

CABINET OF MINISTER

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To:

Mr. Emil Dimitrov

Minister, Ministry of Environment and Water of Bulgaria

Ref:

Transboundary EIA procedure for the project "Waste Oil Recycling Plant",

placed in Oltenița Municipality, Călărași County, Romania

Dear Mr. Minister,

Following our previous correspondence regarding the transboundary EIA procedure under the Espoo Convention for the project "Waste Oil Recycling Plant", placed in Olteniţa Municipality, Călăraşi County, in Romania, and considering your findings on the EIA report for this project, please find attached the document containing the answers to the questions from your letter OBOC-49/19.02.2019, concerning the following aspects:

- 1. the estimated quantities of all types of waste generated by the plant;
- 2. the noise level generated by the plant affecting Tutrakan town;
- 3. the hazardous substances and mixtures present on the site, the hazard categories and precautionary statements according to the CLP Regulation.

Also, our letter is accompanied by The Noise Level Assessment Study and Noise Propagation Maps at "Oltenița Waste Oil Recycling Plant".

Each of these documents is in digital format, both in English and in Bulgarian languages. We will send these documents through *WeTransfer*, from the Romanian Focal Point to the Espoo Convention to the Bulgarian Focal Point, Ms. Silviya DIMITROVA.

We would like to recall that a public hearing was held on 31 of August 2018, in Olteniţa town. The mayor of Tutrakan town, along with other Bulgarian representatives, were present at this meeting, and had no objection to the project.

We hope that the information provided by us fully answers the last Bulgarian concerns (particularly the waste generated by the plant, the noise level on Tutrakan town, the hazardous substances) and, as a consequence, we can consider the transboundary EIA procedure for this project closed. We kindly ask you to confirm at your earliest convenience, taking into account the tight schedule for issuing the final EIA decision, that Bulgaria agrees with this closure.

In the following two months, the Romanian environmental authority will issue the final EIA decision that will be translated in English and sent to you, as required by Article 6, paragraph 2 of the Espoo Convention.

We take this opportunity to thank you and to express our appreciation regarding our fruitful cooperation and our willingness to continue it in the future.

Please accept, Mr. Minister, the assurance of our highest consideration. Sincerely,

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