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**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND WATER**

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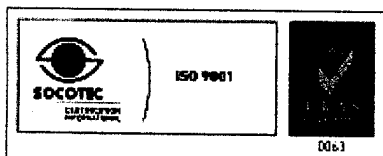
**Dear Ms Vujovic,**

*With reference to the letter received from you with entry № 04-00-1315 / 25.05.2021 of the Ministry of Environment and Water (MoEW) regarding the above plan, we inform you of the following:*

*With regard to water, the draft report on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) emphasizes that 88% of the generated wastewater will be discharged untreated, 57% of the industrial sites do not have operational treatment facilities, a large part of the districts in the Republic of Serbia are considered to be polluted, as a specific example in this respect is the territory of the Bor mine, located in the basin of the transboundary river Timok, which is periodically monitored in connection with signals of water pollution from the activities of the mine.*

*With regard to SEA, measures should be included regarding the treatment of sludge from wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs), which should be described in item 3.6.8 of the draft report "Measures to Improve the Waste Management System", as WWTP sludge is considered as waste.*

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*Given the consultations held in the MoEW, we consider that it is appropriate for the Republic of Bulgaria to participate in a transboundary procedure for conducting SEA.*

*Yours sincerely,*

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Minister of ~~Environment and Water~~*