulus"* - at area of 46,9 ha (including 22,0 ha envisaged for final phase),

● *91M0 "Balkan-Panonia Quercus Cerris-Quercus Polycarpa"* - at area of 318,6 ha (including 112,3 ha envisaged for final phase);

● *91Z0) "Misian forests of silver leaf lime"* - at area of 23,6 ha.

B) Gradual-hollow - at an area of 858,5 ha, whereof 845,8 ha in the following natural

habitats:

- 9180* "*Mixed forests of the type Tilio-Acerion on taluses and steep slopes*" – at an area of 2,5 ha;
- 91 GO* "*Panonian forests with Quercus petraea u Carpinus betulus*" - at an area of 154,3 ha;
- 91H0* "*Panonian forests with Quercus pubescens*"- at area of 26,0 ha;
- 91M0 "*Balkan-Panonian Quercus Cerris-Quercus Polycarpa forests*" - at area of 479,6 ha;
- 9170 "*Misian forests of silver leaf lime*" - at an area of 183,4 ha.

C) *Clear felling* - at an area of 575,3 ha in the acacia (569,7 ha) and poplar (5,6 ha) economic classes.

5. 2. *Intermediate felling* - at total area of 1 394,0 ha, distributed as follows:

- A) *Disengagement cuttings* - at an area of 49,6 ha;
- B) *Cultivation of undergrowth* - at area of 631,8 ha;
- C) *Rearrangement* - at area of 44,3 ha;
- D) – *Selection* at area of 431,0 ha.

5.3 - *Sanitary felling* - at area of 37,8 ha.

IL AFFORESTATION AND RECUPERATION

1. In protected zone BG0000168 Ludogorie za protection of natural habitats and of wild flora and fauna – not envisaged.

2. In protected zone BG0000232 Batin for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna - new afforestation at area of 26,4 ha with white willow (0,5 ha) and hybrid poplar **1-214** (25,9 ha) is envisaged.

3. In protected zone BG0000377 Kalimok-Brashlen for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna - new afforestation at area of 7,5 ha with white willow (0,6 ha) and hybrid poplar 1-214 (6,9 ha) has been envisaged.

4. In protected zone BG0000529 Marten-Ryahovo for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna - new afforestation at area of 14,8 ha with white willow (0,8 ha) and different varieties of hybrid poplars (14,0 ha) has been envisaged.

5. In protected zone BG0000608 Lomovete for protection of natural habitats wild flora and fauna - new afforestation at area of 13,5 ha with acacia (2,3 ha), winter oak (6,0 ha), silver leaf lime (2,1 ha) and *Quercus Cerris* (3,1 ha) has been envisaged.

III. FIRE PROTECTION ACTIVITIES – creation of barrier and forestry culture barriers, mineralized strips, construction of fire protection towers and sites for landing of aircrafts has not

been envisaged.

IV. HUNTING ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES – 7 existing clearings are envisaged to be used as hunting fields of total area 8,9 ha within the boundaries of protected zone **BG0000608 Lomovete** for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna, respectively within the boundaries of protected zone **BG0002025 Lomovete** for protection of wild birds.

V. CONCEPTUAL PROJECTS FOR ROADS – construction of forest roads, buildings and equipment has not been envisaged.

In this connection, having in mind the presented in Article 7 of *CA Ordinance* stages of the assessment, admissibility verification made pursuant to Article 12, paragraph 3, 4 and 5, in connection with paragraph 1 of the same, where it has been found that the envisaged in FHP and HP - FMP activities are admissible versus:

1. The regimes of protected zones BG0002024 Ribarnitzi Mechka, BG0002025 Lomovete, BG0002030 Complex Kalimok and BG0002062 Lomovete for protection of wild birds, identified with the Orders for their declaration;

2. The regimes of protected national park Rusenski Lom, fixed with identified with the Order for protected territory, the order for declaration and its Management Plan.

3. The regimes of protected zones Orlova Chuka Cave, protected zone Rocky Formation Dekilitash, protected zone Rocky Formation Mamula, protected locality Lomiya, protected locality Kalimok-Brashlen, protected locality Complex Aleko-Telika and protected locality Ribarnitzi, determined with the Orders for their declaration.

4. The targets and the measures for protection of water and the zones for their protection, laid down in the River Basin Management Plans in the territorial scope of Basin Directorate Danube Region 2010-2015 with compliance of the Plan with:

- the location of the water sources and the water intake facilities for drinking water supply;
- the determined pursuant to Ordinance № 3/16.10.2000 sanitary protection zones and the regimes for water protection in them;
- the measures, envisaged in the River Basin Management Plan, in compliance with their

Observation with outgoing № 5318/16.10. 2012.

The coordination of FHP and HP - FMP of TD SHE Danube is grounded on the following

MOTIVES:

1. Having in mind the location, the type and volume of the planned in FHP and HP - FMP forestry activities substantial destruction and/or damage of natural habitats, subject to conservation in the protected zones for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna, is not expected because:

1.1, The envisaged loggings affect natural habitats 9180* "*Mixed forests of the type Tilio-Acenon on taluses and steep slopes*", 91 GO* "*Panonian forests with Quercus petraea and*

Carpinus betulus" 91HO* "Panonian forests with *Quercus pubescens*", 91M0 "Balkan-Panonian *Quercus Cerris* forests" and 91Z0 "Misian forests of silver leaf lime", but will be realized on restricted areas in comparison with the representation of the habitats in the zones.

1.2. Within the boundaries of the protected zones, except the indicated in item 1.1. forest natural habitats, are represented also 91EO* "Alluvial forests with *Alnus glutinosa* and *Fraxinus excelsior* (*Alno-Padion, alnion incanae, Salicion albae*)", 91FO "Riparian mixed forests of *Quercus robur*, *Ulmus laevis* and *Fraxinus excelsior* or *Fraxinus angustifolia* near large rivers (*Ulmetuon minoris*)" and 9110* "Euro-Siberian steppe forests with *Quercus* spp." where no forestry activities are envisaged, therefore no whatsoever negative impact on them is expected.

1.3. FHP and HP - FMP does not envisage performance of forestry activities in natural habitats 3150 "Natural eutrophic lakes with vegetation of the type *Magnopotamion* or *Hydrocharition*", 6240* "Sub-Panonian steppe grassy communities" and 6520 "Mountainous hayfields", subject to conservation in the protected zones for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna, therefore there is no likelihood for their direct or indirect damage and/or destruction, including also fragmentation.

2. The envisaged gradual realization of the forestry activities under FHP and HP - FMP does not suggest lasting aggravation of the qualities of the habitats for breeding, feeding, hiding and/or migration of the species, including birds, subject to protection in the protected zones.

3. The implementation of the envisaged in FHP and HP - FMP forestry activities is not expected to disturb the integrity and coherence of the protected zones, as well as to bring about fragmentation and disruption of the bio-corridor connections of significance for the species, including the birds, subject to protection.

4. The realization of FHP and HP - FMP is not expected to lead to cumulative impact with substantial effect on the species and the forest habitats, subject to protection in the protected zones, as a result of the realization of the present FHP and HP - FMP, in relation to the so far approved plans, programs and/or projects of similar character.

5. In the realization of the forestry activities, generation of noise, emissions and waste in type and quantities, posing significant negative impact, inclusive substantial disturbance of the species, subject to protection in the protected zones is not expected.

With the purpose of prevention, minimization and possibly most complete elimination of the supposed negative impacts, during the realization of FHP and HP - FMP of TD SHE Danube shall be observed the following

CONDITIONS:

1. The planned short-term, gradual and gradual-hollow loggings within the boundaries of the protected zones for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna (respectively within the boundaries of protected national park Rusenski Lom), which are not in advanced phase of recuperative process to be replaced with loggings with extended recuperative period (25- 30 years), with the purpose of protection of the natural seed origin of the plants, which are protected natural habitats and habitats of the dependant on them species.

2. The envisaged final phases of the recuperative felling in the high stem plants, falling within the boundaries of protected zone BG0000608 Lomovete for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna (respectively within the boundaries of protected national park Rusenski Lom), to be carried out on small areas up to 3,0 ha.
3. When the area of the sub-divisions in the low stem economic classes with envisaged clear felling exceeds 10 decares, the cutting shall be conducted on small areas, 2 or 3 times.
4. Within the boundaries of the protected zones and territories the envisaged new afforestation with hybrid poplars and non-specific for the region tree species, shall be dropped out, except on the territory of existing cultures.
5. The envisaged as a hunting-economic measure separation of new game fields within the boundaries of protected zone BG0000608 Lomovete for protection of natural habitats and wild flora and fauna (respectively in protected zone BG0002025 Lomovete for protection of wild birds shall be dropped out).
6. Within the period 1 March - 15 July within the boundaries of protected locality Complex Aleko-Telika forestry activities shall not be carried out, except for the ones in Sections 219 and 220 "a", "b" and "c".
7. In the process of conducting recuperative loggings in natural plantations within the boundaries of the protected zones minimum 10 m³ / ha dead and / or rotting wood shall be retained (if there is any), with the purpose of conservation of the suitable habitats for the species of invertebrates, subject to protection in the protected zones for the habitats.
8. In all sections within the boundaries of the protected zones with envisaged recuperative loggings, single hollow trees to be left, if available for suitable habitats of birds and mammals (bats), subject to protection in the protected zones.

In all cases of change in the data, indicated in the notice under Article 10, paragraph 1 of the *CA Ordinance* and the documentation, enclosed to it, as well as for all Plan-statements for change of the type and intensity of the felling and the technological plans for afforestation, including basic species and species for replacement of forestation, different from the indicated optimal future composition, or any circumstance, whereby the current Decision has been issued, the Contracting Authority shall be obliged to notify the competent body about the changes, within 14 days of their occurrence.

On found incompliance with the **conditions**, the requirements and the measures, indicated in the current Decision, the persons, responsible shall be subject to administrative penal liability, pursuant to Article 128 b of the Biodiversity Act.

The Decision can be appealed within 14-days' term of its announcement with the Supreme Administrative Court, in compliance with the Administrative Procedure Code.

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