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MINISTER'S CABINET

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To: Mr. Manol Genov, Minister

Ministry of Environment and Water of the Republic of Bulgaria

Dear Minister Genov,

The Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests of Romania sends cordial greetings to the Ministry of Environment and Waters of the Republic of Bulgaria and particularly appreciates the bilateral cooperation in the field of environmental protection.

We hereby acknowledge your letter no. 99-00-101/09.06.2025 regarding the stage of the environmental impact assessment procedure for the project "Construction of hall building, drainable concrete pool, concrete platforms, fencing, lighting system, execution of drilling and internal network for water supply and sewerage, location of wastewater pretreatment station, location of medical waste incinerator with ancillary facilities", beneficiary FRIENDLY WASTE ROMANIA SRL.

In accordance with art. 6 (1) of Annex 5 of Law no. 292/2018 on the assessment of the impact of certain public and private projects on the environment, the competent authority for issuing the environmental agreement for the aforementioned project is the National Agency for Environment and Protected Areas - Giurgiu County Directorate for Environment. In accordance to art. 17 of Law no. 292/2018, the Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests is carrying out the transboundary procedure for this project.

At the national level, the environmental impact assessment procedure for the aforementioned project is in the stage of quality assessment of the EIA report. A decision regarding the issuing of the environmental agreement or rejecting the request to issue an environmental agreement can only be taken after this step of the procedure has been completed.

Taking into account the provisions of art. 3 of the Espoo Convention and the requests for information from the Bulgarian side, the beneficiary has considered that carrying out the transboundary environmental impact assessment procedure is outside the legal framework and abusive and has brought proceedings in court against the competent environmental protection authority.

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In December 2024 the competent court of law has rejected the request on the merits submitted by the developer as being unfounded.

Since the ruling of the court, the developer has not submitted the information necessary in the transboundary procedure to the competent authority.

Please accept, Mr. Minister, the expression of my high consideration and esteem.

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