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To: **MR. ALEXANDER
CHAKMAKOV - Executive Director
of company "Gravel and sand pits
Bulgaria" EAD**

Sofia

Regarding: Observation of specialists from the **Rousse Regional Museum of History** in connection with Notification about investment proposal (IP): "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" by company "Gravel and sand pits Bulgaria" EAD

Dear Mr. CHAKMAKOV,

In connection with Notification from about investment proposal (IP): "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", and application about Observation regarding the same, I am sending attached the Observations of Ventseslav Petkov – Specialist from Department "Nature" and Varbin Varbanov – Specialist from Department "Archeology" to the Regional Historical Museum – Rouse

Attachment : according to the text.

Respectfully,

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Ass. Prof. Dr. Nikolay Nenov

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Observation
by Ventseslav Velikov Petkov – Curator in Department “Nature”
to the Regional Historical Museum – Rouse

Regarding: Investment proposal (IP): “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”

One of the richest of biological species water basins in Europe is river Danube. It is the second in length river on the continent. With its 817 thousand sq. km catchments area, Danube offers one of the largest natural biotopes on the continent with rich biocenosis.

On Mishka island, at 459 km from the mouth of river Danube, a mixed reproductive colony is located .

The species, breeding in it are: Great cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) -150 nests; Grey heron (*Ardea cinerea*) - 40 nests; Night heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) - 30 nests; Small white heron (*Egretta garzetta*) - 20 nests and Eurasian spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*) - 3 nests. The island is part of the protected zone Complex Kalimok with code BG0002030. The Eurasian spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*) and the Night heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) are two of the breeding in the colony birds, which are of priority for conservation in the protected zone. In 2013, on a small nameless island, to the north-west of Mishka island, a second nesting colony was formed, consisting only of Great cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*).

The realization of the Investment intention shall bring about continuous disturbance of the species of fowls, breeding in immediate proximity to the terrain of the excavation industry, with generation of noise and permanent human presence. I consider that the impact on the species of fowls, subject to conservation in the protected zone Complex Kalimok with code BG0002030, will be significant, of high intensity and long-lasting.

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Observation

**by Varbin Dobrev Varbanov – Curator in Department “Archeology”
to the Regional Historical Museum – Rouse**

Regarding: investment proposal (IP): “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”.

In connection with Notification from “Gravel and sand pits Bulgaria” EAD about investment proposal (IP): “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”, nothing can be specified about the existence of archeological sites, because the section falls within the river bed of river Danube.

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V. Varbanov