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The Ambassador

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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 - Middeleine 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

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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

K. BIRBILI