

**REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**  
**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATERS**

**TO:**

**MR. ADRIAN GOLDSTONE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BALKAN MINERAL  
AND MINING EAD,**

Chelopech Village 2087, Chelopech Municipality, Sofia District

To Your Letters Ref. BMM - out 0079/17.08.2010, and Ref. BMM - out - 0088/17.09.2010

**Re:** The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Investment Project Proposal for Mining and Processing of Auriferous Ores from the Ada Tepe Prospect of the Khan Krum Gold Deposit near Krumovgrad

**DEAR MR. GOLDSTONE,**

In relation to the presented to the Ministry of Environment and Water EIA scoping document for the above mentioned investment proposal and a Mining Waste Management Plan, we declare the following statement:

**I.** The scoping document has been prepared in compliance with the requirements of the legal provisions. The proposed structure of the EIA statement meets the requirements of art. 96, par. 1 of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA). The received until now written statements by affected parties are reflected in the statement.

**II. In compliance with the EIA Convention requirements within the transboundary context.**

We enclose a copy of the answer of the Greek Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, which states the will of the country to participate in the EIA procedure within the transboundary context. Until now in MEW have not been received any notes regarding the documentation by the Greek side. If such notes are received, they will be sent to you in a timely manner. The notes (if sent), shall be included in the final version of the EIA Scoping Study and EIA Statement. The EIA statement and its annexes (in English), will be sent to Republic of Greece after a positive assessment of the quality of the statement, performed according to the criteria, stated in *the Regulation on the Terms and Procedures for Conducting EIAs*.

**III. Regarding the Mining Waste Management Plan:**

According to ch. 3 of *the Regulation on the Specific Requirements to Mining Waste Management* (SG issue 10/06.02.2009) is made a detailed characterization of the mining wastes and the integrated mine waste facility that has been determined under category B - for co-disposal of non-hazardous non-inert waste. We consider that the Mining Waste Management Plan has been developed in compliance with the legal requirements and can be approved.

The next steps that you should undertake as an investor are to present to MEW:

- two copies of the EIA Statement (in Bulgarian) in a hard copy and on an electronic carrier, and enclosed an (additional) EIA scoping study, a non-technical resume, a list of the experts, and declarations according to art. 83, par. 4 of the EPA; payment slip for paid tax of 1,500 BGN pursuant to art. 5a, par. 2 of the Tariff of taxes collected by MEW (CoM Decree No. 253/20.09.2004, amended in SG issue 79/02.10.2007).

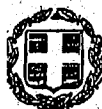
**Attachment:** according to text - 1 letter in a hard copy

Sincerely,

EVDOKIA  
MANEVA

VICE-  
MINISTER





EMBASSY OF GREECE  
SOFIA

*The Ambassador*

**MOST URGENT**

Sofia, 27 August 2010  
F. 3280/ 17/ AS 2515

**Subject: Reply by the Minister for Environment, Energy & Climate Change of Hellenic Republic to the Notification of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in relation to the project: "Investment proposal for Mining and processing of auriferous ores from the Krumovgrad License, Krumovgrad Municipality, by Balkan Mineral and Mining (BMM) EAD"**

**Dear Mrs. Minister,**

I have the honour to attach, herewith, a copy of a letter addressed to you by the Minister for Environment, Energy & Climate Change of the Hellenic Republic Mrs K. Birbili, as an affirmative reply to your Notification letter on the abovementioned subject. The original is already being sent by express courier and will be forwarded to you as soon as I receive it.

I avail myself of this opportunity to address to you, Mrs. Minister, the assurances of my highest consideration with which I remain,

**Danae - Mideleine Koumanakou**

To  
Mrs. Nona Karadjova  
Minister of Environment and Water  
of the Republic of Bulgaria  
In Town



**HELLENIC REPUBLIC  
MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE**

Athens, 24 August 2010

Ref.Nr. Y.P.E.K.A./S.E.S.: oik. 129338

To: Republic of Bulgaria  
Ministry of Environment  
& Water

**Subject: Reply to Notification of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)  
in relation to the project : "Investment proposal for mining and  
processing of auriferous ores from the Krumovgrad License,  
Krumovgrad Municipality, by Balkan Mineral and Mining  
(BMM) EAD"**

Dear Madam,

in reply to your Notification letter about Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the "Investment proposal for mining and processing of auriferous ores from the Krumovgrad License, Krumovgrad Municipality, by Balkan Mineral and Mining (BMM) EAD", we would like to make you aware of the intention of the Hellenic Ministry for the Environment Energy and Climate Change to participate in the transboundary EIA procedure.

Nevertheless, due to important administrative reasons, the Special Environmental Service in the Hellenic Ministry for Environment Energy and Climate Change, which is the Focal Point to the Espoo Convention, will be able to send you promptly a complete reply for the technical details following

your Notification letter, according to Article 3 par. 3 of the Espoo Convention along with the relevant provisions of the Espoo Convention Guidance.

Yours sincerely,

**THE HELLENIC MINISTER FOR  
THE ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & CLIMATE CHANGE**

**Y. K. BIRBILI** 17/08/2010 12:06