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**DEAR MR. CHAKMAKOV,**

In connection to a letter, which reached us, our entry No 04. / 24. 03. 2014 regarding 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 present the following:

### **OBSERVATION:**

The Danube islands are of exclusive importance for the lower flow of the river, they are a natural filter, absorbing great part of the organic pollution into the water of river Danube.

Within the scope of the investment proposal, fall territories from the European Ecological Network Natura 2000 and the national ecological network of Bulgaria.

It is known to us that on island Mishka for many years has established itself a mixed cormorant – heron colony. Main nesting species are the Great cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) and the; Grey heron (*Ardea cinerea*). In significantly smaller number are the Small white heron (*Egretta garzetta*) the Night heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) and the Eurasian spoonbill (*Platalea leucorodia*) . There is a risk of disturbance – noise as a result of the work of the extraction machines, therefore we recommend three variants:

1. The sand and gravel extraction activities to be carried out beyond the nesting period of the birds – March – June.
2. Larger distances to be made for sand and gravel extraction away of the cormorant – heron colony.
3. Combination of the activities in the preceding points.

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